

Student Assignment Recommendations

School Board Meeting
December 9, 2008

District's Strategic Directions

1. Highest Student Achievement
2. Safe Learning Environment
3. Effective and Efficient Operations

The school district must offer a high quality education to all students while living within the district's financial means.

Mandates the Board Must Follow

No Child Left Behind
Class Size Amendment
Differentiated Accountability
Response to Intervention
Guiding Principles of the Plan

Budget Implications

- Florida's economy and the United States economy both entered a slowdown that has become a steep decline beginning in the last half of 2006. Some important factors bring us to the decisions we will be making tonight and over the next few weeks.
- Florida's education spending has been significantly reduced by over \$450 per student as compared to the initial General Appropriations Act passed in May 2007.

Budget continued...

- Per capita state and local government expenditures for all of education rank Florida as 49th among the states and 41st in per capita state and local spending for K-12 schools.
- Education Week magazine ranked Florida's K-12 spending level in the "F" category in its Quality Counts 2008 assessment of U.S. education.

Budget continued...

- At the K-12 Level, districts have reduced hiring, dipped into reserves, delayed construction and changed school schedules in their efforts to reduce costs.
- In the middle of October, fewer than half as many school districts as in previous years have completed contract negotiations with teacher unions saying they have little or no money for salary increases.
 - *(Florida Center for Fiscal and Economic Policy – Florida’s Escalating Fiscal Crisis: The Problem, December, 2008)*

In Pinellas, that means...

- Cuts over the last three years
 - 2006/07 \$17 million
 - 2007/08 \$04.5 million plus
 \$10.8 million from reserves
 - 2008/09 \$26.8 million
 - 3-year total \$48.3 million**

Additional factors produced additional cuts for the current year:

- Revenue reduction due to less FTE
- Pinellas' share of \$1.4 billion of state budget shortfall (PCS share \$14.4 million)
- New predictions for state shortfall \$3.1 billion (PCS share \$17 million)

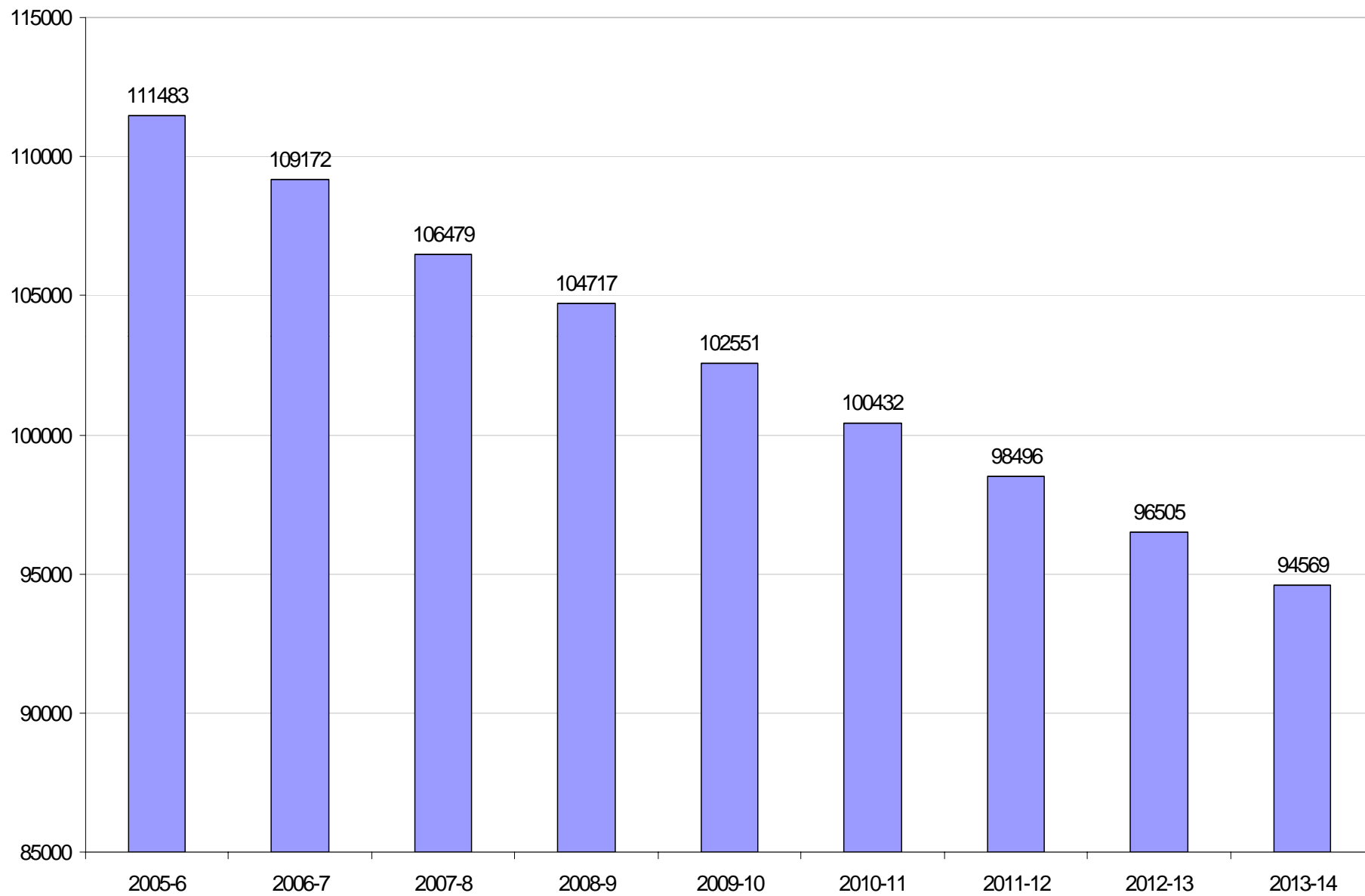
Current Planned Contingency is
1.46% = \$13.3 million

2009/2010 Budget

- Provided that no additional revenue cuts are made for the current year -

Projected spending cuts are \$48 million.

ENROLLMENT K-12



What is the long range plan?

Having the ability to offer students:

- A zoned school
- Magnets, career academies and fundamentals
- Schools in a cluster
- Reduce transportation costs in doing so
- A school assignment based on the guiding principles

What is being recommended?

- Sibling priority provision
- Grandfathering status for elementary students not in a school's zone
- Transportation remaining for middle and high school students
- Close six elementary schools
- Expand fundamental school seats by consolidating four middle schools into two
- Changing 'close-to-home' to zoned

Logic for Recommendations

1. Focuses on the district's strategic plan with achievement as primary focus while living within the financial means.
2. Considers declining enrollment - as many as 10,000 fewer students by 2013-14 than in 2008-09.
3. Considers the significant reduction of funding from the state.
4. Opportunity to right size the district in seat inventory, staff and services offered.
5. Uses budget savings to provide more equitable resources in a new universe of differentiated accountability.

Logic for Recommendations

6. Takes advantage of the opportunity to significantly reduce transportation routes and subsequent costs while revisiting opening and closing times for schools.
7. Provides the opportunity to create meaningful collaboration and cooperation with community and business agencies and partners when combined with other federal, state and local mandates
8. Provides the opportunity to align Pinellas with other comparable districts in “Yellow Brick Road” categories.

Potential School Closings

Clearview Elementary

Gulf Beaches Elementary

Kings Highway Elementary

North Ward Elementary

Palm Harbor Elementary

Rio Vista Elementary

Potential School Closings/Consolidations Variables Considered

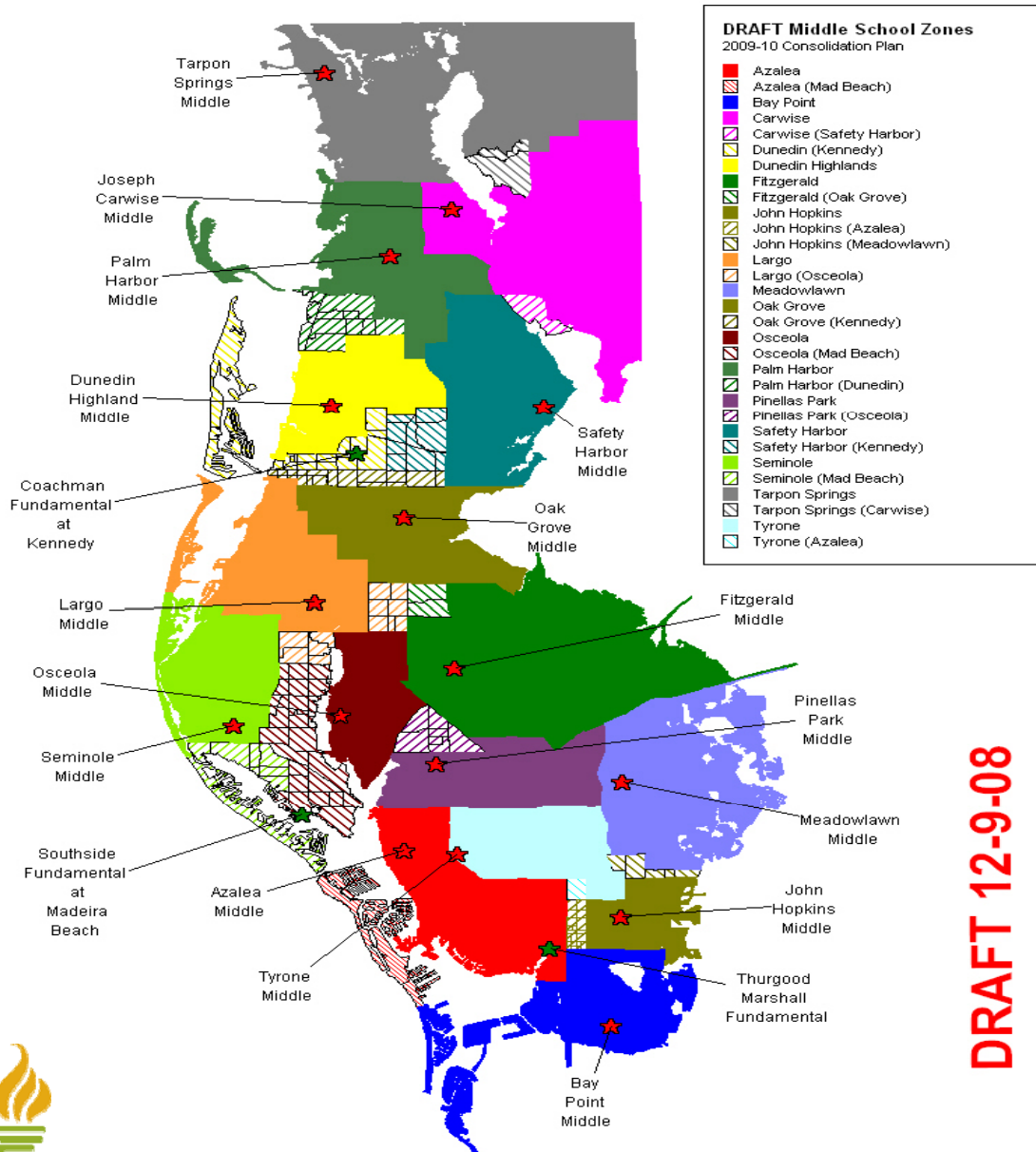
1. Age of school
2. Size of site
3. Size of student population
- 4-6. Budget: Instructional/Non-Instructional
7. Risk data
8. Projected capital costs
9. Projected energy costs
10. Impact on available seats in the area

Consolidations

Southside Fundamental and
Madeira Beach Middle (K-8)

Coachman Fundamental and
Kennedy Middle

Implications of Consolidations



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Timeline for Decisions

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| December 9 | Board Meeting (1 st reading) <ul style="list-style-type: none">-Middle school map revisions |
| January 13 | Board Meeting (2 nd reading) <ul style="list-style-type: none">-Middle school revisions approval-Elementary zone revisions |
| February 10 | Board Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none">-Elementary zone approval |