

Orange County Association of School Administrators (OCASA)

Legislative Platform

2017-2018

1. Change the State Testing and Accountability Systems.

* Revise the state **accountability system** using balanced measures. If **learning gains** are used, make calculations equitable.

*Avoid changing **measures** annually to provide data that can be compared annually.

*Eliminate **school grades**. This practice has run its course and results have plateaued. The labeling of a school with either a letter or number should not be permitted. Negatively impacting a school and a community with a low grade is to be avoided.

*Reduce the amount of **testing**. Imbalanced testing has created a nine month school year.

*Reduce mandatory **retention**. More aggressive instructional interventions are needed to minimize retaining young children.

2. Make Adjustments to the Implementation of the Class Size Amendment.

*Add flexibility by using **school averages** where applicable. Having to add a teacher when a class grows over the limit is expensive and challenging.

3. Eliminate Legislation of Teacher Evaluation and Merit Pay.

*Rescind legislation related to **evaluation systems**. This repeal will provide autonomy for **districts** to design and implement their own evaluation system.

*Eliminate **merit pay** as it appears to not have had an impact on student achievement.