

OVERALL IMPACT

ESTIMATED DISTRICTWIDE UTILIZATION IMPACT

- Reduction of up to 4,740 student stations.

ESTIMATED DISTRICTWIDE BUDGETARY IMPACT

- Reduction of estimated \$25 million in recurring annual expenses.
- Estimated one-time capital investment of \$6.9 million.

FALL 2026 RECOMMENDATIONS OVERVIEW

DISTRICTWIDE

- **Expansion of early learning to 2-year-olds** beginning in 2027-28. PCS will provide accessible early learning programs for the community while maintaining tuition rates that support sustainable program operations. Program locations will be selected based on facility readiness and capacity.
- **Exploration of sites for Employee Wellness Centers.** The goal of the centers will be to provide employees with access to most primary care and urgent care services at little to no out-of-pocket cost.

NORTH COUNTY

- **Expand the number of seats at East Lake Middle School Academy of Engineering** beginning in 2027-28 to allow more students to enroll in this in-demand choice option.
- **Open a fundamental K-8** on the current Tarpon Springs Middle School campus starting in the 2027-28 school year. The campus will become a dedicated fundamental school serving grades K-8, increasing both enrollment capacity and access to the district's fundamental program. Consistent with School Board policy, the district's standard fundamental program admission priorities will apply.
- **Close Tarpon Springs Fundamental Elementary School** at the end of the 2026-27 school year. Current students will transition to the new fundamental K-8.
- **Close Tarpon Springs Middle School** at the end of the 2026-27 school year. The current Tarpon Springs Middle School boundary will be rezoned to Carwise Middle School. The closed middle school site will transition to the new fundamental K-8 school.
- **Close and repurpose Kings Highway Elementary** at the end of the 2026-27 school year. As a district application program school, there is no attendance zone; students attending Kings Highway Elementary will attend their zoned school or apply to a District Application Program (DAP). Current Kings Highway Elementary students will receive priority for enrollment at Sandy Lane Elementary. The ESE program will transition to Sandy Lane Elementary. Sandy Lane Elementary is newly renovated, directly adjacent to Kings Highway Elementary, and has available space for students. The PreK program will remain at the current Kings Highway Elementary campus, with plans to expand the site into an early childcare center that provides the community with affordable, high-quality education for children ages 6 months through Voluntary PreK.
- **Update school zone boundaries for Dunedin, Garrison-Jones, Sandy Lane, San Jose elementary schools and Carwise Middle School** beginning in the 2027-28 school year. The adjustments will better utilize available space, balance student enrollment across schools in the region, and support safer travel to school by reducing the need to cross major roadways. Currently enrolled students affected by a school zone boundary change, not due to the closure of their current school, may remain at their current school through a Special Assignment Request; however, transportation will not be provided.

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MID COUNTY

- **Open a fundamental K-5 school at Pinellas Park Elementary School** beginning in the 2027-28 school year. **Close Pinellas Park Elementary** and rezone the current school boundary to Skyview and Lealman Avenue elementary schools. The K-5 fundamental school will be a District Application Program (DAP) with no zone, and the district's standard fundamental program admission priorities will apply.
- **Close Blanton Elementary** at the end of the 2026-27 school year. The current school boundary will be rezoned to Marjorie Rawlings, Westgate, and Lealman Avenue elementary schools. The Exceptional Student Education (ESE) program will transition to the new fundamental elementary school at Pinellas Park.
- **Update school zone boundaries for Skyview, Marjorie Rawlings, New Heights, Westgate, Lealman Avenue, and 74th Street elementary schools** beginning in the 2027-28 school year. The adjustments will better utilize available space, balance student enrollment across schools in the region, and support safer travel to school by reducing the need to cross major roadways. Currently enrolled students affected by a school zone boundary change, not due to the closure of their current school, may remain at their current school through a Special Assignment Request; however, transportation will not be provided.

SOUTH COUNTY

- **Create a technical high school at Boca Ciega High School** beginning in the 2028-29 school year. The 2027-28 school year will allow for thoughtful planning of technical pathways and remodeling needed for programming. The current Center for Wellness and Medical Professions pathways will be enhanced as part of the technical high school program offerings. The Boca Ciega High School zone will have minor changes.
- **Relocate and rename Azalea Middle School.** The middle school will move to the current building 4 at Boca Ciega High School beginning in the 2027-28 school year. Renovate the Boca Ciega campus to provide a separate address and space, including safety and security separation for the middle school. The new site will place the middle school closer to the center of the school zone, enables resource sharing between the middle and high schools, strengthens articulation when transitioning to the technical high school, and better utilizes the current high school facilities.
- **Transition Azalea Elementary School to a K-8 school with an expanded zone and relocate the campus.** The new Azalea K-8 will relocate to the current Azalea Middle School campus in 2028-29. All students who attend grade 5 at Azalea Elementary will be able to attend grade 6 at Azalea K-8 beginning in 2027-28. The transition to a K-8 school will occur over three years, adding grade 6 in 2027-28, grade 7 in 2028-29, and grade 8 in 2029-30. The Azalea K-8 school will be a zoned school, and the district's standard Special Assignment Request admission procedures will apply for students who do not reside in the Azalea Elementary zone. The new Azalea K-8 will relocate to the current Azalea Middle campus in 2028-29.
- **Close Bear Creek Elementary** at the end of the 2026-27 school year. The current school boundary will be rezoned to Gulfport Montessori and Fairmount Park elementary schools. The ESE program will relocate to Gulfport Montessori Elementary.
- **Close Sexton Elementary** at the end of the 2026-27 school year. The current school boundary will be rezoned to Woodlawn and Lynch elementary schools. The ESE program will transition to the new fundamental elementary school at Pinellas Park.
- **Close Lealman Innovation** at the end of the 2026-27 school year. Educational Alternative Services (EAS) resources will be assigned to the appropriate South County schools to directly support students in the programs. Current students will receive individualized consultation to identify supports at the appropriate middle or high schools. The closed Lealman Innovation property will be leased to Feeding Tampa Bay.
- **Update school zone boundaries for Lynch and Sawgrass Lake elementary schools** beginning in the 2027-28 school year. The adjustments will better utilize available space, balance student enrollment across schools in the region, and support safer travel to school by reducing the need to cross major roadways. Currently enrolled students affected by a school zone boundary change, not due to the closure of their current school, may remain at their current school through a Special Assignment Request (SAR); however, transportation will not be provided.