

# QUARTER 3 UPDATE



## STRATEGIC PRIORITY 1: ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE THROUGH INNOVATION OBJECTIVE 1: ACCELERATE INNOVATIVE LEARNING EXPERIENCES FOR ALL STUDENTS

Progress: July 2024 - March 2025



### OBJECTIVE 1 STRATEGIES IN ACTION

#### All-County Student Performances

More than **1,100 PCS students** from all grade levels participated in a series of **five concerts** during the All-County Music Fest, showcasing their talents in **Dance, Band, Orchestra and Chorus**.

#### STEAM Bus

PCS is **transforming a former school bus into a mobile STEAM lab**, bringing students hands-on, innovative learning experiences in science, technology, engineering, arts, and math. A districtwide, interdepartmental team is **redesigning the bus from the ground up to create engaging instructional spaces** aligned with middle school standards. The STEAM bus will **launch in June** for summer camps and will continue serving students in the fall as an **on-site mobile field trip** and a **highlight at community events**.

#### History Day Competitions

Nearly **300 students** participated in the Pinellas History Day competition, and **67 PCS middle and high school students** advanced to the **Florida History Day competition**.

### FAST FACTS



#### Science and Engineering Fair

The Pinellas Regional Science and Engineering Fair featured 65 student projects, with **11 advancing to the state level**. Best of Fair was awarded to a project on bioluminescent plants which will compete at both state and international levels.



#### Learning Beyond the Classroom

In the third quarter, more than **7,000 students** across all grade levels participated in enriching learning experiences through approximately **170 field trips funded by the district and referendum**.

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## STRATEGIC PRIORITY 1: ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE THROUGH INNOVATION OBJECTIVE 2: EXPAND EARLY LITERACY INITIATIVES FOR ALL STUDENTS IN GRADES PRE-K-3



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### OBJECTIVE 2 STRATEGIES IN ACTION

#### Ready, Set... Kindergarten

Incoming **kindergarten families** were invited to their schools to **meet teachers, tour the campus, begin registration**, and get a preview of kindergarten prior to the fall. Families were also **invited back to campus** for a future campus event, such as Science Expo Night.

#### Early Learning Instructional Supports

District instructional support was redistributed for pre-k through grade 2 classrooms based on STAR PM2 performance. Early learning supports include **formal training** during regular meetings with principals, assistant principals, and coaches, as well as **on-site, district-led coaching** focusing on core or small group instruction. Additionally, a VPK **progress monitoring plan** was designed and implemented to provide targeted intervention and support for the most struggling students.

#### Data Analytics

PCS is integrating the Early Literacy Formative Assessment Check (ELFAC) data into its **Data Analytics** dashboard to support teachers in **tailoring instruction to each student's learning needs**.

### FAST FACTS



#### K-3 Literacy Training

K-3 teachers enhanced their instructional practices and leadership skills through a variety of professional development opportunities. The six Literacy Leadership Trainings reached **354 participants**, focusing on instructional strategies and leadership growth. Additionally, **125 teachers** refined early literacy intervention practices in the Targeted Small Group Instruction Refreshers, while **93 first grade teachers** explored strategies to strengthen student writing in the Tiny Topic Writing Sessions.

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[North Shore Elementary announces their One School, One Book kickoff](#)



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## STRATEGIC PRIORITY 1: ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE THROUGH INNOVATION OBJECTIVE 3: ENSURE GRADUATES ARE PREPARED FOR WORKFORCE AND COLLEGE SUCCESS



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### OBJECTIVE 3 STRATEGIES IN ACTION

#### Extended SAT and Bright Futures Scholarship Opportunities

**In-school SAT** opportunities were extended to seniors who were within 150 points of qualifying for the **Bright Futures Florida Medallion Scholarship** and met all other criteria except service hours. **New virtual SAT preparation** sessions were designed specifically for these seniors, focusing on reading and math.

#### Dual Enrollment Growth

In the first semester, nearly **88% of PCS students** enrolled in the introductory dual enrollment course, SLS 1301 – Career and Life Planning, **successfully completed** it. In the second semester, enrollment **increased by 24%**, rising from fewer than 700 to over 850 students.

#### College and Career Fair

The PCS South Pinellas **College & Career Fair** drew approximately **800 attendees**. The event provided students and families with opportunities to connect with **130 colleges, universities, military recruiters, major employers, and vocational programs** while exploring **career and internship pathways**.

### FAST FACTS



#### Career Dual Enrollment

PCS students are enrolled in more than **1,050 career dual enrollment** courses.



#### FAFSA Completion Challenge

In third quarter, PCS **ranked second among large districts in the Florida College Access Network FAFSA Challenge**, with 31% completion.

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## STRATEGIC PRIORITY 1: ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE THROUGH INNOVATION OBJECTIVE 4: EARN A DISTRICT GRADE OF A



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### OBJECTIVE 4 STRATEGIES IN ACTION

*\*Updated annually in the Quarter 2 and Annual Report.*

#### PCS Graduation Rate Exceeds State Average

Pinellas County Schools' graduation rate increased to **91.5%**, **outperforming the state** graduation rate of 89.7%. **PCS ranks fourth** among Florida's largest public school districts and **third** in the **Tampa Bay area**. The nearly **four percentage point increase** from last year marks a growth of over 20 percentage points since 2013.

#### Data Analytics Dashboard for Teachers

The district has successfully developed and launched a **Data Analytics Dashboard** for leaders, with continuous updates to enhance its functionality. The latest feature is a **dedicated teacher view** that enables teachers to analyze data and pinpoint standards and focus areas for **both enrichment and intervention**, ensuring instruction meets each student's unique needs.

### FAST FACTS



#### PCS Excels in ELA PM2

PCS **outperformed** its **previous results** and the **state average** in English Language Arts (ELA) PM2 compared to the 2023-24 school year.



#### College and Career Readiness

The class of 2024 had **more graduates meet college and career readiness benchmarks than any previous class**. These achievements were earned through AP, IB, or AICE exams, dual enrollment, career training, military credentials, and industry certifications.

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