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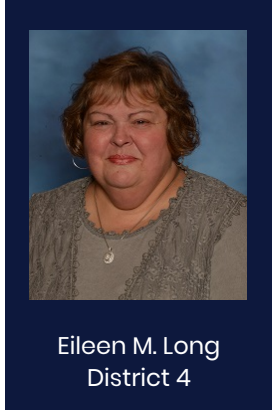
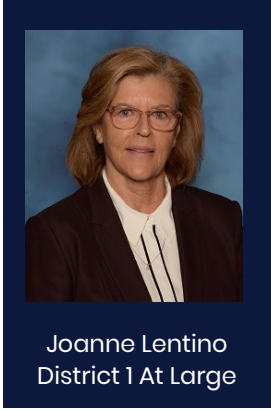
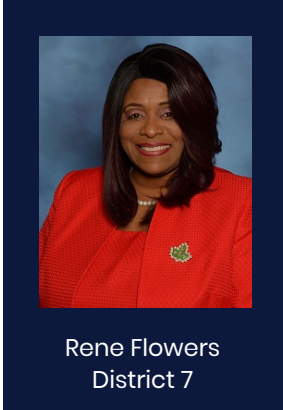
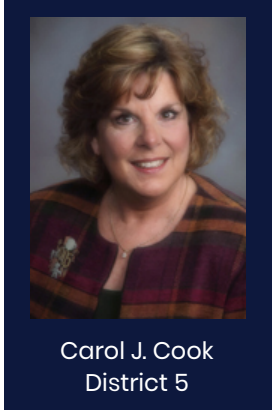
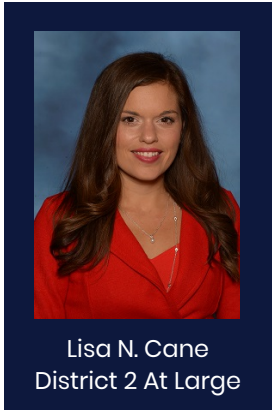
School Board of Pinellas County Schools

MISSION

Educate and prepare each student for college, career and life

VISION

100% Student Success



CORE VALUES

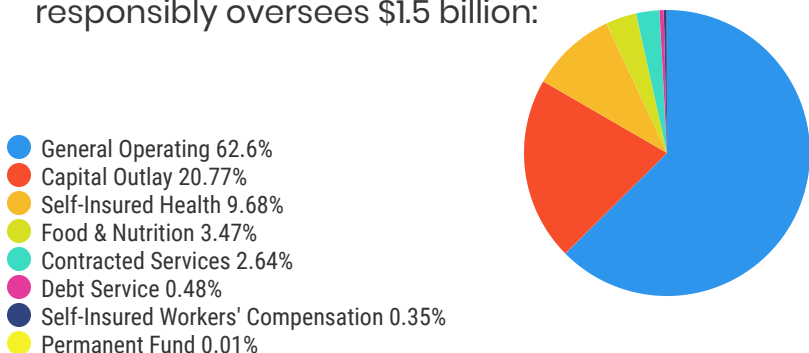
- Commitment to Children, Families and Community
- Respectful and Caring Relationships
- Cultural Competence
- Integrity
- Responsibility
- Connectedness



Keep Students First

Sufficiently and Sustainably Fund Schools to Meet the Educational Needs of Students

In order to support the mission and vision of Pinellas County Schools, the district responsibly oversees \$1.5 billion:



The budget is aligned each year to the District Strategic Plan.



- *Update the calculation for the Required Local Effort (RLE) millage rate to capture the increases in residential and commercial property values, revenue gained from new construction and the change of value in real estate caused by the sale of property value so that growth pays for itself.*
- *Ensure fair process and structures within the District Cost Differential (DCD) study to accurately reflect the cost of living in Pinellas County.*
- *Extend voter authorized millage set forth in s. 1011.73, F.S. from 4-year up to 10-year terms.*

TEACHER SALARIES and FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

- *Increase teacher salaries in a meaningful, sustainable manner in order to attract and retain highly-effective teachers and address a growing teacher shortage.*
- *Increase general operating dollars (Base Student Allocation) by a minimum of 3% to sufficiently fund costs including salaries, benefits, mandatory employer contributions to the Florida Retirement System and increased fixed costs such as utilities and insurance.*

**The Pinellas County Schools
2019-20**

Starting Teacher Salary :

\$43,809

thanks to the
commitment of the
School Board and the
voters of Pinellas County.



Did you know?

Voters in Pinellas County continuously support the funding of schools as evidenced by the referendum of a half-mill property tax since 2004.

Keep Students First

Sufficiently and Sustainably Fund Schools to Meet the Educational Needs of Students



In Pinellas County Schools, Voluntary PreKindergarten includes:

- Full-day services and supports;
- Certified teachers and paraprofessionals; and
- Curriculum and resources aligned to the developmental needs of our youngest.



PREKINDERGARTEN SUPPORTS and SERVICES

- *Enhance the investment in and accountability for developmentally appropriate, high-quality early learning and Voluntary PreKindergarten (VPK) full-day programs. Revise school readiness pre-school application to permit funding for school day and after school services for PreKindergarten students.*
- *Rename the education statute to include PreKindergarten, allowing certified teachers to be included in incentive and retirement afforded to K-12 teachers.*

Studies continue to demonstrate that high-quality early childhood programs support the development of social and academic skills. Ultimately, impacting long-term achievement and lifetime earning potential.

Did you know?

- Since 2013, Pinellas County Schools (PCS) has nearly doubled the number of VPK classrooms;
- In addition to adding classrooms, the district has been able to almost triple the number of VPK seats available; and
- In 2019, the district entered into a Child Care Partnership with Lutheran Services Florida and opened the first PCS Head Start classrooms.

Keep Learners Engaged

Support Career Technical Education and Public Technical Colleges



**Pinellas Education
Foundation**

In the summer of 2019, in partnership with the Pinellas Education Foundation, the district launched the Summer Career Acceleration Program (SCAP) that matches rising high school seniors with local businesses for a summer internship and industry certification coursework.

- *Appropriate \$6.5 million statewide, in alignment with the Workforce Performance Funding formula, to school district workforce education programs for performance-based industry certifications earned by postsecondary students in the 2019-20 school year.*
- *Appropriate \$3 million statewide to provide grants to technical colleges to establish new apprenticeship programs and expand existing programs.*
- *Include career dual enrolled and apprenticeship students in the acceleration calculation for state high school grades which is currently provided for academic dual-enrolled students.*

SUMMER CAREER ACCELERATION and WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

- *Appropriate \$300,000 to Pinellas County Schools for Summer Career Acceleration Program to support rising juniors and seniors and serve as a statewide model for enhancing access to student internships/apprenticeships and career technical education.*
- *Continue to build tax credits or fund grants for businesses to support student internships and apprenticeships.*

During the first year, the Summer Career Acceleration Program engaged **100 business partners** that supported **118 students!**



Did you know?

Pinellas County Schools has increased the number of Career and Technical Course Industry Certifications earned by students by over 500% from 2011-12 to 2018-19, with the number of certifications increasing from 2,222 to 13,939 (a 3.5 percentage point increase over 2017-18).

Keep Students, Families and Schools Safe



Pinellas County Schools remain fully compliant with the Marjory Stoneman Douglas Public Safety Act and corresponding legislation, including but not limited to:

- Armed presence at every school;
- Facility assessments and hardening measures;
- Facility-level safety plans;
- Monthly drills at every school; and
- Continued collaboration with law enforcement



- *Increase funding for community mental health and substance abuse agencies and require that the new revenue identify specific service slots for students in need of services as identified by public school personnel.*
- *Require that public facilities, other than K-12 schools, are utilized as hurricane shelters and post-storm support to ensure schools can resume as soon as possible following a storm.*

SCHOOL SAFETY AND SECURITY

- *Increase total funds for the Safe Schools Allocation to support the full cost of school safety requirements.*
- *Restore authority of local school boards to levy up to 2.0 mills for capital outlay, continued implementation of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas Public Safety Act and full cost of school safety requirements.*



Pinellas County Schools invested in technological security solutions for monitoring and engaging all law enforcement agencies to ensure safety at all school sites.



Did you know?

Pinellas County Schools has been nationally recognized for implementation of Sandy Hook Promise programming.

Keep Students in World-Class Facilities



Pinellas County Schools seeks to build upon national recognition as a leader in supporting great teachers, through the development of a Professional Development Center.

State-of-the-art Development Center

Appropriate funds to Pinellas County Schools for a state-of-the-art professional development center to serve as a model for teacher and leadership development and support.



In 2018-19, Pinellas County Schools invested over \$100 million in strategic capital improvements, new construction/renovation and building maintenance, so students have access to world-class learning environments.



- Maintain state commitment and structure for funding capital outlay for public schools through Public Education Capital Outlay (PECO).
- Restore authority of local school boards to levy up to 2.0 mills for capital outlay, continued implementation of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas Public Safety Act and full cost of school safety requirements.



Did you know?

- St. Petersburg High School has the district's first artificial turf athletic field.
- The district is in the process of finalizing a public-private partnership middle school with the YMCA of Greater St. Petersburg.

Economic Impact

The district continues to positively impact the community each and every day



Over **\$12.5 million** annual impact for families as a result of college/postsecondary tuition saved during high school.

College Credits

AP, IB, Dual-Enrollment or Cambridge AICE



12,393 Participating Students



20,285 College-Level Courses



\$12,055,984 Savings for Students and Families



Career-technical credentials

Credentials and certifications applied to postsecondary institutions



Over **\$500,000**

Graduates save as they enroll in postsecondary institutions

Pinellas Technical College makes a tremendous impact on employment throughout the county.

Over **14,000 employees** make Pinellas County Schools the largest employer in the county.

\$51 million

Local employment



Graduate salaries employed within Pinellas County

\$1.5 billion

Salaries Healthcare Contracts/Services



Instructional Support Administrative

Over **\$250 million** in impact from current major capital outlay projects.

Investing in students not only builds the next generation of leaders, but also benefits the entire community!

\$250 million

Local companies and development



Salaries Local Services/Contracts Funds reinvested locally

Working together we can support students, teachers, schools and families to achieve 100% student success!



Thank you for your dedication to serving all citizens in Pinellas County.

The School Board of Pinellas County and staff look forward to working collaboratively in support of the students, families and staff of Pinellas County Schools.



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