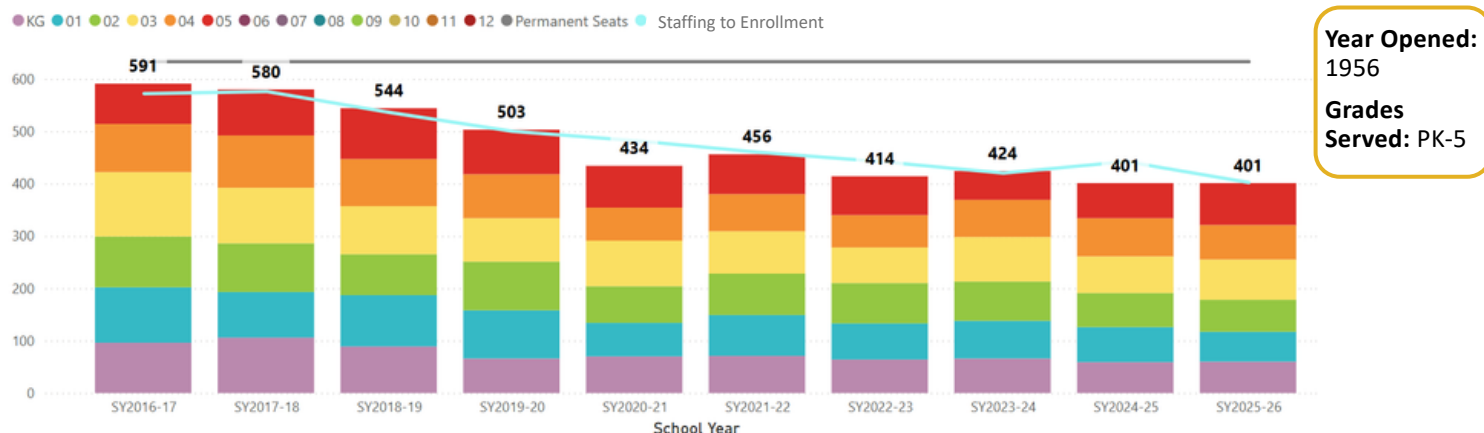


RECOMMENDATION: OPEN A FUNDAMENTAL K-5 ON THE PINELLAS PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAMPUS CLOSE PINELLAS PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

This recommendation opens **Pinellas Park Elementary School (PPES)** as a K-5 fundamental school beginning in the 2027-28 school year. Pinellas Park Elementary will close at the end of the 2026-27 school year. The existing school boundary will be rezoned to nearby Skyview and Lealman Avenue elementary schools. The current full-time Exceptional Student Education (ESE) program at Pinellas Park Elementary will relocate to the established program at Seminole Elementary. The ESE program at Blanton Elementary will transition to the new fundamental K-5 at Pinellas Park Elementary in the 2027-28 school year. The fundamental school will operate as a District Application Program (DAP) with no zone and the district's standard fundamental admission priorities will apply. For the 2027-28 school year, students currently enrolled at Pinellas Park Elementary will have the choice to opt-in to attend the new fundamental school, agreeing to all fundamental program requirements. Transportation will not be provided.

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT AND HISTORY

TABLE 1: PINELLAS PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 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.

TABLE 2: PROJECTED CAPACITY & ENROLLMENT FOR IMPACTED SCHOOLS

	2026-27 ENROLLMENT*	PERMANENT CAPACITY	UTILIZATION	PROJECTED ENROLLMENT	PROJECTED UTILIZATION
Pinellas Park ES	357	633	56%		
Lealman Ave ES	299	541	55%	399 (75% of Zoned Population)	74%
Skyview ES	461	703	66%	602**	88%
Pinellas Park Fundamental				TBD	TBD

*2026-27 Enrollment as of the 10-day count (August 24, 2026).

**Projected enrollment includes currently enrolled students from the closing school who are rezoned to the receiving school, plus the receiving school's current enrollment.

The rezoning of the current Pinellas Park Elementary zone will increase utilization of Lealman Avenue Elementary and Skyview Elementary. Creating a fundamental school on the site of the current Pinellas Park Elementary aligns with the community's support for additional fundamental schools and could reduce waitlists for the district's existing K-5 fundamental schools. Additional school boundary adjustments will be made for Lealman Avenue Elementary as described on the page for boundary adjustments for Mid County.

FISCAL AND OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY

RECENT FACILITIES MAINTENANCE

PROJECT	YEAR	INVESTMENT COST
Roof	2015	\$2.2M
Exterior Paint	2016	\$180K
Windows	2017	\$700K
Playground	2024	\$125K

ESTIMATED FACILITIES INVESTMENT

This recommendation will require an additional capital investment of approximately \$250K for potential adjustments needed for the new ESE program. Within the current capital plan, there is a planned investment of ~\$1.5 million for flooring, interior paint, and fire alarm projects.

ESTIMATED FINANCIAL IMPACT

Capital Investment: ~\$250K (One-time)

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AND PROGRAM OFFERINGS

Pinellas Park Elementary has earned a school grade of C or D since the 2015-16 school year. The recommendation for closure and rezoning provides students access to schools with consistent records of academic achievement and student success. The ESE program will transition to the established program at Seminole Elementary, which earned a school grade of B in the 2025-26 school year.

TABLE 3: SCHOOL GRADES OF RECEIVING SCHOOLS

PPES STUDENTS REZONED TO:	2025-26 SCHOOL GRADE
Lealman Ave ES	B
Skyview ES	B

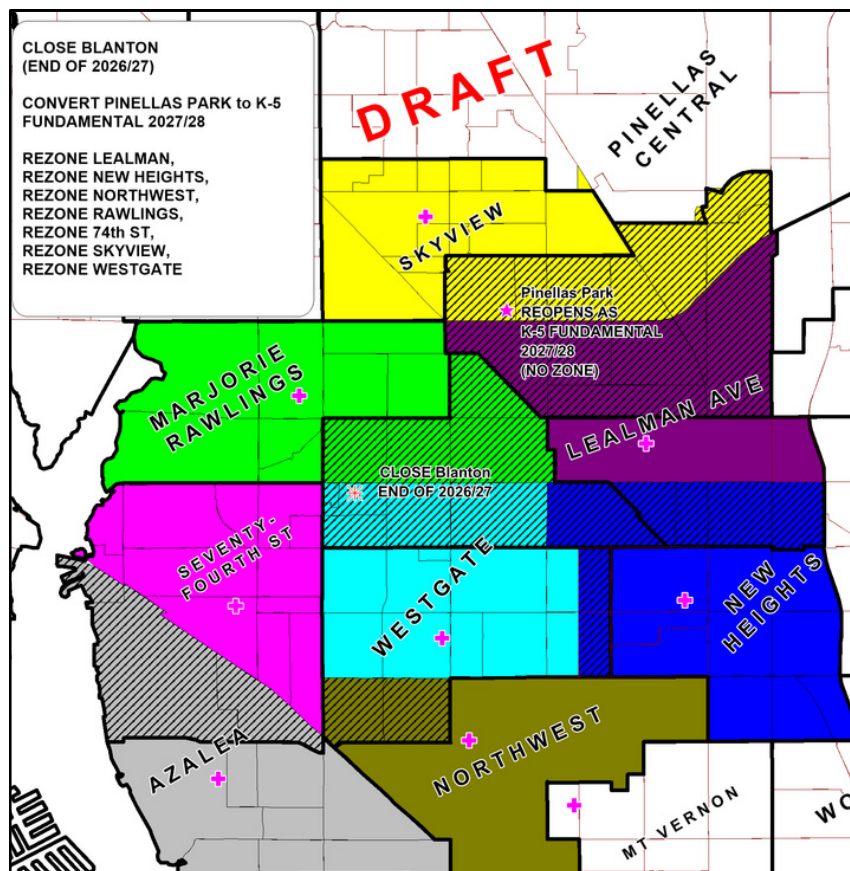
Based on 2025-26 school grade rules, all receiving schools are estimated to remain within two percentage points of the current school grades.

TABLE 4: NUMBER OF STUDENTS BY ZONE

PPES STUDENTS REZONED TO:	PPES ENROLLED*	PPES ZONED# (2025-26)
Lealman Ave ES	176	324
Skyview ES	141	252

*Number of PCS students who live in the zone and currently attend PPES.

Number of PCS students who live in the PPES zone.



POLICY IMPLICATIONS (FIRST READING ON 10/13/26; SECOND READING ON 11/20/26)

POLICY 2250: FUNDAMENTAL AND MAGNET SCHOOLS

The new K-5 fundamental school will have no zone and become a District Application Program (DAP) choice for the 2027-28 school year. The district's standard fundamental program admission priorities will apply, and transportation will not be provided.

POLICY 5120: ASSIGNMENT WITHIN THE DISTRICT

This recommendation will rezone 13 grids and 576 students who live within the zone.

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; 6 p.m.
- **Family and Community Meeting #2:** Wednesday, September 30, 2026; 6 p.m.

HUMAN RESOURCES

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

ONGOING SCHOOL FAMILY/COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- If the recommendation is approved by the School Board, ongoing support to students and families will be provided, including:
 - Opportunities to shadow/visit the campus and attend experiences hosted at the new zoned school.
 - Individualized school choice support will be on-site at the school for families interested in additional options for the 2027-28 school year.

OPERATIONS AND FACILITIES

- If the recommendation is approved by the School Board, the district will begin the process to make physical updates to the current school campus.

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