



# 2020

# Legislative Agenda

TENNESSEE'S LARGEST AND STRONGEST PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION



## INCREASE K-12 FUNDING

Increase state K-12 funding by

**\$500 MILLION**

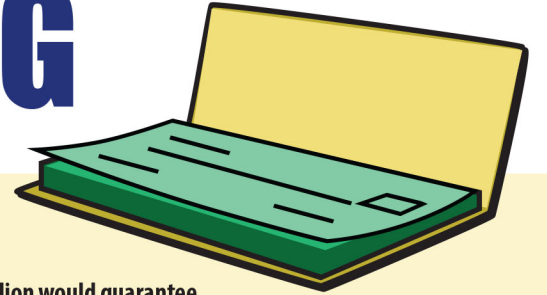
9% increase

**\$522 per student**

**\$250 MILLION**

### TEACHER PAY RAISES

With legislation directing all state dollars go into paychecks, \$250 million would guarantee a minimum 6% raise to all educators and most raises would exceed 10%. We deserve it.



**\$200 MILLION**

### STUDENT SUPPORT STAFF

Students need school counselors, school nurses, RTI interventionists, school psychologists and school social workers. Our students deserve it.



**\$25 MILLION**

### BENEFIT SUPPORTS

An increase would offset insurance premiums for teachers. Our families deserve it.



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### INCREASE SUPPLY FUNDS

Raise yearly state amount for classroom supply funds from \$200 to \$600 per year. Our students and family budgets deserve it.



## TESTING

### TRANSPARENCY

A law was passed on testing transparency, but little has been done. The state must publish a majority of TNReady questions, including constructive response questions and examples of how grades were applied.

### END HIGH-STAKES DECISIONS

Either ban TVAAS in evaluations or make score use optional for individual teachers, students and schools.

### ALTERNATIVE MEASURES

We need other valid options to assess students beyond TNReady, including benchmark assessments, pre-test/post-test systems, and ACT products.



## PROFESSIONAL RIGHTS

### TENURE

TEA will defend this important due-process right from an expected attack.

### PROTECT TEACHING LICENSES

The SBE may override local discipline decisions and suspend teacher licenses indefinitely for issues not involving students. These powers are too broad, local control must be restored.

### STRENGTHENING PECCA

A majority of teachers now benefit from conferenced MOUs. TEA will protect this law and work to strengthen it, including requiring board and employee votes on negotiated MOUs.

## DEFENDING PUBLIC SCHOOLS

### VOUCHER REPEAL

It is time to repeal one of the most corrupt and ill-conceived pieces of legislation ever to pass the General Assembly.

### HALT CHARTER EXPANSION

A new charter commission is being set up. Its powers to open charter schools over local objections must be curbed, and the General Assembly holds the key.

### CLOSE THE ASD

The greatest failure in Tennessee education is the Achievement School District. It's time to close this failed state experiment down.

