

VEA LEGISLATIVE OBJECTIVES – 2018-2019

FINANCIAL LEGISLATIVE OBJECTIVES

- I. Seek Realistic Funding For Public Education
 - A. Fund the standards of quality on the basis of realistic current costs and realistic current practice
 - B. Support raising additional government revenues to ensure adequate financial support for public education even in times of revenue shortfall
 - C. Oppose the use of public funds to support non-public elementary and secondary education. Oppose programs and practices such as tuition tax credits, voucher systems and performance contracting.
 - D. Increase the salary level of all education employees to a professional level
 - E. Attach adequate requirements to appropriations that support education employees' salary initiatives to ensure that funds spent at the local level meet these needs
- II. Protect the assets and sound funding of the retirement system and ensure that appreciation of the funds is used in the best interest of the current and future beneficiaries of VRS
- III. Secure adequate affordable health insurance for all current and retired education employees through a statewide, state-funded health care program

GENERAL OBJECTIVES

- Promote and advocate for a culture of safety, support, and civil rights for all students and school employees
- Improve the quality of the learning and working environment in Virginia schools
- Protect and strengthen the Standards of Quality
- Support efforts to improve the health, safety and nutrition of children
- Improve and protect education employees' rights
- Support the formation of a regulatory body composed of a majority of classroom teachers which would govern the teaching profession. Such a board would determine entry standards to the teaching profession and teacher preparation programs and procedures
- Establish negotiations rights

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