

*Southern Oak Walsingham K-8*

**UPDATE**



# MENTIMETER

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# ZONED K-8 OFFERING

**Southern Oak Elementary + Walsingham Elementary = New K-8 School**

Rationale:

- K-8 is a highly desirable educational model
- There are currently a total of 1,591 scholars on wait lists for Sanderlin K-8 & Madeira Beach K-8



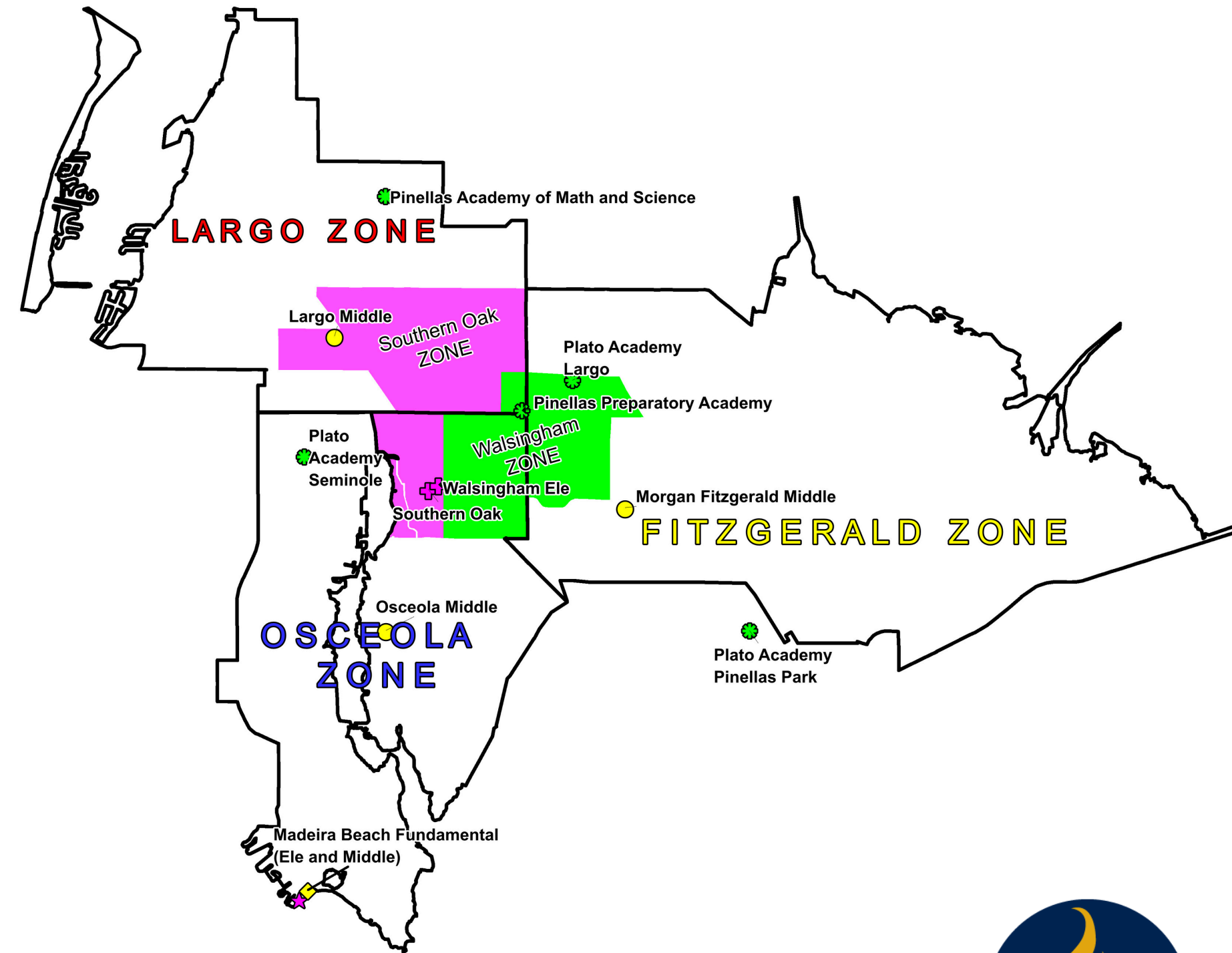
# ZONED K-8 OFFERING

## Southern Oak-Walsingham

There are no zoning changes needed. The current Southern Oak-Walsingham attendance zones for K-8 eligibility will be used.

You have choices:

- Elect to stay through middle school
- Attend your current zoned middle school
- Apply for a middle school magnet or fundamental program





# SCHOOL POPULATION

Please note: This model is designed for students who have attended 4th and 5th grade at Southern Oak or Walsingham Elementary.

Unless space becomes available, middle school students newly moving into these zones will attend their zoned middle school.

Beginning in the 2025-26 school year, we will launch the new K-8 with a sixth-grade class, adding one grade level each year until it becomes a full K-8 school.

All students currently enrolled at Southern Oak and Walsingham Elementary will have the opportunity to opt-in and continue at the new K-8 school.



# CONSTRUCTION

Timeline:

- Renovation and remodeling will start over Spring Break and run through the summer.

Remodeling will include:

- Turning 6 Southern Oak classrooms into 3 middle school science labs and demonstration areas.
- Transforming Walsingham's administrative office suites into classroom areas.





# TRANSPORTATION

Transportation will be provided to students who live in the Southern Oak - Walsingham Elementary zone.

If you live 2+ miles from the school, transportation will be provided.





# MIDDLE SCHOOL ELECTIVES

## 6TH GRADE

- Gifted
- Visual Arts
- Performing Arts
- Physical Education
- Technology

## 7TH GRADE

- Gifted
- Visual Arts
- Performing Arts
- Spanish I
- Physical Education
- Technology

## 8TH GRADE

- Gifted
- Visual Arts
- Performing Arts
- Spanish II
- Physical Education
- Technology





# MIDDLE SCHOOL ATHLETICS

Students will have the option to participate in middle school athletics at the zoned middle school.

Complete the co-enrollment form for athletics to try-out and participate in one of the sports offered throughout the year.



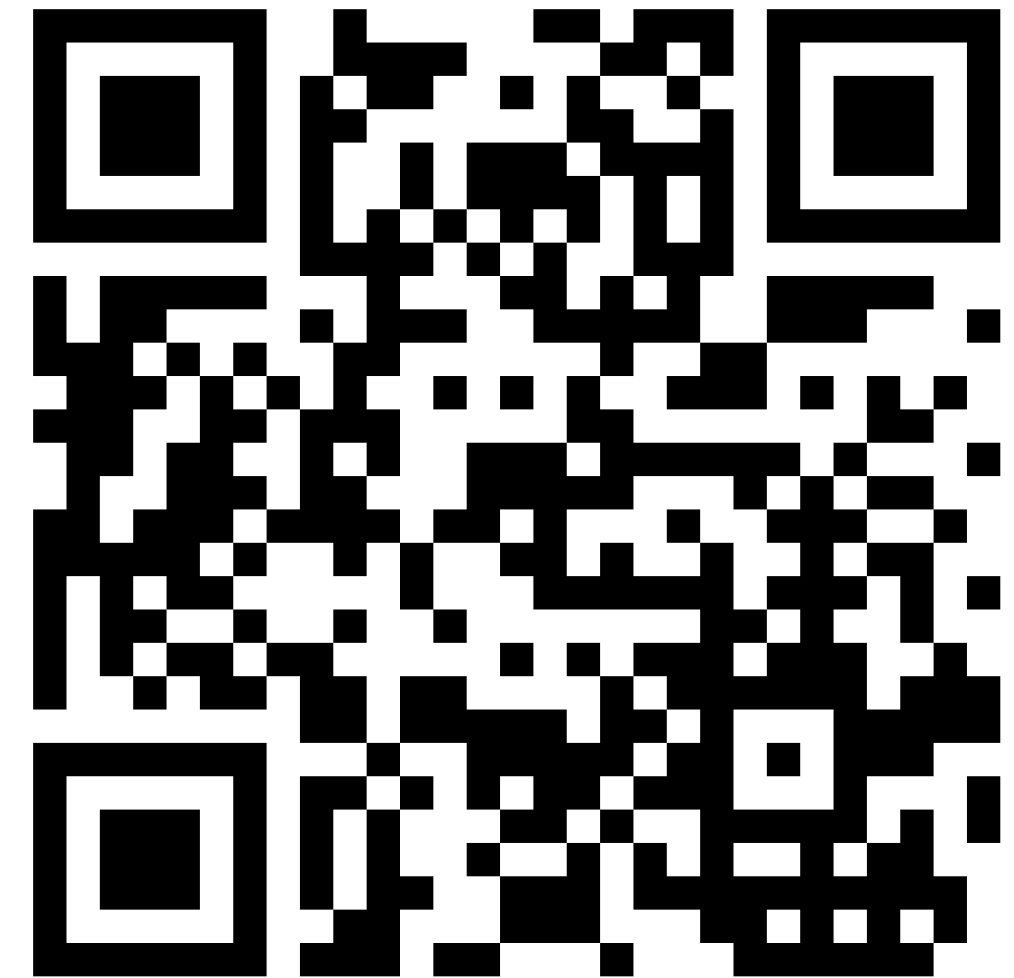
# NAMING PROCESS

The Pinellas County School Board is seeking suggestions from the community for naming the new K-8 school.

According to School Board Policy 7250:

- If a school is named by location, the name of the facility shall be descriptive and brief.
- If a school is named for a person, that person shall have been an outstanding civic or educational leader of local or national repute who has been deceased for one year or longer.

**THE DEADLINE IS 5 P.M. ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2024.**



**SUGGEST A NAME FOR THE  
NEW K-8 SCHOOL**



# OPT-IN NOW

To ensure a seat at the Southern Oak-Walsingham K-8, fifth grade parents will need to notify us by December 10, 2024.

Families can complete the opt-in form online or hard copy.



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**Q & A**

