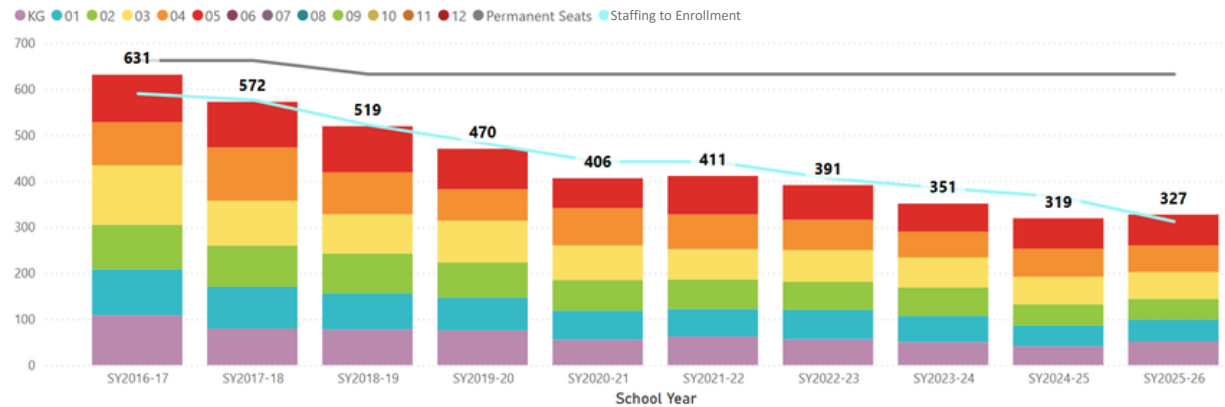


RECOMMENDATION: CLOSE JOHN M. SEXTON ELEMENTARY

This recommendation **closes John M. Sexton Elementary School (SES) at the end of the 2026-27 school year**. Sexton Elementary currently serves 298 students in grades K-5 and 16 students in a full-time Exceptional Student Education (ESE) program. The current Sexton Elementary zone will be rezoned to Lynch and Woodlawn elementary schools. Students who live in the current Sexton Elementary zone will be assigned to these schools based on their home address, with 46th Avenue serving as the boundary line. The ESE program will transition to the new fundamental elementary school at Pinellas Park. Transportation may be provided in alignment with School Board policy.

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT AND HISTORY

TABLE 1: SEXTON ELEMENTARY CAPACITY & ENROLLMENT



Year Opened: 1997
Grades Served: PK-5
Site Utilization Impact:
 Decreases district student stations by 632

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: CAPACITY & ENROLLMENT FOR IMPACTED SCHOOLS

SCHOOL	2026-27* ENROLLMENT	PERMANENT CAPACITY	UTILIZATION	PROJECTED ENROLLMENT**	PROJECTED UTILITIZATION
Sexton ES	298	632	47%		
Lynch ES	339	751	45%	433	58%
Woodlawn ES	147	578	25%	268	46%

*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.

Students living north of 46th Avenue will be zoned for Lynch Elementary and those who live south of 46th Avenue will be zoned for Woodlawn Elementary. The elementary school boundary between Lynch and Sawgrass Lake elementary schools will also be adjusted slightly to best balance student enrollment across schools in the area.

FISCAL AND OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY

RECENT FACILITIES MAINTENANCE

Since 2020, Sexton Elementary has received \$906K in facility improvements and maintenance, including flooring, entrance, and PE restrooms.

ESTIMATED FACILITIES INVESTMENT

Sexton Elementary has \$2.1 million in capital improvement investments (e.g., HVAC, roof, elevator) scheduled in the upcoming years.

ESTIMATED FINANCIAL IMPACT

Total Savings: \$4.1M/year
Personnel: \$3.6M/year
Operational: \$568K/year

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AND PROGRAM OFFERINGS

Sexton Elementary earned an A school grade in 2025-26. The recommendation for closure and rezoning is driven by districtwide enrollment trends, facility utilization, and the need to align resources to best serve students across the district.

TABLE 3: SCHOOL GRADES OF RECEIVING SCHOOLS

SEXTON ES STUDENTS REZONED TO:	2025-26 SCHOOL GRADE
Lynch ES	A
Woodlawn ES	A

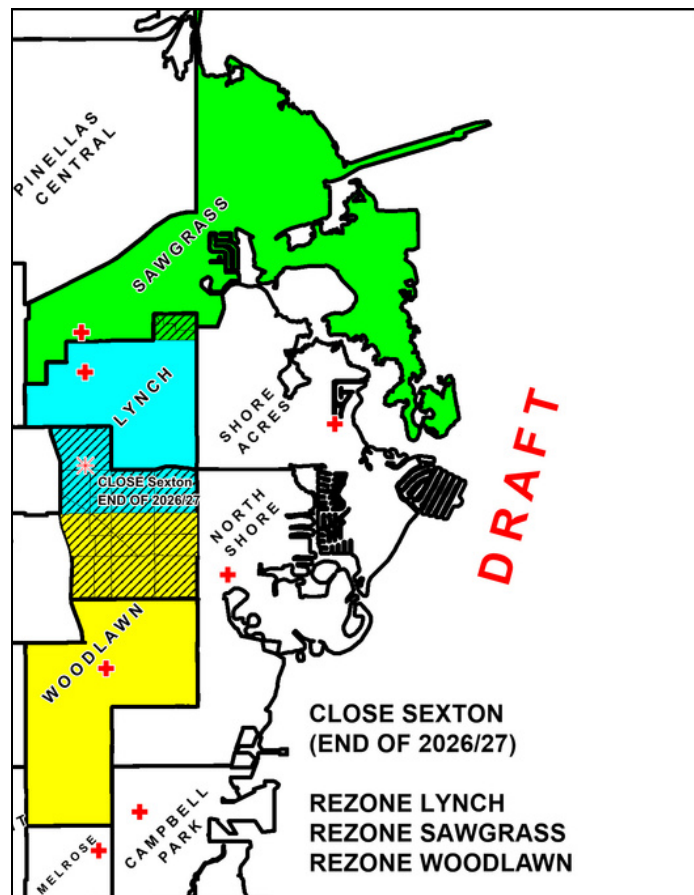
Based on 2025-26 school grade rules, all receiving schools are estimated to maintain their school grades.

TABLE 4: NUMBER OF STUDENTS BY ZONE

SEXTON ES STUDENTS REZONED TO:	CURRENTLY ENROLLED SEXTON ES (2025-26)*	TOTAL ZONED SEXTON ES (2025-26)#
Lynch ES	94	158
Woodlawn ES	121	246

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

Number of PCS students who live in the Sexton zone.



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

POLICY 2250: FUNDAMENTAL AND MAGNET SCHOOLS

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

POLICY 5120: ASSIGNMENT WITHIN THE DISTRICT

This recommendation will rezone 22 grids and 404 students who live within the boundaries.

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:** Tuesday, September 15, 2026; 6 p.m.
- **Family and Community Meeting #2:** Tuesday, September 29, 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 or 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.

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