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# External Review Exit Report

Pinellas County School District

February 1 -4, 2015

A group of diverse students are gathered around a table, looking at a document. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent blue filter. The students include a young woman with dark hair, a young man with short dark hair, a young woman with glasses and dark hair, a young woman with long brown hair, and a young man with short grey hair.

AdvancED is the global leader in providing continuous improvement and accreditation services to over 32,000 institutions serving 20 million students worldwide.

# Accreditation

An international protocol for institutions committed to systemic, systematic and sustainable improvement

- Builds capacity of the system and its schools to increase and sustain student learning
- Stimulates and improves effectiveness and efficiency throughout the system

# External Review

A diagnostic process to stimulate and guide continuous improvement with a focus on:

- Impact of teaching and learning
- Capacity of leadership
- Use of resources

# Stakeholders

Stakeholders Interviewed	Number
Board Members	7
Superintendent	1
Administrators	116
Instructional Staff	101
Support Staff	61
Students	109
Parents/Community/Business Leaders	73
Total	468



# Domain

## Teaching and Learning Impact

The External Review Team examined:

- Student performance results
- Instructional quality
- Learner and family engagement
- Support services for student learning
- Curriculum quality and efficacy
- College and career readiness data



# Improvement Priority

Refine and systematically monitor the district plan to train all instructional staff and administrators on the implementation of high-yield, student centered instructional strategies that align across the district to reflect the rigorous Florida Standards to ensure timely and specific feedback that increases student achievement.



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Complete a thorough analysis of the effectiveness of system leader supervision and implement practices and protocols for supervision, evaluation, and professional development that permeate through all schools in the district, which are related to instructional practices to improve student achievement.





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Develop a systematic structure to ensure that each student has an adult advocate to support the student's educational experience, and include a training component for staff and a process to monitor and evaluate the results of the implementation, making adjustments as indicated.

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## Leadership Capacity

### The External Review Team examined:

- Institutional purpose and direction
- Governance and leadership effectiveness
- Stakeholder engagement
- Improvement capacity
- Results

**Findings**  
**Vision**

**Mission**

**Values**

**Goals**



# Powerful Practice

Leadership at all levels of the system engages the community with collaborative efforts through active community partnerships and the Pinellas Education Foundation's initiatives consistent with Pinellas County's vision of 100% Student Success.



# Powerful Practice

Leadership has established a strategic plan developed in conjunction with the budgeting process that serves as a guide in actualizing the district's purpose and direction.



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## Resource Utilization

The External Review Team examined:

- Allocation and use of resources
- Equity of resource distribution to need
- Level and sustainability of resources
- Long range capital and resource planning effectiveness

# Powerful Practice

The Pinellas County School System demonstrates a comprehensive practice in long range planning for both instructional and capital programs.

# Recommendation

The External Review Team recommends to  
the AdvancED Accreditation Commission  
that the

**Pinellas County School District**

earn the distinction of accreditation by  
AdvancED.

# Continuous Improvement



- Improvement Priorities must be addressed within two years
- Beginning a journey of improvement
- Deliberate and strategic actions to ensure that every child, *every day is being prepared and achieving success for their future*

# Final Thoughts

## The External Review Team:

- Appreciates *your hospitality, support and professionalism.*
- Respects and acknowledges the *efforts to improve the quality of your institution.*
- Congratulates your system and community on *completing the requirements for AdvancED School System Accreditation.*