



## **Lincoln County Schools Legislative Priorities 2021**

The Lincoln County Board of Education asks the General Assembly to continue working with the Governor, local Boards of Education, the State Board of Education, and educators across the state to enhance and support public education. This continued collaboration and support is critical to the goal of preparing ALL students to be career and or college ready. The following are recommendations from the Lincoln County Board of Education for legislative actions that will ensure student success at the state and local level.

1. Provide funding for continued COVID-19 response for operational and social/emotional needs of the school organization.
2. Provide additional flexible funding or positions to ensure student safety and continue to address mental health needs.
3. Continue to improve pay and benefits for all school personnel with a focus on support personnel and prevent further cuts to school personnel in all aspects of school operations including the central office allotment.
4. Continue to refine A-F school performance grades.
5. Increase State support for school facility construction/renovation and provide opportunities for directed grants legislatively solicited for Lincoln County.
6. Increase the State investment in key allotment areas including: Academically Intellectually Gifted, English as a Second Language, Exceptional Children, Technology, and Transportation.
7. Provide opportunity for specialty vocational course instructors to be alternatively credentialed in order to successfully build programmatic offerings that are responsive to community needs.

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