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Governor Scott Highlights Record K-12 Education Investments in Securing Florida's Future Budget



IMMOKALEE, Fla. – Today, Governor Rick Scott visited Highlands Elementary School in Collier County to highlight record K-12 education investments in his Securing Florida's Future budget. Since Governor Scott took office, state funding for Florida's K-12 public schools has **increased by \$3.2**

billion or 36.7 percent, from a total amount of **\$8.7 billion** in Fiscal Year 2011-12 to nearly **\$12 billion** in the 2018-19 Securing Florida's Future budget.

The Securing Florida's Future budget includes:

- More than **\$21.4 billion** in state and local funding for Florida's K-12 public schools. This historic funding equates to **\$7,497 per student – an increase of \$200 per Florida student – the highest total funding, state funding and per-student funding for K-12 in Florida's history;**
- **\$15 million** in funding for a brand-new program to expand opportunities for middle and high school students to learn coding and computer science;
- **\$10 million, for a total of \$74.5 million,** in funding for school safety initiatives that promote a safe learning environment;
- **\$12 million** in funding to establish the English Language Learners Summer Academics program. This program will be focused on reading improvements and making sure students in grades 4 - 8 displaced by Hurricane Maria have access to summer academies; and
- Nearly **\$18 million, for a total of more than \$63 million,** in funding for the Teacher Classroom Supply Assistance Program. This proposal will increase funding by \$100 per teacher from \$250 to \$350 annually.

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