



### **FREA Legislative Committee Mission:**

To fulfill the FREA Mission of promoting the well-being of retired educators and school personnel by establishing relationships with groups and agencies that also endeavor to protect retirees' physical, mental, and financial health through legislative action.

## **FREA 2020-2021 Legislative Priorities**

1. Support legislation designed to provide adequate and equitable funding for every student, and uniform standards for all schools receiving taxpayer money.
2. Advocate funding for school safety to promote:
  - a. Positive mental health
  - b. Secure facilities
  - c. Appropriate crisis response
3. Protect the Florida Retirement System (FRS) Trust Fund, especially
  - a. from attempts to divert FRS funds from the purpose prescribed by the Florida Constitution and Statutes
  - b. for management of FRS Trust Fund for the security and profitability of its investment
  - c. for legislation to fully fund the Florida Retirement System
4. Work to inform new hires about the advantages of choosing the Defined Benefit Retirement Plan (pension) for career school employees.
5. Advocate for an annual 3 percent Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for all members of the FRS.
6. Support legislation designed to provide affordable and quality housing, health care, and financial security for Florida Retirement System beneficiaries.
7. Maintain the Florida Retirement System Health Insurance Subsidy (HIS) Trust Fund and work to acquire additional increments to maintain parity with the increasing cost of health insurance.
8. Establish working relationships with groups and agencies that share Florida Retired Educators Association legislative priorities and goals.