

Superintendent's Report for April 2022



FSD3- A Premier District of Choice



Ensuring our Students are College or Career Ready and Productive and Responsible Citizens.



Legislative Updates



- The Senate Finance K12 Subcommittee’s recommendations passed on a 4-1 vote and now heads to the Senate Finance Committee:
- Each school district will receive the same amount of funding from the state that it currently receives, which was termed as “the stake in the ground funding” by subcommittee members.
- \$227 million in new funding, that was appropriated for K12 in the House plan, will be distributed to school districts based on the new funding formula.
- Funding will be based on a 75 percent state share and 25 percent local share.
- Teacher pay will be increased by \$2,000, which will raise the minimum starting teacher pay from \$36,000 to \$38,000 – which is a decrease from the House plan of \$4,000.

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The subcommittee made the following changes to student weightings:

- Added back and decreased the weightings for Pre-career and Career Technology Education (CATE) from 1.29 to 1.20.
- Added back and increased the Limited English Proficiency weighting from .15 to .20.
- Deleted the add-on Speech Therapy weighting of .15.
- Deleted the Dual Credit weighting of .15.



School Safety



- In 2021, SC had the most significant number of school shootings in 47 years – **According to a Post and Courier analysis of Center for Homeland Security and Defense data.**
 - There were nine shootings in K-12 schools last year, up from three shootings in 2020 and one in 2019.
 - Over half of the 2021 shootings occurred in the fall and winter.
 - School shootings are in the spotlight after the death of 12-year-old Jamari Jackson by a classmate at Tanglewood Middle School on March 31.
 - Nationally, K-12 schools across the country are seeing increasing levels of violence.
 - Health and school safety experts attribute this increase in violence to the mental health crisis children are experiencing from the pandemic.
 - Children’s mental health issues have been rising for years, but the pandemic intensified existing problems.
- Data analysis found that a third of the 2021 shootings happened at an elementary school, and approximately 56 percent occurred at high schools.

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Recommendation: **Action Needed**

With the increase of violence in the area and guns in schools –state-wide and nationwide, I would like to suggest that we place a hold on purchasing housing for staff and use the funds to secure our schools with metal detectors.

Quote:

TOTAL PRICE FOR ALL EQUIPMENT, ACCESSORIES, ASSEMBLY, SETUP, AND TRAINING IS \$9000, INCLUDING 8% SALES TAX per system.

We value our students, staff, parents, stakeholders, community, and businesses!!
Let's work together to keep ourselves and others safe!

Our Mission is to Ensure Our Students are College or Career Ready
and Productive and Responsible Members of Society

