



REVEALED:

The Tampa Bay Times published an accusation that school air conditioning failures are due to state funding shortfalls.

THE TRUTH:

- **Claim:** "Hillsborough schools receive \$145 million less than they did seven years ago from a state fund that, among other things, helps pay for routine maintenance."
- **Fact:** In 2016-2017, Hillsborough County received only \$3.531 million less than in 2010-2011. During the same time period, the county collected \$34.5 million more in local tax dollars for construction and major maintenance.
- **Claim:** "Your Florida Legislature keeps funneling public school dollars into private charter schools, so money to fix or replace failing systems is disappearing."
- **Fact:** Charter schools are public schools. Education funding this fiscal year is the highest in state history for all public schools.

EDUCATION BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS:

- The legislature showed a commitment to our schools in the 2017 session by allocating \$15.3 billion to PreK-12 education alone, and passing the largest education budget in Florida's history.
- The education budget included establishing programs like Schools of Hope and Schools of Excellence, while expanding Best and Brightest Principals and Teachers, and revising Title I funds to provide more funds directly to schools.
- This budget provides \$7,296.23 in total funds per student, **which is a \$100 increase over total funds per student provided in Fiscal Year 2016-2017.**

State's PreK-12 Education Spending

