

# TOGETHER PCS

## KEEPING PACE WITH PINELLAS COUNTY SCHOOLS

*This week, our Pinellas County community has experienced tremendous loss and impact from Hurricane Helene. Our thoughts are with those who've lost loved ones or were displaced due to storm damage. As we have seen time and time again, in the hardest times, we come together in the most impactful ways. There are many things that I am tremendously grateful for and extremely proud of including the hundreds of district employees who helped to operate storm shelters for four days; the maintenance teams at both affected schools quickly beginning the cleanup; everyone in the district who has contributed to our students returning to school so expediently; and all stakeholders who have put their own needs aside to make sure fellow teachers, students, friends and neighbors have what they need. I continue to be amazed and humbled by the generosity and kindness surrounding us and want to thank our entire community for the outpouring of support for our district.*

Kevin K. Hendrick  
Superintendent, Pinellas County Schools

## WHAT'S INSIDE



### PCS addresses storm damage

On Sunday, Sept. 29, Superintendent Hendrick, joined by Pinellas County School Board Chair Laura Hine, addressed the press from the Madeira Beach Fundamental K-8 campus.

First and foremost, Mr. Hendrick expressed his sympathy for

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### Pinellas Education Foundation seeks monetary donations

Hurricane Helene had a devastating impact on our community. Two schools in our district sustained severe damage, and many Pinellas County Schools employees endured

students, staff and families of Pinellas County who experienced loss in the aftermath of Hurricane Helene.

He then outlined the plan for affected schools - Madeira Beach Fundamental Elementary School has a temporary home on the Walsingham/Southern Oak Elementary campus, Madeira Beach Fundamental Middle School students are attending Osceola Fundamental High School with a modified split schedule and Gulf Beaches Elementary School is now operating out of Disston Academy.

"I want to sincerely thank our community: our parents, our families, the students, the staff, the first responders and our partners at the county emergency management center, and our sheriff for their support of this community and our school district in this time of need," Hendrick said.

[Watch video here](#)



## District launches Support PCS platform

To help support the students and staff at Pinellas County Schools who have been affected by the devastation of Hurricane Helene, the district is currently accepting supplies, resources, and services to help students and staff return to school successfully. Offers of support can be made either at **SUPPORT PCS**, by contacting 727-588-6405 or by emailing [supportpcs@pcsb.org](mailto:supportpcs@pcsb.org).

personal losses, leaving teachers' and students' lives upside down.

Pinellas Education Foundation is seeking monetary donations to help provide essential supplies for learning and restore a sense of normalcy for our students, educators, and employees. Providing stability and getting students back into the classroom is crucial for their well-being.

Every dollar you give brings us one step closer to normalcy.

Together, we can rebuild and recover, bringing hope back to our schools and community. Your contribution will directly support teachers, students, and Pinellas County Schools employees impacted by Hurricane Helene.



Mildred Helms Elementary School staff prepare care packages for Madeira Beach teachers.

[Watch the video here](#)



## THANK YOU FERG'S AND MADEIRA BEACH PTA

Thank you to former Pinellas County Schools' teacher Mark Ferguson and his entire Ferg's staff and the Madeira Beach Fundamental PTA for hosting our Gulf Beaches and Madeira Beach Fundamental teachers for a special staff luncheon!





The Pinellas County Schools Food & Nutrition Department will serve all meals free of charge to all students for the next month. Due to events of Hurricane Helene it is necessary to make sure all students are able to have nutritious meals. Breakfast is currently free to all students.



## Tyrone Middle hosts childcare for families affected by Helene

Tyrone Middle School hosted childcare services for families impacted by Hurricane Helene. Elementary and middle school students participated in STEM projects, games, crafts and movement activities Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday thanks to a collaborative effort among several departments. Parents said their children enjoyed the distraction and the opportunity gave many families peace of mind in the aftermath of Hurricane Helene.

"We are one district, one team," said Tyrone

## Gulf Beaches Elementary students return at Disston Academy



Middle principal Linda Burris, who said it's been nice to have the younger kids on campus. "We do what we have to do to help each other."

Pinellas County Schools continues to offer childcare FREE of charge for families in need.



*Watch the video here*

## **Madeira Beach Elementary students welcomed back by Walsingham/Southern Oak Elementary**



*Watch the video here*

## **Madeira Beach Middle students return to school at Osceola Fundamental High**





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