

Leila G. Davis Elementary



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September 30, 2016

Principal: Kim Hill
Assistant Principal: William Durst

Principal's Page

Thank you all for your support during our emergency safety evacuation earlier this month. I want to remind parents that it is imperative to update all of your child's contact numbers in the FOCUS system. Thank you to all parents who have turned in their child's office and clinic cards. However, the information on those cards are NOT automatically entered into FOCUS. They are for the front office to use to contact parents in case of a sick child or an administrative concern. Thus, if you have changed phone numbers or changed your email address, please contact the front office to update your child's FOCUS contact information immediately. This will allow you to receive district and school automated phone and email messages, especially during an emergency. If you have moved and need to change your address, parents will need to access the Student Reservation System (SRS) at www.pcsb.org using your parent portal credentials. Once changing your address in SRS, you will then need to provide two proofs of residence to the front office. Thank you for your help in making sure we have the correct information on file in FOCUS for your child.

Kim Hill

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Important October Dates

3rd-Wear Blue Day for
Bullying Prevention

3rd-Celebration Station School
Appreciation Night 4-9pm

4th-ROAR Rally 8:45am

5th- Walk to School Day
7:45am

6th-K-Kids Meeting 7:45am

11th-All Pro Dads Kickball
Game 6:30-8pm

13th-Kindergarten Parent
Workshop 6:30-7:30pm

19th- All Pro Dads Meeting
7:30-8:30am

19th-Chick Fil-A Spirit Night
5-7pm

25th-Report Cards Go Home

25th-SAC Meeting

26th-Picture Retakes/Club
Pictures

28th-Trunk or Treat 6:30-8pm

Area 1 Associate Superintendent:
Mr. Ward Kennedy
(727) 588-5023



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- Stay up to date by viewing our school website <http://pcsb.org/davis-es>
- Like us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/LeilaGDavisES/>
- Follow us on Twitter at https://twitter.com/LeilaGDavis_ES
- Join us on Remind to receive text messages. Text @leilad to 81010
- Sign up for Peachjar e-flyers at <https://www.peachjar.com>

Leila G. Davis Elementary Received the Five Star School Award



The state's Commissioner's Community Involvement Council presented several schools with the Five Star School Award which is presented annually to those schools that have shown evidence of exemplary community involvement.

In order to earn Five Star School recognition, a school must show documentation that it has demonstrated excellence according to the required criteria in the following categories: Business Partnerships, Family Involvement, Volunteerism, Student Community Service, and School Advisory Councils.

Volunteer Update



- Don't forget to log your hours in FOCUS each time you volunteer as it helps our school to become a 5 star school. Please feel free to contact Dominica Reed anytime if

you have any questions! ReedDom@pcsb.org.

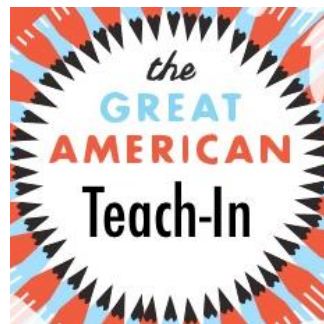
Volunteer Login: <https://focus.pcsb.org/volunteer/>.



- If you have a few minutes to spare and can come help shelve books in the library we would greatly appreciate it!

• If you would like to help out with the BUGs program (Bringing Up Grades), please contact Claire Cousins ctcousins@aol.com with any questions or interest. The BUGs program is a program sponsored by Kiwanis for elementary students in grades three through five. Its purpose is to support students who have the potential to be better students, but who need more direct

- assistance in making those improvements. Mentors meet with these students weekly in small groups to talk with them about their academics and offer them suggestions and practical hints on how they can become better students academically. The students meet with the mentor during the students' lunch time and while they eat their lunch they develop an academic goal for improvement on their report card grades and then spend the additional time during each grading period working toward that goal.



**The Great American
Teach In is on
November 16th!**

We are seeking individuals with dynamic personalities, as well as their insight on the importance of education, hard work and the determination to succeed

no matter what the circumstance. Our goal during this educational experience is to provide a new perspective from the community that will inspire, motivate, and stimulate our youth to think above and beyond their present stance. If this sounds like something you would like to participate in, please contact Dominica Reed at ReedDom@pcsb.org



Celebrating 20 Years

Wednesday, October 5th is our Walk to School Day! Meet in the Stein Mart parking lot at 7:45am to walk to school. PTA will provide water when we arrive at our school.

Thank you to the following sponsors who helped make our teachers feel extra special during our “Thank you for going the Extra Yard” event:



Adopt-A-Class & Program Sponsorship

A special thank you to the following sponsors for donating to our classrooms and school!

Davis Dreamers (\$300 and above)

Michele Fleming/Prometheus
Shambaugh Family
Banull Family
Brown family

Davis Friend (\$100-\$199)

Maurer Family
Haley Family
Patton Automotive, Inc.
Hagedorn Family

Davis Associate (up to \$99)

Sallie Hayes
George Maryna/Sauich Gorgid
Bridget Cortez Family



If you are interested in sponsoring a class, please see the front office or your child’s teacher for more details.

Café News

Greeting from the Café!



It has been a pretty smooth start to the year! I do wish to remind all parents that aside from serving your children their meals, we serve snacks each day. Monday-Thursday we serve snacks that are “Smart Snack Compliant,” and consist of items such as: Popcorn, Baked Cheetos, Welch’s Fruit snacks, and more. These range in cost from \$.50-.75. On Fridays we bring out the Ice-Cream products, and these range in price from \$.50-\$1.00. Their accounts must have enough funds to cover lunch first, and then the snack. Please be sure and keep this in mind when sending in funds for the week.

For those wishing to look up the nutritional details of the meals, such as sugar, carbs, etc., you can find this on the NUTRISLICE App. This is a free app.

Finally, I wish to encourage everyone to sign up at www.myschoolbucks.com. This will allow you to monitor funds and your child’s spending habits. You can also set up alerts that will be sent to your phone or e-mail when the account gets low. This is free. If you choose to add money via credit card on this site, then there is a fee of \$2.50 each time.

If you have any questions at all, please call me at (727) 669-1235.

Susanne Borsari
Café Manager

Davis Dining Room

Have you heard about our cafeteria reward program? Every day, classes strive to earn a “blue cup” by staying in their seats, using quiet voices, cleaning up at the end of the meal, and lining up properly. When a class earns 15 blue cups, they receive recognition for their great behavior. Ask your child how many blue cups their class has so far!



Media Matters



The Media Center is in full swing with classes checking out books. In the past 30 days we have circulated over 4,400 books! Just a reminder that books are checked out for a 2 week period of time. If students need a book for longer than 2 weeks they can always bring it and back to renew the book! Mrs. Garos' class is on fire with checkouts. This past month alone her homeroom class has checked out 272 books! Way to go Davis Scholars and keep reading!

This week your child was given a yellow Digital Details sheet highlighting some of the digital resources that your student has access to at home. These sheets are great tools to hang on the fridge and refer to throughout the year when logging into websites from home!

In October we will be kicking off Battle of the Books and reading the Sunshine State Books for 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades. Classes will be getting information about the school Battle of the Books and how they can be part of our Sunshine Crew! Thanks to the Davis PTA for purchasing a class set of the Sunshine State books for all 3-5th grade classes.

In October I will continue to see students in the library for checking out books. I will also be working with classes on library and computer lessons and skills. I look forward to seeing your classes in the library and labs throughout the year!

Mrs. Scott, Media Technology Specialist

The Media Center collects used ink cartridges and old cell phones. We participate in a recycling program where we earn points for each toner/ink cartridge or cell phone turned in. The points are used to purchase media center supplies for the school.



K-Kids is a student-led service organization for elementary school students. At Leila Davis students in 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades can participate in K-Kids. Throughout the year K-Kids will be organizing activities and events that your students can participate in. Next week K-Kids is sponsoring STOMP Out Bullying in recognition of National Bullying Prevention Month. K-kids is wants everyone to wear blue on Monday. We will be participating in the Blue Shirt Day World of Bullying Prevention. Last week K-Kids had students decorate footballs to show our appreciation for teachers going the extra yard. The banner in the hallway turned out great! The next K-Kids meeting will be October 6th at 7:45am in the Media Center. For more information on K-Kids please contact Mrs. Scott (scottsha@pcsb.org), Mrs. Willett (willetth@pcsb.org), or Mrs. McGregor (mcgregorm@pcsb.org).



Music Notes

Chorus

Chorus students are working hard on our winter concert music, “Christmas at the O.K. Corral.” Make sure you have the date saved – Tuesday, December 13th, 7:00 pm at Heritage United Methodist Church.

We’ve also been invited to perform at the Safety Harbor Kiwanis Holiday Arts and Crafts Fair on

Sunday, December 11th at the Gazebo on Main Street. This performance is optional for students and our performance time has not yet been announced. Finally, watch for an email and informational flyer next week on how to purchase the royal blue Davis Chorus polo.

Music is Ageless

On Monday afternoons our band students are sounding terrific! It’s amazing how much progress is made in such a short time. The Music is Ageless teachers also have the “Guitar Monster” program for 4th and 5th graders. If you’re interested, check out www.MusicIsAgelessOnline.com or talk to Mr. Martinez ASAP because classes have already started!

Third Grade Veteran’s Day Performance

Next week our third graders will begin preparing music for our first annual Veteran’s Day celebration, Thursday, November 10th here at school. Music will be available online for practice at home if students would like, and details about time, exact location, and what to wear will come home soon.

After School Clubs

4th and 5th graders will be invited to join an Advanced Chorus/Musical Theater club that will meet after school on Wednesdays. This is for singers who want to do more advanced music or for non-Chorus students who would like a non-musical role in the

winter concert. Look for information to come home soon!

Beginning in January, there will also be after school opportunities for 2nd and 3rd graders who would like to contribute to the Spring Musical.

Online Curriculum

Our new music series is available to students on any device with web access. Go to <https://connected.mcgraw-hill.com> and enter the following credentials: username: R2.D2.PINELLAS password s12345678 **Please note that the username has “.PINELLAS” added and the password does not include the “.” after the s. There will not always be lessons posted, but students can always access the textbook to browse topics, as well as interactive pages with classroom instruments and the orchestra families.

Song of the Month

We’ve had a wonderful time in September singing “This Land is Your Land.” Don’t miss us performing both the song with sign language plus our Davis School Song at our first ROAR Rally in October. Next month we will be singing “America,” also known as “My Country ‘Tis of Thee.”

Mr. Martinez and Ms. Hilliard

Box Tops for Education



Davis Elementary participates in the Box Tops for Education program. The money collected each year helps to fund much needed technology projects and items throughout the school. Each teacher has a collection container in their classroom for Box Tops. At the end of each month, Box Tops will be collected from the classrooms and counted. Grade level winners will be recognized each month. The first Box Top collection will be at the end of September. Start looking on your grocery products today for those valuable Box Tops!



Miss Sullivan's Paint Palette

Greetings from the Art room! Just a quick reminder to join Artsonia.com.

It is a free virtual gallery where I post all of your child's artwork throughout the year. Their gallery will be visible for the remainder of their schooling and you only have to grant permission ONE time. You will get an email notification to let you know artwork has been published and you can post it to facebook, share it with Gramma who lives in a different state, comment on the artwork and even start a fan club! The best part of Artsonia is that you can purchase your child's artwork on an item such as a t-shirt, iphone case, cutting board, and even changeable jewelry (very cool). Their Christmas ornaments are a great gift to give to family around the holidays and they are beautiful! Some parents have waited until the end of the year and made a photo book of all the artwork, that way you don't have to keep all the actual art that comes home all ripped and crumbled from being put in their backpack! Davis will get 20% of the money that we raise, which will go towards art supplies! We can never have enough art supplies, so please make sure you grant permission on Artsonia soon!

If you have any questions, please email me at sullivang@pcsb.org.

Creatively yours,

Miss Sullivan

Physical Education

Super Sports of the Month:

Anna B.-Kindergarten
Dominic L.-1st Grade
Brecken K.-2nd Grade
Giana G.-3rd Grade
Dayshaun R.-4th Grade
Laila P.-5th Grade



National Distinguished Principals



Did you know our very own Principal, Mrs. Hill, is a National Distinguished Principal? The **National Distinguished Principals** program honors outstanding elementary and middle-level administrators who ensure that America's children acquire a sound foundation for lifelong learning and achievement. Each year, NAESP congratulates principals from across the nation in both public and private schools. Mrs. Hill was chosen to represent our state as Florida's National Distinguished Principal. Mrs. Hill will be attending the award ceremony next week in Washington D.C. We are very proud of her.

Ever wonder what A National Distinguished Principal does? We asked a few students what they thought.

A principal's job is to make sure children are safe. Distinguished means she is the best principal in the world. She is really friendly. - Evelyn (2nd Grade)

"What it means to be a distinguished principal"... "I don't know...like an extinguisher, like in a fire. Protecting, she maybe uses the extinguisher?" - Samuel (1st Grade)

They walk around the school A LOT. - Laney R (Kindergarten)

The principal is extinguished because she is on fire. - Ben J. (Kindergarten)

I think to be a distinguished principal means to be a good principal who takes care of his or her school. I think Mrs. Hill goes around the school to make sure students and teachers are doing their job. -Owen (5th Grade)

I think a distinguished principal is a special principal who is different from others, which is good. Principals keep us safe from bad things and make big choices that other people don't want to make. -Miranda (5th Grade)

A principal runs a school and makes the biggest choices for the school. A distinguished principal may be like a principal at the highest rank. –Joshua (5th Grade)

If you are a distinguished principal it must mean you are something really special! Like you have worked really hard and you are the best principal ever in the whole world! – Karina (2nd Grade)

I am not really sure what a principal does ALL day. I know she is busy. I see her at cars, in the hallway, at lunch and EVEN in my classroom. She must be making sure that the teachers are behaving. - Callie (Kindergarten)

A principal's job is to make sure kids are safe and to make sure kids are learning and having fun and for kids to have good feelings about others. – Emmorie (2nd Grade)

Distinguished means most epic! –Hasan (2nd Grade)

Congratulation Mrs. Hill on this recognition. Davis Elementary is lucky to have you as our principal!

Pinellas County Schools Referendum supports teachers and students.

The continuation of Pinellas County Schools Referendum will be on the Nov. 8 general election ballot. The Referendum strengthens reading, music and art programs; provides up-to-date technology; and helps recruit and retain quality teachers. Pinellas County voters overwhelmingly supported the Referendum three times, including its initial approval in 2004. An independent citizens committee oversees Referendum expenditures to ensure money is spent as voters intended.

The Referendum provides classroom libraries filled with diverse and up-to-date materials and increased training opportunities for teachers. Children benefit from intensive reading programs, waived instrument rental fees, and paid admission for field trips to museums and art galleries.

All schools receive equitable funding for quality art supplies, equipment and technology that help students produce strong works of art. All elementary music classes receive musical instruments, and all schools receive music equipment to ensure equity among music programs in the district.

Eighty percent of Referendum revenue supplements teacher salaries, demonstrating the high value placed on keeping quality teachers in Pinellas.

The half-mill tax costs the average single family homeowner less than \$5.50 a month. Every penny of the funding goes directly to Pinellas County teachers and students. Learn more at www.pcsb.org/referendum.

Great American Teach-In



Join us!

Nov. 16 in Pinellas County

Sign up today!

To register for the 2016 Duke Energy Great American Teach-In, please contact your local school by Nov. 9, 2016.

Please plan to join us. The kids will love you for it!



Return the registration form by Nov. 9, 2015, to any Pinellas County school or mail to:

Dr. Valerie Brimm
Pinellas County Schools
301 Fourth St. SW
P.O. Box 2942
Largo, FL 33779-2942

You may also register online at www.pcsb.org/gatiregistration.

If you'd like more information, please contact the Teach-In coordinator at any Pinellas County school.

www.duke-energy.com

You have the power to enrich a child's life – in as little as an hour.

The Duke Energy Great American Teach-In is part of Pinellas County Schools' annual American Education Week celebration. Sponsored by our company since 1994, it's a special opportunity for you to visit the public school of your choice and share what you know with a new generation.

This year's event is scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 16, 2016. Opportunities are available from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. You may choose to stay for an hour or for the whole day! The amount of time you volunteer is determined strictly by what your schedule permits and what the teacher wants to accomplish.

Whatever the length of your visit, you can make a difference. Thousands of previous Teach-In participants have discovered the experience is truly rewarding.

Teach-In tips:

- Plan for 20-35 students per classroom.
- Consider wearing attire appropriate to the occupation, hobby or topic you plan to discuss.
- Keep the students' average attention span in mind: 10-20 minutes for elementary grades and 20-45 minutes for secondary grades.
- When you arrive at the school, please check in at the office to pick up your nametag. Someone will greet you and accompany or direct you to your classroom.
- If you plan to bring printed or audiovisual materials, please check with the teacher or school Teach-In coordinator in advance.
- Do not ask students for personal information, including their telephone numbers or addresses.

Registration Form

NAME: _____		
PHONE (DAY): _____	PHONE (NIGHT): _____	
ADDRESS: _____		
CITY: _____	STATE: _____	ZIP: _____
CHOICE OF SCHOOL (OPTIONAL): _____		
SUBJECT MATTER: _____		GRADE PREFERENCE: _____
LENGTH OF STAY: <input type="checkbox"/> 1-2 HRS <input type="checkbox"/> 3-4 HRS <input type="checkbox"/> ALL DAY		TIME OF DAY TO ATTEND: _____
EQUIPMENT NEEDED: _____		
EMAIL ADDRESS: _____		

Fun Fact! **October**

Pinellas Elementary School Menu



The largest "official" pumpkin ever grown weighed 1,340 pounds



DAILY BREAKFAST CHOICES

Choose up to 2 Grain Choices

such as cereal (=1), toast (=1), mini pancakes (=2), glazed dunker (=2)

OR

Choose 1 Grain and 1 Meat

Choice such as a breakfast sandwich (=1G/1M)

Must choose at least 1:

Fruit or Juice

May Choose 1: Milk

DAILY LUNCH CHOICES:

Choose 1: Entrée

Must choose at least 1:

Fruit or Vegetable

(may choose up to 2 servings each of fruits & veggies with their meal)

Available Daily:

Meatless Entrée,

Cold Sandwiches,

Entrée Salads,

Variety of Fruits & Juices

May Choose: 1 Milk;

Low Fat White Milk,

Fat Free Chocolate Flavored or Skim Milk

All menus are subject to change.

We do our best to provide our customers with all of our planned options, however, occasionally crops, weather & supplies have other ideas!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
3 Banana Pancakes <u>Choose One:</u> Hamburger or Cheeseburger Turkey Pot Roast & Noodles w/Roll Veggie Double Dipper Salad Turkey & Cheese Hoagie <u>Choose:</u> Corn Nibbles Veggie Dippers	4 Sausage Biscuit <u>Choose One:</u> Featured Entrée: ** Chicken Tacos on Soft Tortillas** Pepperoni Stromboli Farmer's Salad, Jamwich Kit <u>Choose:</u> Sliced Carrots Marinara Cup Romaine Side Salad	5 Glazed Dunker <u>Choose One:</u> Chicken Nuggets Spaghetti & Meatballs Fruit & Yogurt Plate Ham & Cheese Croissant <u>Choose:</u> Broccoli Sliced Cucumbers	6 Bacon, Egg & Cheese Pizza <u>Choose One:</u> Breakfast for Lunch Cheesy Bread Chef Salad Chicken Caesar Wrap <u>Choose:</u> Marinara Cup Deli Roasted Potatoes Mixed or Tossed Side Salad	7 Apple Cinnamon Sausage Stick <u>Choose One:</u> Pizza Ocean Treasure Fish Nuggets Chicken Caesar Salad Italian Sub <u>Choose:</u> Oven Baked Beans Veggie Dippers	
10 Blueberry Bash Mini Waffles <u>Choose One:</u> Chicken Sandwich Pizza Crunchers Chef Salad Turkey & Cheese Hoagie <u>Choose:</u> Crinkle Oven Fries Veggie Dippers	11 Scrambled Egg, Bacon & Biscuit <u>Choose One:</u> Featured Entrée: **Stuffed Crust Cheese Pizza** Corndog Farmer's Salad Jamwich Kit <u>Choose:</u> Oven Baked Beans Romaine Side Salad	12 No School For Students  No School For Students	13 Apple Cinnamon Texas Toast <u>Choose One:</u> Chicken & Dutch Waffle Grilled Cheese Cobb Salad Chicken Caesar Wrap <u>Choose:</u> Tomato Soup Mixed or Tossed Side Salad	14 Pancake Pup <u>Choose One:</u> Pizza Potato Crusted Fish Sticks & Corn Muffin Loaf Chicken Popper Salad Italian Sub <u>Choose:</u> Green Beans, Veggie Dippers	
17 Sausage Gravy Bagel <u>Choose One:</u> Max Sticks Mandarin Chicken Bowl w/ Roll Chef Salad Turkey & Cheese Hoagie <u>Choose:</u> Marinara Cup Stir Fry Vegetable Veggie Dippers	18 Maple Pancake Minis School Favorites Day  Students Choose the Menu!	19 Chicken Biscuit <u>Choose One:</u> Chicken Drumstick w/ Hush Puppy Macaroni & Cheese Yogurt Parfait Ham & Cheese Croissant <u>Choose:</u> Sweet Potato Waffle Fries Sliced Cucumbers	20 Apple Bosco Stick <u>Choose One:</u> Beef or Pork Tacos Mini Calzones Farmer's Salad Chicken Caesar Wrap <u>Choose:</u> Marinara Cup Refried Fiesta Beans Mixed or Tossed Side Salad	21 Egg & Cheese Croissant <u>Choose One:</u> Pizza Fish Cake Sandwich w/Cheese Chicken Caesar Salad Italian Sub <u>Choose:</u> Spinach or Collard Greens Veggie Dippers	
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31 Blueberry Bash Mini Waffles <u>Choose One:</u> Phantom Pizza Crunchers Chicken Bat Nuggets Tombstone Turkey/Cheese Sandwich Spooky Chef Salad <u>Choose:</u> Vampire Veggie Dippers Coffin Crinkle Oven Fries					Visit nutrislice.com for Menu & Nutrition Information 

In accordance with Federal Law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, Pinellas County School Food Service is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability. (Not all prohibited bases apply to all programs.) To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, Room 326-W, Whitten Building, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Washington D.C. 20250-9410 or call (202) 720-5964 (voice or TDD). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

SCHOOL APPRECIATION NIGHT



Celebration Station Properties, Inc.

FOR STUDENTS AND TEACHERS!
FREE UNLIMITED RIDES AND PIZZA BUFFET

Parents and Friends can purchase on-line for only **\$12⁹⁹**
or **\$15.99** at the door

25% of the Event Tickets go back to the School!

DATE: 10/03/16 **TIME: 4pm-9pm**

TO PURCHASE TICKETS GO TO
<https://tickets.celebrationstation.com/mainstore.asp>





**EXTRA YARD
TEACHERS**
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REFERENDUM 2016

PINELLAS COUNTY SCHOOLS



- Invigorating  **Visual Arts**
- Enhancing  **Performing Arts**
- Strengthening  **Reading**
- Enriching  **Technology**

Supporting Pinellas Students

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Since the renewal in 2012, the Referendum has funded more than \$1.28 million in books, e-readers and laptops.



80% of the Referendum supplements teacher salaries, demonstrating the high value the district places on recruiting and retaining quality teachers.

Students benefit from reading comprehension programs, waived instrument rental fees, and paid admission for field trips to museums and art galleries.

Referendum funds support all students by providing classroom libraries filled with diverse and up-to-date materials, increased training opportunities for teachers and the latest technology.

All schools receive equitable funding for quality art supplies, equipment and technology that help students produce strong and award-winning works of art. Referendum funds provide music equipment, instruments and band uniforms, and help the district develop a robust orchestra program.

 Every penny of the money collected through the Referendum is locally controlled and goes to Pinellas County teachers and students.

The Referendum is up for renewal in November 2016.
www.pcsb.org/referendum

