# **QUARTER 3** UPDATE

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



#### Progress: July 2024 - March 2025



## **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 GEER II 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 noncharter schools were successfully utilized within the designated timeframe, meeting the September 2024 deadline.

### FAST FACTS



#### **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).

# **PRESENTATIONS** OF PROGRESS

What's New for the 2024–25 School Year, July 2024 Successful use of ESSER/ARP Update, March 2025 National Assessment of Educational Progress, February 2025

## **COMMUNICATIONS** CORNER

PCS students exploring the STEM of flying! PCS students explore the 3D printing at Summer Camp Doggie Daycare at Summer Camp PCS students learn about coding at Summer Camp



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#### **STRATEGIC PRIORITY 6: FISCAL AND OPERATIONAL RESPONSIBILITY** OBJECTIVE 15: INCREASE OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY FOR STUDENT TRANSPORTATION



#### Progress: July 2024 - March 2025



# **OBJECTIVE 15** STRATEGIES IN ACTION

#### **On-Time Transportation**

In the first semester of the 2024-25 school year, the number of **late bus notifications dropped by 69%** compared to the first semester of 2022-23, falling from nearly 16,500 to approximately 5,000. Over the past three years, buses **delayed by 16–30 minutes decreased by 71%**, while those **delayed over 30 minutes were nearly eliminated, with a 96% reduction**.

#### **Routing and Communication Systems**

PCS is launching a new **bus routing system**. The first 110 drivers were trained and are actively using the new system for their daily routes. Each bus compound is piloting the system, and all drivers will be trained in the fourth quarter.

## FAST FACTS



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



A transportation **parent notification app** is anticipated to launch in fall, following full implementation of the new routing system.

## **PRESENTATIONS** OF PROGRESS

What's New for the 2024–25 School Year, July 2024

Proclamation Recognizing School Bus Safety Week, October 2024

School Bus Drivers with Safe Driving Records, October 2024 Transportation Update, February 2025

## **COMMUNICATION** CORNER

School Bus Safety Tips Transportation FAQs

Transportation Adds 20 Electric Buses to Their Fleet



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



#### Progress: July 2024 - March 2025



# **OBJECTIVE 16** STRATEGIES IN ACTION

#### **Modernizing Data Systems**

The district is advancing its **digital document management** system by expanding the use of Focus to include the upload of essential student records. This update will ensure compliance with legal requirements while reducing physical storage expenses. By summer 2025, nearly **one million student records** will be migrated to Focus, marking a major step towards technological modernization.

#### **Hurricane Shelter Reimbursements**

In February, the district submitted a **hurricane shelter reimbursement** request to Pinellas County Emergency Management for further submission to FEMA. The request, **totaling \$3.7 million**, covers expenses from two hurricanes: **\$1.1 million for Hurricane Helene and \$2.6 million for Hurricane Milton**. Reimbursement is requested for shelter operations across six categories: payroll, food usage, utility costs, custodial supplies, transportation of residents, and environmental clean-up.

### FAST FACTS



#### Wireless Networks Accessibility

Nearly 4,000 wireless access points have been upgraded, covering over **40%** of district classrooms. All wireless access points will be upgraded by the end of the calendar year.



Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) Ten years of historical data are being migrated to the new Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system. At the end of third quarter, 39% of the ERP data migration, and 32% of the data validation have been completed.

## **PRESENTATIONS** OF PROGRESS

What's New for the 2024–25 School Year, July 2024 Midtown Property Update, August 2024 Annual Budget, September 2024 School and Facility Naming Process, October 2024

Annual Financial Report, November 2024

Facilities Master Plan, December 2024

<u>Fixed Capitalization Threshold Increase and Property</u> <u>Management and Accountability, January 2025</u> <u>Five Year Capital Outlay Plan, January 2025</u>

## **COMMUNICATION** CORNER

Community to Name Three Facilities Mangrove Bay Ribbon Cutting

School Board Approves New Names for Three Facilities



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