

QUARTER 1 UPDATE

STRATEGIC PRIORITY 6: FISCAL AND OPERATIONAL RESPONSIBILITY OBJECTIVE 14: SUCCESSFULLY TRANSITION STRATEGIES FUNDED BY ESSER/ARP



Progress: July 2024 - September 2024



OBJECTIVE 14 STRATEGIES IN ACTION

**Updated during the Midyear Update and Annual Report.*

Summer Camp Experiences

ESSER/ARP funding provided PCS students with **summer enrichment** experiences throughout the month of July. Opportunities included STEM, arts, culinary, and robotics. PCS is exploring other funding sources for summer 2025.

Read Across Pinellas

The Read Across Pinellas (RAP) tutoring program, designed for children in kindergarten and first grade, was **successfully transitioned** from ESSER/ARP grants to referendum funding in 2023-24. RAP tutors are trained and compensated to engage with learners to strengthen their reading skills.

Sustained Operational Activities

PCS continued to **transition** projects funded by ESSER/ARP grants to the **operating budget** (e.g., cost of substitutes, PCS Connects, sanitation).

Digital Resources Review

PCS continues to review the current **digital content** tools and platforms supported by the district and ESSER/ARP funds to **prioritize programs** that will continue after fall 2024.

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Employee Salaries

Salary increases for 2023-24 and 2024-25 were paid from operating funds, and there is no anticipated reliance on reserves.



ESSER/ARP Drawdown

All ESSER/ARP funds allocated to non-charter schools were **successfully utilized** within the designated timeframe, **meeting** the September 2024 **deadline**.

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PCS students exploring the STEM of flying!

PCS students explore the 3D printing at Summer Camp

Doggie Daycare at Summer Camp

PCS students learn about coding at Summer Camp



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OBJECTIVE 15 STRATEGIES IN ACTION

Routing and Communication Systems

PCS is developing a new bus **routing system to enhance efficiency** in routing, management, and reporting. This system will adjust routes when students are absent and use GPS data to eliminate unused stops. It will be piloted in north county before the end of the spring semester.

Driver Hiring and Retention

PCS has been actively hiring bus drivers and successfully **increased** the number for the **third consecutive semester** in August 2024, staffing enough drivers to cover all routes.

Ridership Campaign

PCS serves nearly 22,000 bus riders and has implemented a ridership campaign to confirm which eligible students plan to use school bus transportation before the school year begins.

FAST FACTS



PCS **eliminated** the school bus driver **deficit** and currently employs enough drivers for each route.



Twenty new **electric school buses** were operating on the first day of school, and **77%** of the district bus fleet is powered by **propane or electricity**.

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STRATEGIC PRIORITY 6: FISCAL AND OPERATIONAL RESPONSIBILITY OBJECTIVE 16: PROVIDE STATE-OF-THE-ART FACILITIES, TECHNOLOGY, AND RESOURCES



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OBJECTIVE 16 STRATEGIES IN ACTION

Grand Opening of New Facilities

Construction was completed on time, and **Mangrove Bay Middle School**, along with the **Employee Child Care Center**, welcomed their **inaugural** classes.

Enterprise Resource Planning

A **cross-functional team**, including Human Resources, Technology Information Systems (TIS), and Finance, meets regularly with the vendor to drive **development and implementation**. Training has begun, and an executive dashboard has been implemented to manage milestones. The ERP is on track for the October 2025 launch date.

Wireless Network Upgrade

The district is **upgrading wireless** access points across all schools to ensure a fast and reliable user experience for both staff and students. This initiative aims to **enhance connectivity** and support the increasing demand for **digital learning** and administrative operations.

FAST FACTS



Leadership Development Center

Construction of the **PCS Leadership Development Center** is underway, and the community will have the opportunity to **suggest names** for it later this fall.



Improving Learning Spaces

The district has established a process for schools to evaluate their facilities and provide **recommendations** to **enhance learning environments**, informing the 5-year capital plan.

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