



NEWTON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

2013 Legislative Priorities

1) VISION PROJECT FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION

The Newton County School Board of Education supports the Vision Project as the vehicle to raise awareness, address issues and enhance public education in the State of Georgia.

www.visionforpubliced.org

2) LOCAL BOARD AUTHORITY

The Newton County School Board of Education identifies that local boards of education should maintain authority making educational decisions since they are the level of government closest and most responsive to the taxpayers and parents of the children being educated in their respected community.

3) PROGRAM FUNDING

- a) The Newton County Board of Education supports legislative proposals which appropriate funds needed for a quality basic education on a weighted FTE student cost-basis.
- b) The Newton County Board of Education believes that any program, project or requirement mandated by state government should be funded by the state in such a manner that operation or implementation of the mandate does not impose financial or other burdens on local school districts.
- c) The Board supports restoring full funding to public education and ceasing state austerity reductions.
- d) The Newton County Board of Education supports requiring a clear and complete description of the potential impact of state education legislation on the fiscal budget, operations and programs of local school and school districts.

4) PERSONNEL

The Newton County Board of Education urges the General Assembly to fully fund the training and professional development needs associated with implementation of any state mandated instructional initiatives.

5) IMPROVING STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

The Newton County Board of Education supports efforts to improve student achievement through a collaborative effort between the Department of Education and local school districts in the development of a challenging and dynamic curriculum that allows for flexible instructional models to meet the needs of all students.

6) FEDERAL LEGISLATION

The Newton County Board of Education urges Congress to reduce necessary mandates and regulations on schools.