

DCPS Parents & Caregiver Coalition Meeting



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What Brought You Here Today Museum Walk

On your post it note, write what brought you here today. You do not have to add your name if you don't want to.

Once you are done with yours, go around the room and look at what other attendees said.





Anchoring Ourselves: How Duval County Public Schools Work – Governance, and Accountability



- Duval County Public School District encompasses all public schools within the county boundaries and is administered by the district's leadership under the authority of the Superintendent.
- The Duval County School Board is the governing body of the school district, responsible for setting policies, approving budgets, and holding the authority to hire or dismiss the Superintendent.
- DCPS and DCSB are essentially two different bodies; one manages day-to-day operations and the other sets policy and oversees accountability

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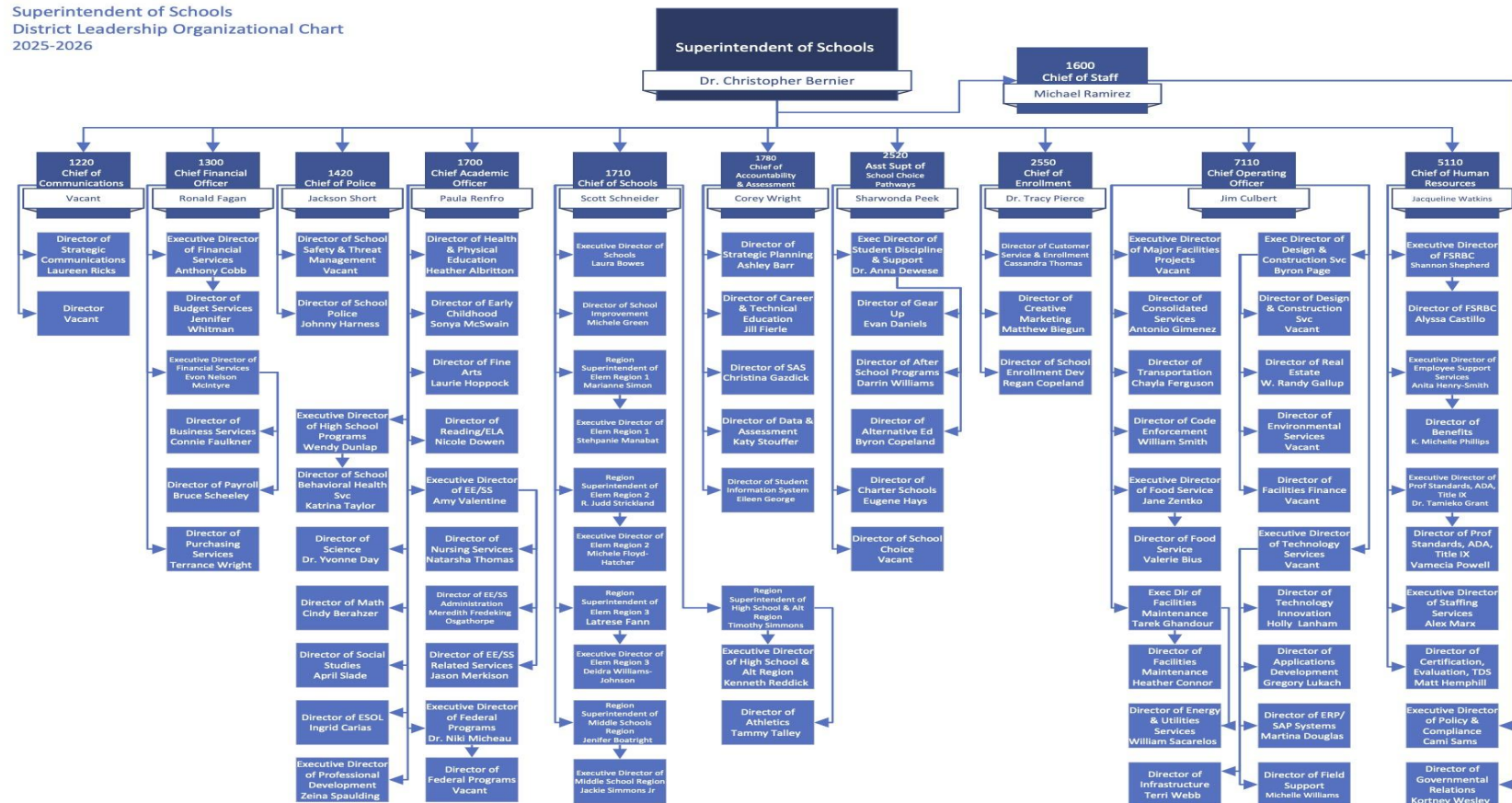


- There are a series of meetings the Duval County School Board have ahead of their monthly Board Meetings, but there are a specific 3 that are of primary importance.
 - Board Workshop
 - Agenda Committee
 - Policy Meeting
- Board Members are bound by the Florida Sunshine Law
- Robert's Rules of Order – standardized set of rules for conducting meetings. It helps guide various meetings as it relates to handling various situations such as motions, amendments, and points of order.

Duval County Public Schools Organizational Chart



Superintendent of Schools
District Leadership Organizational Chart
2025-2026





Let's Talk About Money

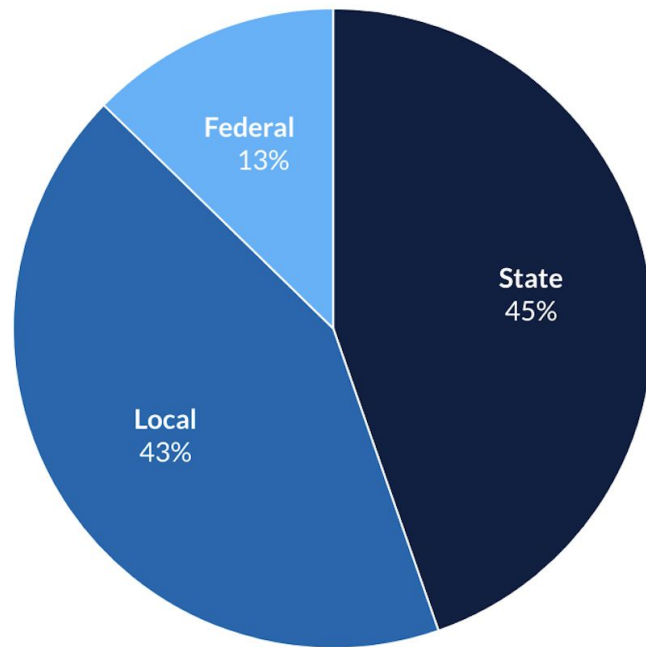




How are Florida's K-12 schools funded?

- **Federal Funding:** The federal government provides support for K-12 education through specific grant programs (including Title I and Part B grants)
- **State Funding:** The Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP) uses a formula to account for varying local property tax bases, educational program costs, varying costs of living, & varying costs for equivalent educational programs
- **Local Funding:** Property taxes levied by Florida's 67 counties

Education Funding by Source for Fiscal Year 2023





Funding Public Education in Florida: do we stand?

- 46th in the nation for per-student spending
- 48th in the nation for *funding effort
- 50th in the nation for average teacher pay

*Funding effort is measured by how much money the state allocates to PK-12 education as a percentage of the state's economic activity (GDP).

Florida Gets Poor Grades on K-12 Funding Measures

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Funding level

Cost-adjusted, per-pupil revenue from state and local sources

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Funding distribution

The extent to which additional funds are distributed to districts with high student poverty levels

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Funding effort

Dollars allocated to PreK-12 public education as a percentage of the state's economic activity

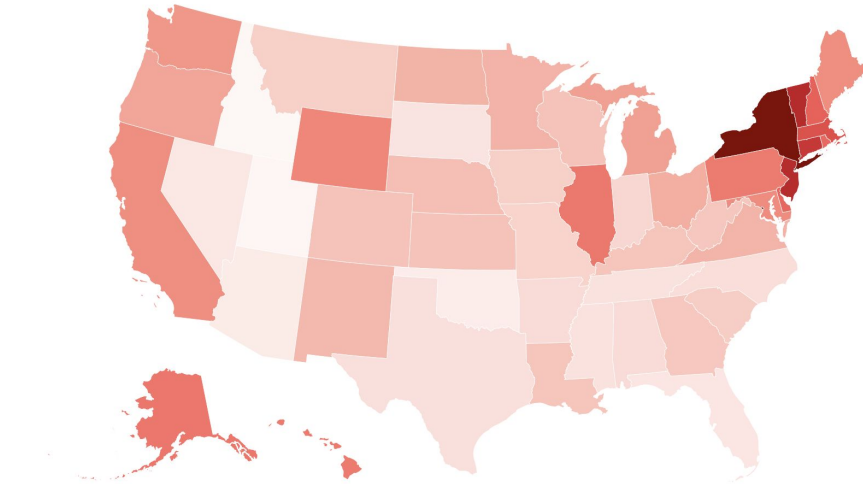
Source: Education Law Center, "Making the Grade 2021," updated January 3, 2022, <https://edlawcenter.org/research/making-the-grade-2021.html>.



Per Pupil Spending by State

States With Highest School Spending Per Pupil

Data for the 2023 fiscal year



Source: U.S. Census Bureau

* A Flourish map

Map shows states with lowest school spending (lighter colors). Darker colored states indicate higher spending. Map created by Matthew Robinson for Newsweek.

2023 Per Pupil Spending by State:

#1: District of Columbia. \$31,629

#2: New York. \$30,012

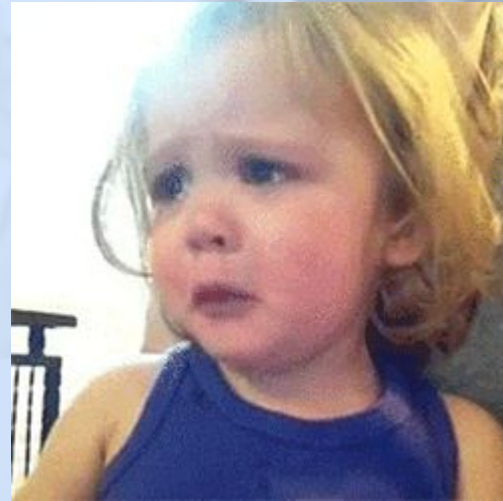
#46: Florida. \$11,862

#51: Idaho. \$10,247



Florida's Ongoing Under Investment in K-12 Public Schools

<u>Year</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Per-Pupil Funding</u>
2023	46 th	\$11,862
2021	47 th	\$10,401
2019	45 th	\$9,645
2017	45 th	\$9,075





Reading Between the (Head)lines

Florida passed its biggest K-12 budget ever. Why are school districts cutting millions?

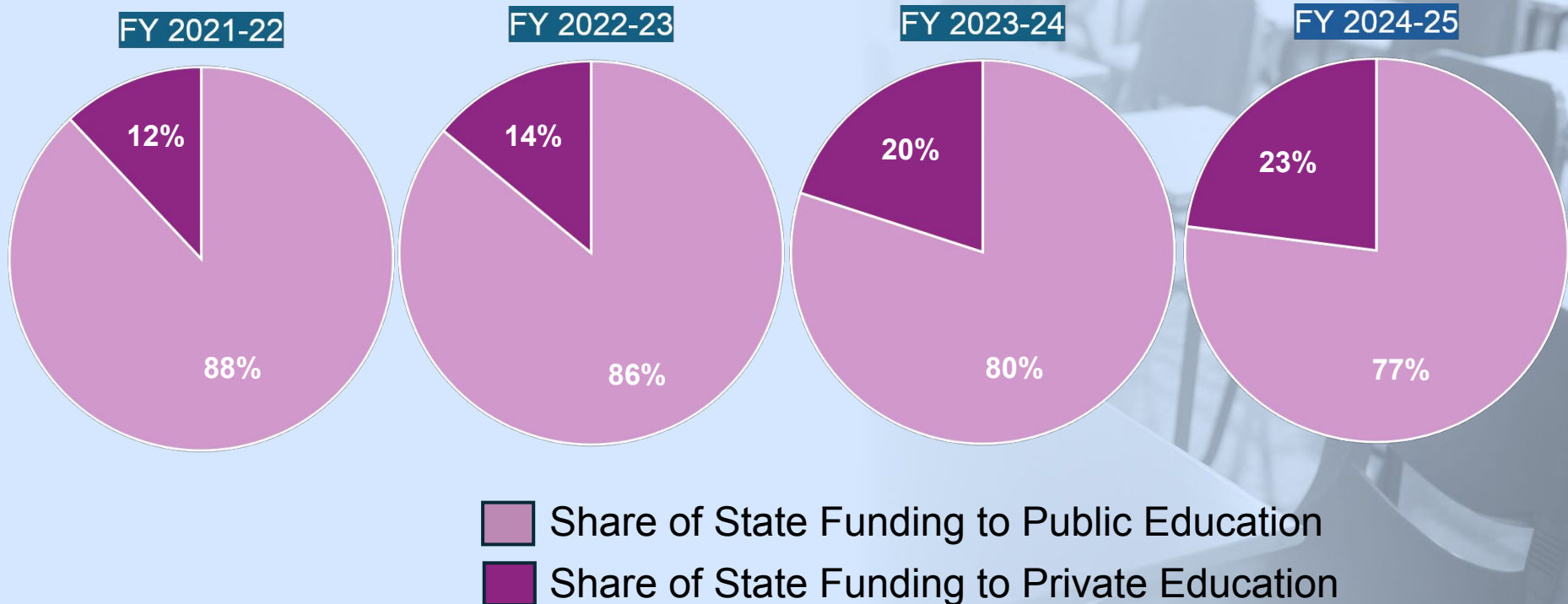
Most of the additional funding is being used to pay for the state's booming universal school choice voucher program.



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The Rising Costs of Vouchers





How we got “in this moment” in Jax? History of Florida Vouchers

- 1999 Opportunity Scholarship Program
- 2001 Florida Tax Credit (FTC) Scholarship Program
- 2001 - 2006 Voucher Program Expansion to include McKay Scholarship for students with disabilities
- 2011 Tax Credit Scholarships & Charter Growth
- 2019 Family Empowerment Scholarship
- 2023 Expanded School Voucher System (HB 1 - eliminated income limits)



How we got “in this moment” in Jax? School Year (2019 - 2020)

- Mask mandates
- Covid relief funds
- Parental rights



Local impacts in Duval (DCPS)

- School closures (some neighborhoods hit harder due to history of segregation)
- Shortages for teachers and bus drivers
- Reduction in programs (Title 1 included, New World Scholarship, Transportation Stipend)
- Privatizing public education
- Over proliferation of charter schools in disinvested communities



What's next?

- MomsRising and Families for Strong Public Schools
- Continuing to meet, plan, and build together
- Everyone has a place and a role in this work





Let's Fill Our Bucket

The idea of "bucket filling" is a powerful metaphor for the impact of positive interactions and acts of kindness. It's based on the belief that each of us carries an invisible bucket, which gets filled through encouraging words, thoughtful actions, and genuine care.

This concept applies just as well to the work we do in our communities. A bucket with only a few drops can't nourish growth, just as minimal effort can't truly move a community forward. And too much, too fast, can overwhelm rather than help. But with the right amount of consistent, thoughtful investment our communities, like plants, will grow strong and thrive.





How to Fill Your Buckets

1. Take your piece of paper and add at minimum your name (first and last)
2. Walk around and check out the buckets and drop your name in the one you want to learn more about it. *The only thing you are committing to is learning more about the volunteer opportunities in this bucket from the event organizers.*
3. If none of these buckets speak to you, but you have a *super power* you think we need to know about, choose "other" and write a note on your paper with your name.

Some Ways to Take Action Now

MomsRising (National/State)

Families for Strong Public Schools (State/Local)

Apply to cohort 7 of Parents Who Lead
(Local/National Parent Institute)





Questions/Conversation



