

QUARTER 3 UPDATE

STRATEGIC PRIORITY 6: FISCAL AND OPERATIONAL RESPONSIBILITY OBJECTIVE 14: SUCCESSFULLY TRANSITION STRATEGIES FUNDED BY ESSER/ARP



Progress: July 2025 - March 2026



OBJECTIVE 14 STRATEGIES IN ACTION

This objective was updated during the Midyear Update and Annual Report through March 2025. The grants have closed and been audited; there will be no additional updates for 2025-26.

ESSER/ARP Drawdown

All ESSER/ARP funds allocated to non-charter schools were successfully utilized within the designated timeframe, meeting the September 2024 deadline.

State Monitoring of Federal Funds

The Florida Department of Education (FDOE) completed a monitoring audit of federal ESSER II and GEER II funding in 2025, with zero findings reported. The auditors highlighted several areas where PCS demonstrated best practices.

PCS is committed to applying the insights gained from this monitoring session to ensure best practices are consistently implemented across all grants.

PRESENTATIONS OF PROGRESS

[Grants Update, June 2023](#)

[ESSER/ARP Financial Update, October 2023](#)

[ESSER/ARP Digital Resources Review, February 2024](#)

[What's New for the 2024–25 School Year, July 2024](#)

[Successful use of ESSER/ARP Update, March 2025](#)

[National Assessment of Educational Progress, February 2025](#)

[Annual Budget 2025-26, June 2025](#)

[Annual Budget Update 2025-26, August 2025](#)



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STRATEGIC PRIORITY 6: FISCAL AND OPERATIONAL RESPONSIBILITY OBJECTIVE 15: INCREASE OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY FOR STUDENT TRANSPORTATION



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OBJECTIVE 15 STRATEGIES IN ACTION

Timely Transportation

The district continues to improve on-time transportation. Routes continue to be analyzed and adjusted by fine-tuning bus schedules, combining underused routes, and removing unnecessary stops.

School Start Times

The district continued preparing for new state requirements on school start times by reviewing community input and evaluating multiple scheduling options and their impacts. After careful analysis, the recommended plan was presented at the March School Board Workshop and included slight adjustments to a few schools' schedules to meet the new requirements while maintaining efficient transportation operations.

FAST FACTS



Staff Retention

Transportation staff retention increased by nearly 40% between Quarters 2 and 3.



Fuel Efficiency

Fuel efficiency increased slightly in Quarter 3, and electric buses continue to maintain efficiency over 18 MPGe.

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[What's New 2025-26](#)

[Transportation Update, Feb 2026](#)

[2026-27 Proposed School Bell Times, March 2026](#)

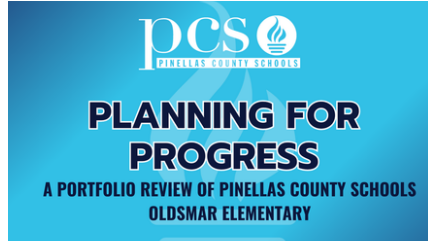


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STRATEGIC PRIORITY 6: FISCAL AND OPERATIONAL RESPONSIBILITY OBJECTIVE 16: PROVIDE STATE-OF-THE-ART FACILITIES, TECHNOLOGY, AND RESOURCES



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OBJECTIVE 16 STRATEGIES IN ACTION

District Application Platform

More than 9,500 students applied in January for Magnet and Fundamental programs and Special Assignment Requests (SAR) through PCS's new, streamlined online application platform. An express option also made it faster and easier to apply to a single program.

Planning for Progress

Through Planning for Progress, PCS is taking strategic, data-informed steps to ensure strong, sustainable schools. Following extensive analysis and community engagement, the School Board approved recommendations that align resources with enrollment trends and prioritize high-quality academics and responsible use of public funds, reflecting a commitment to transparency, community voice, and long-term planning.

Enterprise Resource Planning System (ERP)

The district strengthened the management of its enterprise resource planning (ERP) system project. The updated structure brings together cross-functional leaders, working groups, and a steering committee that meet regularly—both together and with the software vendor—to ensure aligned decision-making, track system readiness, and maintain a clear, consistent path forward.

FAST FACTS



Grego Leadership Institute

Nearly 150 events have been hosted at the Dr. Michael A. Grego Leadership Institute in the third quarter, including 6 student competitions and over 140 professional learning sessions for staff.



Wireless Network Upgrades

Districtwide wireless upgrades and new 5G backup connectivity are nearing completion, improving network reliability across schools. These efforts help ensure schools remain online even if the main network is disrupted.

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[What's New 2025-26](#)

[School Business Services, July 2025](#)

[Enrollment Update, September 2025](#)

[Internal Audit Update, October 2025](#)

[Special Projects Annual Report, December 2025](#)

[Artificial Intelligence, January 2026](#)

[Planning for Progress, January 2026](#)

[Planning for Progress, February 2026](#)

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[Pinellas County Schools celebrates grand opening of the Dr. Michael A. Grego Leadership Institute](#)

