

# QUARTER 2 UPDATE

## STRATEGIC PRIORITY 3: EQUITY WITH EXCELLENCE FOR ALL OBJECTIVE 7: ELIMINATE GAPS IN OPPORTUNITY, ACCESS AND ACHIEVEMENT FOR ALL STUDENTS



Progress: July 2024 - December 2024



### OBJECTIVE 7 STRATEGIES IN ACTION

#### Boys and Guys Read Expansion

The Boys Read and Guys Read Book Battles aim to narrow the gender gap in reading by engaging boys in books aligned with their interests. Guys Read **expanded** to middle schools this year, with **16 middle schools** participating and a total of **101 schools** competing.

#### Data-Driven Instruction

Teachers utilize the Data Analytics Dashboard to quickly identify **trends in student growth**. The dashboard's visual graphics and data filters allow teachers to **analyze and identify student-specific** performance and **needs**, ensuring **tailored instruction** for each student, whether for enrichment or intervention.

#### Graduation Rate

The graduation rate for subgroups **outpaced the state**:

Black Students

- **PCS: 85.1%** | FL: 85.3%

Economically Disadvantaged

- **PCS: 86.7%** | FL: 86.2%

English Learners

- **PCS: 90.7%** | FL: 80.7%

Exceptional Student Education (ESE)

- **PCS: 87.3%** | FL: 86.8%

Hispanic Students

- **PCS: 91.6%** | FL: 89%

### FAST FACTS



#### Growth Across All Subgroups

PCS continues to demonstrate growth in student performance. **All subgroups demonstrated progress in ELA and Math** between the FAST PM1 and PM2 assessments.



#### Elevating Excellence for All

Black student participation in Elevating Excellence **increased by 77%** compared to spring 2024.

### PRESENTATIONS OF PROGRESS

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## STRATEGIC PRIORITY 3: EQUITY WITH EXCELLENCE FOR ALL OBJECTIVE 8: ACCELERATE PROGRESS OF THE DISTRICT BRIDGING THE GAP PLAN



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### OBJECTIVE 8 STRATEGIES IN ACTION

#### Goal 1: Graduation Rate

In the first semester of the 2024-25 school year, the on-track for graduation rate for Black students **increased by nearly 18%** compared to the previous year.

#### Goal 2: Academic Achievement

In the first semester, the minority achievement officer visited **56 schools** to discuss the Bridging the Gap (BTG) plan and conduct **campus walkthroughs** and visited **25 priority schools** multiple times to provide specific support for BTG.

#### Goal 4: Responding to Student Behavior

**Non-exclusionary disciplinary actions** following office discipline referrals increased by 26% compared to the first semester of 2023-2024. Examples of these actions include parent shadowing, parent contact, verbal reprimand, guidance counseling, behavior contracts, and parent conferences.

#### Goal 6: Talent Acquisition

PCS established a **recruitment and retention professional learning community**, which sparked the development of **new ideas to support college interns** during their **final internships** in Transformation Zone elementary schools.

### FAST FACTS



#### Goal 3: Rigorous Coursework

42% of Black students enrolled in **Advanced Placement courses** are also participating in the AVID elective, which offers **academic support for their rigorous coursework**.



#### Goal 5: ESE Identification

Behavior specialists were trained to support **various instructional and behavioral intervention tiers** in an effort to **reduce Emotional/Behavioral Disability (EBD) referrals** among Black students.

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