

# 2023-24 IN REVIEW

## PRIORITY 1: ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE THROUGH INNOVATION

### PCS EARNED A DISTRICT GRADE OF AN A



Over 270 middle and high school students attended the 6th annual Ignite Arts Camp for band, chorus, orchestra, musical theater and dance.

### 83% of PCS schools are A and B schools

PCS reached the **highest levels** of proficiency in **ELA, Math and Science** in **nine years**, reaching **first among** large districts in **the state**.

**55** "A" SCHOOLS      **40** "B" SCHOOLS      **20** "C" SCHOOLS



PCS Grade 3 ELA proficiency increased by 9 percentage points compared to 2022-23 and outperformed the state by 7 points in 2023-24.

## PRIORITY 2: SAFE & RESPECTFUL CLIMATE AND CULTURE

PCS continues to collaborate with local law enforcement agencies to maintain full compliance with all school safety requirements.



**89% OF FAMILIES AGREE THAT STUDENTS HAVE SOMEONE AT SCHOOL THEY CAN GO TO FOR HELP WITH A SCHOOL PROBLEM.**



Students Against Violence Everywhere (SAVE) clubs in each school organized and led various campus-wide activities during Say Something Week in March. Hollins High was invited to present a breakout session at Sandy Hook Promise National Summit.

## PRIORITY 3: EQUITY WITH EXCELLENCE FOR ALL

**11 SCHOOLS** in the Transformation Zone **INCREASED A SCHOOL GRADE**



Black student proficiency increased in ELA by 6.8 percentage points on the FAST assessment.



English language learners increased at a higher rate in ELA than their English-speaking peers.



All ESSA (Every Student Succeeds Act) subgroups increased in proficiency.

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## PRIORITY 4: POSITIVE STAFF EXPERIENCES



**93%** of participating employees said they find their work interesting.



Over **750 PARTICIPANTS** have been trained on the principles and expectations of PCS for adult learning and trainings.



**96%** of participating employees strongly agreed or agreed that they are engaged in their work.



All employees received an average **4.5% SALARY INCREASE** in 2023-24.

## PRIORITY 5: STRONG CONNECTIONS AND COMMUNICATION



PCS and the Museum of Fine Arts in St. Pete celebrated a 10-year partnership. **50,000+ students** have attended the field trip connecting social studies to the arts throughout the partnership.



PCS started **three new podcasts this year** with a total of 12 episodes. All episodes of Finding Joy, Tales from the Tech Side and AHA moments can be found on the PCS YouTube channel and wherever you get your podcasts.



Volunteer time equated to **\$17 million added value** to PCS students and schools in 2023-24.



Welcome to TogetherPCS, the district's monthly newsletter featuring students, staff, alumni, educators, curriculum, community partners and so much more!

In this issue, we celebrate March Madness by featuring a Boca Ciega High School alum who is now the head men's basketball coach at Southeastern Louisiana University. We also learn more about how Dunedin High School is using the SeaPerch program to construct underwater robots. And we celebrate the 976 seventh graders who took the TIP SAT at their respective schools.

If you know someone who should be featured in TogetherPCS, please click the "Nominate Here" button below. Let's do this TOGETHER!

PCS has published 13 issues of TogetherPCS, the district newsletter. It has nearly **10,000** subscribers with an average open rate of over 50%.

## PRIORITY 6: FISCAL AND OPERATIONAL RESPONSIBILITY



**87.6% OF ALL ESSER/ARP FUNDS** received by PCS were spent as of April 2024, positioning the district for full expenditure by the September 2024 deadline.



Nearly **8,000 STUDENT** laptops have been repaired by in-house technicians.



**151 STUDENTS** earned their certification in the Dell Tech Crew program and repaired 610 devices through the PCS Connects initiative.



In partnership with PCS, the Speer YMCA opened to the community in December 2023. Mangrove Bay Middle School, located on the shared campus, welcomed students in August 2024.