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MISSION: 100% Student Success

VISION: Educate and prepare each student for college, career and life



PINELLAS COUNTY SCHOOLS 2023-24

LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM

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Pinellas County Schools is proud of the success achieved during the 2022-2023 school year and appreciates the support of our Legislative Delegation. Pinellas County continued our positive trajectory forward with high expectations and high achievement for students and staff. District employees continuously strive for our vision of 100% student success to ensure students have access to a high-quality education, innovative instructional programming options and all other support services the district provides for students and families. Through the ongoing support of the Pinellas Legislative Delegation, and elected officials across the state, that momentum continues in the new school year. The Pinellas County School Board's 2024 Legislative Platform outlines where support is needed to maximize student outcomes and best serve our community.

Academic Excellence ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE THROUGH INNOVATION

OUR GOALS:

Increase educational innovation by supporting the educational code review by the Florida Department of Education in order to reduce regulations for public school districts to better align with other K-12 charter, home school and private institutions that also receive state and/or federal funding.

Identify and support accountability alignment between public schools and K-12 charter, home school and private institutions that receive state and/or federal funding.

Enhance the investment in academic, developmentally appropriate, high-quality early learning and Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) to include free, full-day academic programs and experiences for students eligible for free/reduced lunch.

PCS VPK BY THE NUMBERS

2.4K

VPK has expanded to 2,395 students in the 2023-24 school year and continues to grow.

100%

100% of Pinellas County Schools full-time employees are eligible for free full-day VPK at elementary school sites.

60

There are a total of 60 campuses with VPK sites for the 2023-24 school year.



In Workforce WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

OUR GOALS:

Allow rigorous, in-demand Career Technical Industry Certifications to serve as concordance for high school graduation assessment requirements; concordant certifications to be identified by the Florida Department of Education.

Support a new, innovative workforce development model that brings together the educational pathways and services of Pinellas County Schools (PCS), Pinellas Technical College (PTC) and St. Petersburg College (SPC) on one campus through investment in capital funds for PCS and SPC.

DID YOU KNOW?

Last year, PCS students earned over 11,850 industry certifications to prepare for the workforce!



Positive Staff Experiences POSITIVE STAFF EXPERIENCES THROUGH FISCAL AND OPERATIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

OUR GOALS:

Separate allocations for state scholarships and vouchers for parents from the FEFP to ensure transparency regarding public school district funding.

In order to attract and retain staff, increase general operating dollars (Base Student Allocation) by a minimum of 3% to sufficiently fund the costs including salaries, benefits, mandatory employer contributions to the Florida Retirement System and compression caused by the increase to minimum wage. Ensure that dedicated teacher salary funds can be used to increase compensation for experienced teachers.

Support a change from monthly to quarterly fire drill requirements in alignment with safety drill requirements, in order to provide increased instructional time for teachers and students.

