2024 Legislative Priorities

**Priority 1:** Support increased funding levels for Extended Day/Extended Year Grants to provide enhanced engagement for middle and high school students through Career Technical Student Organizations (CTSO’s) and other types of related experiences.

**Priority 2:** Pursue opportunities to recruit and retain quality Career, Technical and Agriculture Education (CTAE) teachers in middle and high school through incentives and compensation for industry years of experience, education, and training and through simplification and ease of certification for non-traditional educators.

**Priority 3:** Support and maintain funding for Career Related Education Grants (Capital Equipment Bonds).

**Priority 4:** Support enhanced efforts to increase the workforce pipeline by providing incentives to employers for hiring qualified CTAE students.

**Priority 5:** Offer support for business and industry by offering tax incentives for building and maintain local CTAE partnerships.

**Priority 6:** Support legislation that reduces employer risk when participating in work-based learning to expand work-based learning opportunities that ensure the availability of a highly skilled workforce for Georgia employers.

**Priority 7:** Provide state funding to ensure high schools in Georgia have Career Coaches to assist all students in securing postsecondary success and ensure that School Counselors can focus on the growing needs of students.

**Priority 8:** Expand access to educational opportunities that prepare students for life by establishing elementary-level Career, Technical, and Agricultural Education courses.

**Priority 9:** Increase opportunities for high-school students to gain valuable workplace experience by providing state funding to extend Work-Based Learning programs into the summer months.

**Priority 10:** Ask for proposed HB 51 to be modified to include Work-Based Learning Opportunities, Career Related Opportunities, and CTSO experiences.

**Priority 11:** Support the alignment and increase of salaries at Camp John Hope and FFA-FHA Camp to ensure sustainability and consistency with staff.

**Priority 12:** Support partnerships with industry and higher education to incentivize expansion of high demand career pathways.

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