

QUARTER 2 UPDATE

STRATEGIC PRIORITY 6: FISCAL AND OPERATIONAL RESPONSIBILITY OBJECTIVE 14: SUCCESSFULLY TRANSITION STRATEGIES FUNDED BY ESSER/ARP



Progress: July 2024 - December 2024



OBJECTIVE 14 STRATEGIES IN ACTION

**Updated annually in the MidYear and Annual Report.*

State Monitoring of Federal Funds

The Florida Department of Education (FDOE) recently **completed a monitoring audit** of federal ESSER II and CARES funding, with **zero findings** reported. The **auditors highlighted** several areas where PCS demonstrated **best practices**.

PCS is committed to **applying the insights** gained from this monitoring session to ensure best practices are **consistently implemented across all grants**.

ESSER/ARP Drawdown

All ESSER/ARP funds allocated to non-charter schools were **successfully utilized** within the designated timeframe, meeting the September 2024 deadline

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Read Across Pinellas

The Read Across Pinellas (RAP) tutoring program, designed for children in kindergarten and first grade, was **successfully transitioned** from ESSER/ARP grants to referendum funding in 2023-24.



Sustained Operational Activities

PCS has **transitioned** projects funded by ESSER/ARP grants out of use or to the **operating budget** (e.g., cost of substitutes, PCS Connects, sanitation).

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OBJECTIVE 15 STRATEGIES IN ACTION

Routing and Communication Systems

PCS is developing a new **bus routing system to improve efficiency** in route planning, management, and reporting. The system will automatically adjust routes based on student absences and use GPS data to eliminate unused stops. Training will begin in the third quarter, and the system will be **piloted** during the **spring semester**. An accompanying **parent notification app will be piloted** alongside the routing system. In the meantime, **parent communication methods** regarding transportation have been **streamlined** to provide more **accurate and timely updates to families**.

Transportation for Hurricane Evacuations

During **Hurricanes Helene and Milton**, PCS deployed approximately **100 bus drivers per day** to assist with evacuations, **transporting 900 community members** to and from shelters during **Helene and 2,200 during Milton**.

FAST FACTS



PCS **eliminated** the school bus driver **deficit** and currently employs enough drivers for each route.



PCS **expanded transportation** to include routes for **before-care** to accommodate the **relocation** of the Madeira Beach Fundamental campus and the **disrupted school schedules** caused by the hurricanes.

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STRATEGIC PRIORITY 6: FISCAL AND OPERATIONAL RESPONSIBILITY OBJECTIVE 16: PROVIDE STATE-OF-THE-ART FACILITIES, TECHNOLOGY, AND RESOURCES



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OBJECTIVE 16 STRATEGIES IN ACTION

Educational Facilities Planning

Each school completed the Educational Suitability Assessment (ESA), **evaluating all learning spaces**, including arts and STEM areas, to assess their **effectiveness in meeting the instructional needs** of the teacher and students. The findings from the ESA will inform the district's **five-year capital plan**.

Facilities' Names Honor PCS History

The school board received **225 community suggestions** and approved new names for several facilities:

Walsingham Oaks K-8 will open in fall 2025, after combining Southern Oak and Walsingham elementary schools into a K-8 school.

Dr. Michael A. Grego Leadership Institute, which is under construction, is named in honor of the retired PCS superintendent who created the vision for and spearheaded the learning center's development.

Bette Ra Ivey Discovery Center is the name of the Employee Child Care Center, which opened in summer 2024.

FAST FACTS



Campus Hurricane Relief

Hurricanes Helene and Milton impacted several school campuses. In response, PCS has been working closely with **property insurance providers and FEMA** to assess the damage and ensure the **recovery of affected buildings and assets**.



Student Information Systems

The **upgrade to the FOCUS student information system** is underway to ensure **optimal speed, reliability, and efficiency**. Following its deployment, the FOCUS digital enrollment platform will be developed.

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