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Centennial Schools – 2026 Legislative Platform

Priorities to Strengthen Educational Quality, Fiscal Stability, and Student Success

Funding Priorities:

1. Increase Inflationary Adjustments of the General Education Formula: Increase the basic formula allowance beyond recent **2–3%** thresholds to reflect true inflationary pressures.
2. Strengthen Local Optional Revenue (LOR): Increase LOR from **$724 to $979 per pupil** and index it to inflation.
3. Enhance Long-Term Facilities Maintenance (LTFM) Funding: Increase LTFM revenue from **$380 to $516 per pupil** and expand allowable uses to include safety/security upgrades, remodeling, and additions to existing spaces.
4. Improve Operating Capital Funding: Increase operating capital revenue from **$188 to $261 per pupil**, and index it to inflation.
5. Enhance Safe Schools Funding: Increase Safe Schools revenue from **$36 to $100 per pupil** to better support school safety and student well-being.
6. Special Education Cross-Subsidy: Repeal the contingent **$250M reduction** to cross-subsidy aid or fully fund the obligation.
7. Address Compensatory Revenue Hold Harmless Provision: Reinstating the hold harmless provision last session resulted in a **$274,000 loss** to Centennial Schools.

Improve Property Tax Equalization:

1. Update equalization formulas to reduce taxpayer disparity and ensure fair State Aid support for:
    - Operating referendums
    - Local Optional Revenue
    - Debt service

Implementation Support and Funding:

1. Centennial requests adequate time and resources to implement state mandates effectively, including:
    - Read Act
    - Paid Family & Medical Leave
    - Unemployment Insurance
    - Expanded data reporting and compliance requirements
2. The above mandates require additional staffing, training, and administrative capacity. Without dedicated funding and phased implementation, they increase operational burdens on school districts.