

Pinellas County Schools Community,

Today, Pinellas County Schools will present a series of Planning for Progress recommendations to the School Board during the Workshop on September 10, 2026. These recommendations are the result of extensive analysis of enrollment trends, facility utilization, academic opportunities, community feedback, and long-term district needs. They are designed to ensure that students continue to have access to high-quality educational opportunities while positioning our schools for future success.

Throughout this process, our focus has remained on students. Recommendations were developed using guiding principles that prioritize academic excellence, responsible stewardship of resources, facility utilization, transportation considerations, access to specialized programs, and stakeholder input.

The Fall 2026 recommendations include:

- Expanding programs and educational opportunities to meet student and community demand.
- Creating new K-8, Fundamental, and Technical School pathways.
- Repurposing or consolidating underutilized facilities.
- Adjusting selected attendance boundaries to better balance enrollment and maximize available capacity.
- Expanding early learning opportunities and exploring additional community partnerships.

I recognize that this news may raise many questions, concerns, and emotions for our students, families, and staff.

Please know that the School Board and I are committed to providing clear, timely information, creating opportunities for open dialogue, and ensuring that you remain informed and actively involved throughout every step of this process. Detailed information on all recommendations, including school-specific community meeting information, recommendation materials, FAQs, video overviews, a proposed zone school locator tool, and additional resources, will be available at www.pcsb.org/progress following the Board Workshop, which begins at 9:30 am.

The School Board will review the recommendations, along with input provided at the Community Meetings, during a School Board Workshop on Tuesday, October 6, 2026. The School Board will vote on the recommendation at its meeting on Tuesday, October 13, 2026.

We recognize that these recommendations may generate questions and concerns, and we are committed to providing timely information and opportunities for meaningful community engagement throughout the process. Your feedback is an important part of Planning for Progress.

Thank you for your continued support of Pinellas County Schools and the students, staff, families, and community we serve.

Sincerely,

Kevin K. Hendrick
Superintendent
Pinellas County Schools