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$10 Million Gift Energizes Palm Beach Day Academy's Second Century Campaign

Landmark Commitment Advances Faculty Excellence, Student Opportunity, and Seaview Campus Transformation

Palm Beach, FL — March 19, 2026 — Palm Beach Day Academy (PBDA) today announced a transformative $10 million commitment from current parents Elena and Scott Shleifer in support of the School's *Second Century Campaign*. This latest gift, building on their record $18 million contribution in 2022, brings the Shleifers' total campaign support to an unprecedented $28 million.

As early champions of the campaign, the Shleifers' renewed investment significantly advances PBDA's strategic priorities, including strengthening faculty support, expanding student opportunities, and continuing the comprehensive renovation of the historic Seaview Campus. "With this extraordinary gift, Scott and Elena once again demonstrate their deep commitment to Palm Beach Day Academy and to the future of our community," said Fanning M. Hearon, Head of School. "Their generosity will enable us to attract and retain exceptional educators and provide our students with an enriched academic experience in a reimagined learning environment. From state-of-the-art classrooms and collaborative spaces to a new arts center and redesigned dining facilities, the transformation of our Seaview Campus will elevate the PBDA experience for generations of students."

PBDA has now secured more than $44 million—approximately 88% of its $50 million goal—during the leadership phase of the *Second Century Campaign*. Upon completion, the campaign will position the School to further invest in academic excellence, faculty development, and long-term institutional sustainability through a strengthened endowment.

"PBDA holds a special place in our hearts and has helped shape our children for future academic and social success at the highest level," said Scott and Elena Shleifer. "We believe there is no better investment than in children and their teachers. This gift reflects our confidence in the School's mission and our belief that its work is essential to the strength and vitality of the Palm Beach community."

The Shleifers' continued philanthropy represents a powerful endorsement of PBDA's vision and its enduring impact on students, families, and the broader community. Their generosity serves

as an inspiration for others to join PBDA in supporting the School's next century of academic excellence.

To learn more about the *Second Century Campaign*, visit www.pbday.org/giving/second-century-campaign.

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ABOUT PALM BEACH DAY ACADEMY
Founded in 1921, Palm Beach Day Academy (PBDA) is an independent, co-educational day school serving more than 570 students from Pre-Primary (age two) through Grade 8. The School's mission is rooted in providing an academically challenging, compassion-rich environment that guides each child toward personal excellence of mind, body, and character.

PBDA operates across two campuses. The Lower School, located on South Flagler Drive in West Palm Beach, overlooks the Intracoastal Waterway, while the Upper School is situated on Seaview Avenue on the island of Palm Beach, just one block from the Atlantic Ocean. The School employs more than 125 faculty and staff dedicated to fostering intellectual growth, character development, and a lifelong love of learning.

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