1. **SUPPORT OUR STUDENTS**
   - Prioritize funding and incentives for teacher recruitment and retention that offers flexibility for districts to address local staffing needs.
   - Continue to focus on addressing learning loss due to absenteeism from pandemic without tying the hands of districts and educators.
   - Increase the Safety Allotment with maintained flexibility.

2. **SUPPORT FAST GROWTH FUNDING**
   - Increase capacity of the Fast Growth Allotment to acknowledge the growing statewide need and reduce proration.
   - Protect the New Instructional Facility Allotment (NIFA) allocation for its intended use rather than diverting the funding to other programs.

3. **SUPPORT LOCAL CONTROL**
   - Maintain ability of local governments to hold elections on the two uniform election dates in May and November.
   - Ensure all bond and tax rate election ballot language is clear, transparent, and understandable. Revise required language that misleads voters.
   - Renew the statutes that authorize local governments to spur economic development through local economic incentive agreements that involve school districts (Chapter 313).

4. **IMPROVE ACCOUNTABILITY FOR CHARTERS/Oppose Vouchers**
   - Improve notification timelines of proposed charter school locations by requiring charter schools to notify impacted school districts upon the purchase of property.
   - Require voter approval of a new charter within the ISD where it will be located.
   - Prohibit charters from being located in proximity to high performing ISD campuses.
   - Conduct charter school board meetings in public, allowing for public testimony within proximity of where the campus is located.
   - Require SBOE approval of charter school expansion amendments.
   - Oppose a voucher program of any kind.

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