FASTGROWTH SCHOOL COALITION

2027 Legislative Priorities

Fast Growth Life Cycle

Ensure state policies address the unique and shifting needs of fast-growing districts, including changing enrollment trends, rapid growth, new school openings, and long-term staffing and facility needs.

Support flexible right-sizing policies that respond to changes in enrollment and accommodate differences across districts, rather than a one-size-fits-all approach.

Reduce administrative requirements that disproportionately impact districts experiencing enrollment changes, preserving high-quality programs and prioritizing student success.

Ensure that new transparency or oversight requirements affecting education foundations do not impede their ability to support fast-growth districts' unique needs.

Bonds and Local Control

Maintain the May and November election dates so communities can access the bond market in a timely way and fund facilities needed to keep pace with enrollment growth.

Ensure bond and tax-rate ballot language is clear and accurate and oppose requirements that mislead voters or undermine locally approved projects.

Safeguard the purchasing power of voter-approved debt and oppose restrictions that weaken local capacity to issue and repay bonds.

Oppose new limits on local funding and budget authority that would restrict fast-growing districts' ability to open and operate schools to meet enrollment demands.

Protect the PSF Bond Guarantee Program to ensure taxpayers continue to pay discounted interest rates on school facilities bonds.

Funding and Finance Streams

Support property tax relief that fully, reliably, and permanently replaces lost local revenue, so that efforts to reduce or eliminate school property taxes do not destabilize the funding fast-growth districts depend on for operations and facilities.

Prioritize increases to the allotment for basic costs and ensure targeted allotments reflect the true costs districts face locally.

Address statewide facility funding needs and remove the statutory cap on the Fast Growth Allotment to prevent arbitrary reductions in the allotment.

Support teacher recruitment and retention investments, including to the TRS system, needed to staff districts through periods of rapid growth and enrollment change.