



# THANKS PINELLAS!

Your support makes a difference to our students.

2004-2005 BUDGET UPDATE

On Nov. 3, 2004, the citizens of Pinellas County voted to increase the ad valorem millage one-half mill for necessary operating expenses including funds to recruit and retain quality teachers, preserve reading programs and music and art classes, and provide up-to-date textbooks and technology, July 1, 2005–June 30, 2009. Your funds are hard at work in accordance with referendum guidelines and are being monitored by the Independent Citizens Referendum Oversight Committee (ICROC).

## TEACHER COMPENSATION

\$23.5 MILLION

- Compensation supplements targeted for retaining and recruiting great teachers for your children



## READING

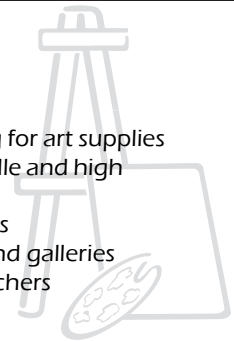
\$2.1 MILLION

- 17,400 library books for elementary school media centers
- Supplemental reading materials at 82 elementary schools and two exceptional student education centers
- Classroom library materials for 22 elementary schools
- Elementary literacy books and toolkits for 28 schools
- 15,570 library books for all middle and high school media centers
- Portable remedial reading labs for every high school
- More than 7,000 new books for high school classroom libraries
- More than 15,000 new books for middle school classroom libraries

## VISUAL ARTS

\$1 MILLION

- Additional per-student funding for art supplies
- Student art magazines for middle and high school art classes
- Four high school computer labs
- 30 art field trips to museums and galleries
- Training sessions for 90 art teachers
- Art equipment for 80 schools



## MUSIC (PERFORMING ARTS)

\$1 MILLION

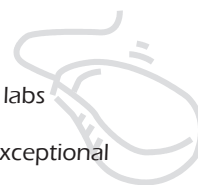
- Band uniform funding for 16 high schools
- Equipment for 42 elementary music programs
- String instruction and equipment for 10 schools
- Funding for a high school choral program
- Drama DVDs for 13 high school theater programs



## TECHNOLOGY

\$1 MILLION

- 17 high school 30-station wireless computer labs
- 17 LCD projectors
- Five-station wireless computer labs at three exceptional education centers



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