

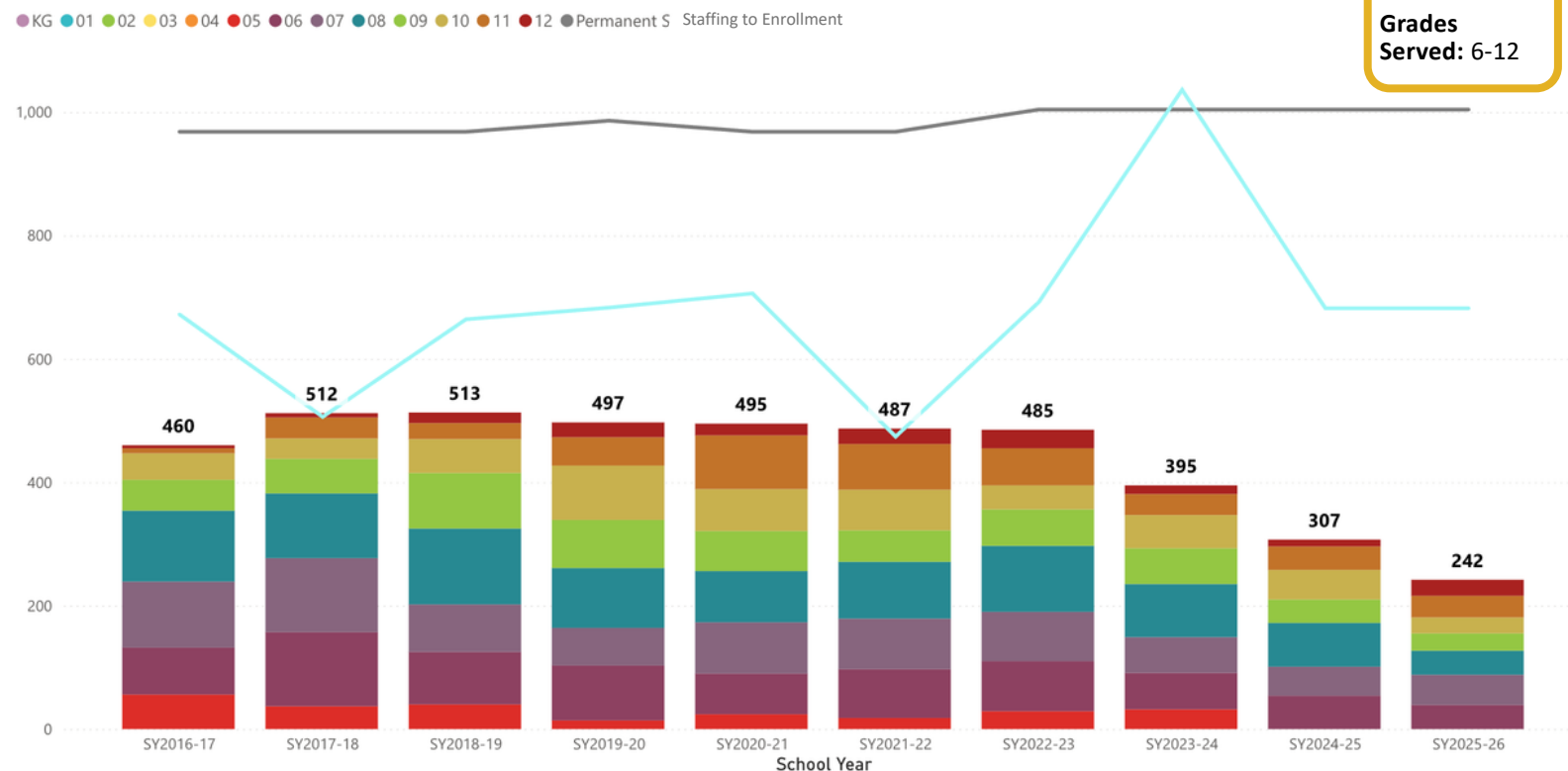
RECOMMENDATION: CLOSE LEALMAN INNOVATION ACADEMY

This recommendation **closes Lealman Innovation Academy at the end of the 2026-27 school year**. Current students will receive individualized consultation to identify supports at the appropriate middle or high schools. Educational Alternative Services (EAS) will assign resources to the appropriate South County schools to directly support students in the programs. The closed Lealman Innovation Academy property will be leased to Feeding Tampa Bay.

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT AND HISTORY

Lealman Innovation Academy has an enrollment of 201 students in grades 6-12, with a building capacity of 1,004 student stations. Current building utilization is 20%.

TABLE 1: LEALMAN INNOVATION ACADEMY CAPACITY & ENROLLMENT



Official 2025-26 Count Snapshot Data (Survey 2), FISH and Program Capacity

Tables demonstrate student enrollment in bar charts, total permanent building capacity (student stations) in the grey line graph, and staffing for the student population and programs in the teal line.

LEALMAN INNOVATION ACADEMY	
2026-27 Enrollment As of the 10-day count (August 24, 2026)	201
Permanent Capacity	1,004
Utilization	20%

FISCAL AND OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY

RECENT FACILITIES MAINTENANCE

PROJECT	YEAR	INVESTMENT COST
Track	2017	\$294k
HVAC	2022	\$603k
Building Envelope	2025	\$686k

ESTIMATED FACILITIES INVESTMENT

Lealman Innovation Academy has \$2.6 million in capital improvement investments (e.g., roof, elevator, exterior paint, fire alarm) planned in the upcoming years.

ESTIMATED FINANCIAL IMPACT

Total Savings: \$3.9M/year

Personnel: \$3.4M/year

Operational: \$532K/year

Capital Investment: The recommendation is to lease the property as-is to Feeding Tampa Bay.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AND PROGRAM OFFERINGS

Lealman Innovation Academy serves students who need accelerated learning to meet graduation requirements. The program has earned a school improvement rating of 'Maintaining' since the 2021-22 school year. The district has the capacity to serve all students currently enrolled at Lealman Innovation Academy at traditional high schools, either through established on-site Educational Alternative Services (EAS) programs or at a designated EAS site located in Mid County. Transportation may be provided in accordance with School Board policy.

DISTRICT EAS PROGRAMS	2025-26 SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT RATING	LOCATION
Bayside HS	Commendable	Largo/Clearwater
Pinellas High Innovation	Commendable	Clearwater

All high schools have on-site EAS program supports.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

(FIRST READING ON 10/13/26; SECOND READING ON 11/10/26)

POLICY 2250: FUNDAMENTAL AND MAGNET SCHOOLS

No amendments/changes needed as a result of this recommendation.

POLICY 5120: ASSIGNMENT WITHIN THE DISTRICT

No amendments/changes needed as a result of this recommendation.

NEXT STEPS

RECOMMENDATION COMMUNICATION & ENGAGEMENT

- **Notification:**
 - Thursday, September 10, 2026.
 - Email communication regarding the recommendation has been sent to families, staff members, and school-based community partners.
- **Staff Meetings Recommendation Overview:**
 - Staff should refer to their PCS email for date/time.
- **Family and Community Meeting #1 Recommendation Overview:** Wednesday, September 16, 2026; 3 p.m.
- **Family and Community Meeting #2:** Thursday, October 1, 2026; 3 p.m.

To learn more about any district recommendation, visit www.pcsb.org/progress.



HUMAN RESOURCES

- Meet with faculty and staff members who may have specific questions regarding the recommendation and how it may impact them individually.

SCHOOL COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Current students will receive individualized consultation to identify supports at the appropriate middle or high schools.