



2017-2018

THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

# IMPACT REPORT

**PERSONAL | PASSIONATE | PROGRESSIVE**



## OUR MISSION

To ensure that each student achieves his/her **highest potential**



## OUR VISION

To be a **world-class** school system

# GOVERNANCE TEAM



**Gwynetta S. Gittens**  
District 5 (Chairman)



**Chris N. Patricca**  
District 3 (Vice Chairman)



**Mary Fischer**  
District 1



**Melisa W. Giovannelli**  
District 2



**Debbie Jordan**  
District 4



**Betsy Vaughn**  
District 6



**Cathleen O'Daniel Morgan**  
District 7



**Gregory K. Adkins, Ed.D.**  
Superintendent



The School District of Lee County is **PERSONAL**, **PASSIONATE** and **PROGRESSIVE** in its approach to ensuring each student achieves his or her highest potential, and we've seen many examples of this throughout the past year.

Throughout the district, we have shown our commitment to providing a personal experience, something all of our stakeholders value and desire.

Additionally, everyone from school leaders and teachers to volunteers have shown their passion for the district's mission and the exciting things that are happening in the district every day.

Finally, we see many examples of our district's progressive approach to meeting our community's needs, especially our growing student population.

As you explore the hard numbers contained in this impact report, we hope the personal care and passion with which we work shine through, as well as the progress we've made in so many areas.

**Gregory K. Adkins, Ed.D. - Superintendent**

# 2017 - 2018 BUDGET

## WHERE DOES THE GENERAL FUND COME FROM?

In a district with a \$1.509 Billion general operating budget, the budget may seem hard to understand. But our budget is just like your budget at home. We use it for multiple purposes: to track income and spending, to help manage priorities, to plan for the future, and to measure financial performance.

LESS RESTRICTIVE ► ► ► ► ► ► ► ► ► MORE RESTRICTIVE

### LOCAL SOURCES

58.80



Local revenues account for 58.8% of the income for the general fund. Property taxes are the largest source of revenue from local funding.

### STATE SOURCES

40.61



State Revenue makes up less than half of general fund revenues that the School District of Lee County receives. The Florida Department of Education oversees state funding and distributes funds to all districts through numerous formulas, grants, allotments and programs.

### FEDERAL SOURCES

0.59



Federal funds are very restrictive and can only be used for specifically designated programs. Federal funds are the smallest source of revenue for the district and account for 0.59% of the district's budget.

## HOW IS THE MONEY USED?



### General Fund

operating budget that guides day-to-day activities. 68% of this fund goes to salaries and benefits.



### Capital Projects Fund

our long-term school construction and repair needs.



### Debt Service Fund

used to pay the principal and interest on bonds that we issue to finance school construction and renovation.



### Child Nutrition Fund

used for operating our schools' nutrition programs.



### Special Revenue Funds

includes federal grants and entitlements that are received by the District.



### Internal Service Fund

used for self-funded health insurance, workers compensation insurance and general liability insurance.

# 2017 - 2018 DISTRICT PROFILE

**93,167**

Approximate student enrollment for 2017-2018\*

**9<sup>TH</sup>**

Largest School District in Florida\*

**33<sup>RD</sup>**

Largest School District in the Nation\*

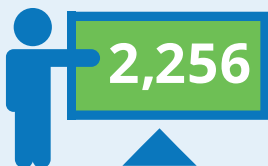


\*As of 10/20/2017

## TEACHER CREDENTIALS

**5,724 TOTAL NUMBER OF TEACHERS**

TEACHERS  
RANKED  
HIGHLY  
EFFECTIVE



**2,256**



**2,821**

TEACHERS  
RANKED  
EFFECTIVE

## NUMBER OF SCHOOLS

**45**

ELEMENTARY

**4**

K-8

**16**

MIDDLE

**14**

HIGH

**17**

SPECIAL  
CENTERS

**24**

CHARTER

**=120**

THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF LEE COUNTY OPERATES THE 7<sup>TH</sup> LARGEST BUS FLEET IN FLORIDA



**912**  
BUSES

**717**  
ROUTES

**49,354**  
STUDENTS  
TRANSPORTED  
(Spring 2018 FTE)

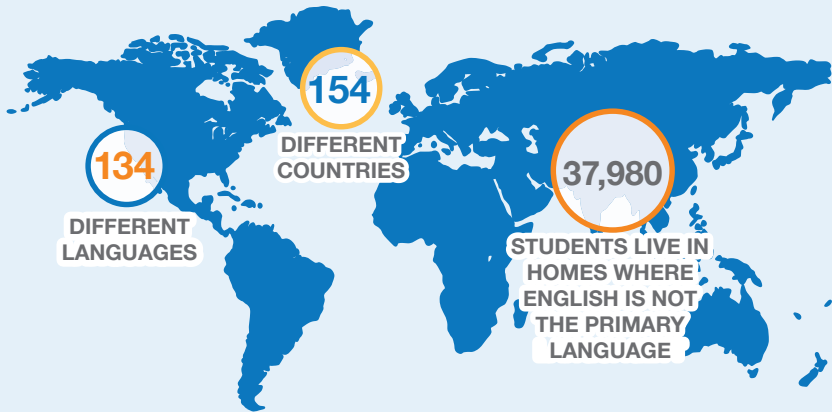
The District's open enrollment system gives families choices of schools based on their zone. During the 2017-2018 open enrollment period:

85%  
OF FAMILIES  
received their  
**FIRST**  
Choice School

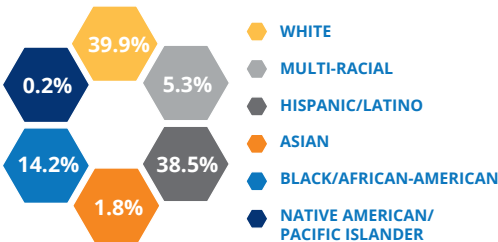
96%  
OF FAMILIES  
received 1 of  
their TOP 3  
**CHOICES**

MORE THAN 44% of families do NOT choose the school closest to THEIR HOME

STUDENT PRIMARY LANGUAGES



STUDENT RACIAL DIVERSITY\*



\*As of 10/20/2017



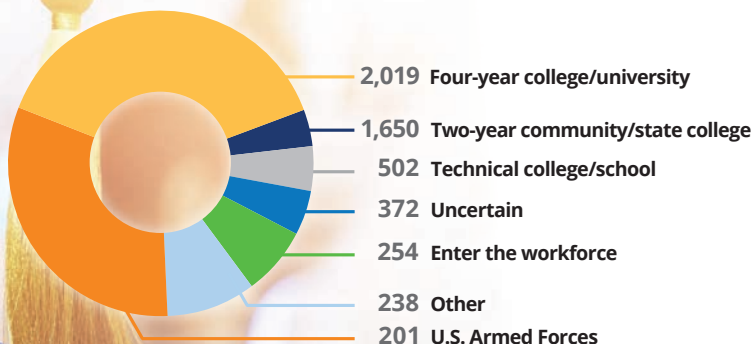
## CLASS OF 2018 EARNS MILLIONS IN SCHOLARSHIPS

The School District of Lee County's graduating class of 2018 earned more than \$54 million in scholarships and will be attending colleges, universities and technical centers across the United States.



## 2018 GRADUATING CLASS

The graduation rate increased to 82.6% for the 2018 graduation class, a 4.1% increase from the year before and the highest level attained by the district. Twelve of the fourteen high schools graduated more than 90% of its students.



### ADVANCED STUDIES

District offerings include the prestigious **International Baccalaureate (IB)**, **Cambridge AICE**, **Advanced Placement (AP)**, **Honors programs** and **Dual Enrollment** at the high school level in each attendance zone.

**MORE THAN 63%** of high school students were enrolled in at least **ONE** of these course types during the 2017-2018 school year\*

We have approximately **6,035** and **11,407** enrolled (as of 10/13/17)  
**Gifted Students** **ESE Students**



# CAREER & TECH EDUCATION

Lee County's middle and high schools offer a diverse collection of Career & Technical Education (CTE) programs to prepare students for college and career readiness.

## CLASSROOM

- 51 programs added to middle and high schools in 2017-2018
- 5,429 students enrolled in newly added programs
- **Highly-selected high school additions**
  - Aerospace (BSHS – 163 students)
  - Web Applications Development & Programing (Lehigh HS – 81 students)
  - Welding (SFMHS – 134 students)
  - Culinary (LAMP – 22 students)
- **Highly-selected middle school additions**
  - 11 schools implementing Microsoft Office Bundle
  - 10 NEW schools implementing Culinary & ServSafe certification
  - 8 NEW schools implementing CIW-Internet Business Associate

## COMMUNITY

- In partnership with The Foundation for Lee County Public Schools, over 400 high school students participated in STEM@Work, and over 3,000 stakeholders attended STEMtastic Day of Discovery.
  - STEM@Work affords students the opportunity to visit and interact with STEM businesses throughout Southwest Florida.
  - STEMtastic Day of Discovery encompasses over 100 exhibits by elementary, middle and high schools, as well as local STEM-related organizations.

## CAREER

- A new web-based work-based learning experience application and placement process connects the workforce with students.
- Automotive Academy students from East Lee County High, Ida S. Baker High and South Fort Myers High participated in work-based learning experiences in our Transportation Services Department.
- The Fort Myers Police Department created a paid internship program for students interested in careers in Law Enforcement.



# PEOPLE WITH PASSION

Exciting things are happening in The School District of Lee County every day... Here are just a few examples of students achieving their highest potential, and the teachers behind them!

## DAHLIA DRY

### FORT MYERS HIGH SCHOOL

A high school junior, Dahlia, travelled to Pittsburgh to compete against students worldwide in the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair, finishing fourth and bringing home \$500 in the Physics and Astronomy category for her project "Challenging Limitations: Using Deep Learning, Time Series Analysis and Statistical Methods for Noise Reduction to Develop an Innovating Approach to Exoplanet Candidate Detection Using Earth-Based Telescopes."



Dahlia Dry

## KEVIN DIMACULANGAN

### DUNBAR HIGH SCHOOL

As a high school freshman, Kevin, was named the world champion in Microsoft Excel at the 2018 Microsoft Office Specialist National Championship, because of his exceptionally high score on the certification test. In total, more than 4,000 industry certifications were awarded to Lee County high schoolers in Career and Technical Education last year, and we expect that number to grow!



Kevin Dimaculangan

## DULCE BUSTOS & MR. ERIC DEMERI

### SUNSHINE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Mr. Demeri and  
Dulce Bustos

Dulce, a third-grader at Sunshine Elementary, was born without a left hand. After starting a 3D printing club at the school, her science lab teacher Mr. Demeri applied his passion for science to making a prosthetic arm for Dulce. Working through spring break, he used the school's progressive equipment to make this amazing gift, which brought tears of happiness to Dulce's eyes. Mr. Demeri is just one of many teachers who take a personal, passionate, progressive approach to education in Lee County!

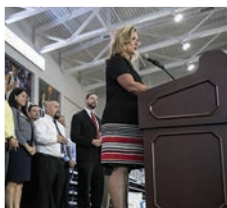


Dulce Bustos



# HURRICANE IRMA RELIEF

## STEPPING UP TO HELP OUR COMMUNITY



In addition to providing shelter at many district facilities and closing schools to give teachers and students' families time to prepare, **The School District of Lee County stepped up to help countless families who were left without power, water and food.**

Recognizing the community's need, the staff of Veterans Park Academy for the Arts (VPAA) sprang into action, reaching out to community members, business partners, non-profits, and fellow schools to host a Community Support Event & Staff

Luncheon at the school. More than 2,000 people participated in the event on Sept. 15, just days after the storm passed.

In response, teachers, community members and businesses from across Lee County and the nation donated food, cleaning products, diapers, ice, water, charcoal, pet food and other supplies to help people hit hard by Hurricane Irma. During the event, families and volunteers enjoyed grilled hotdogs, fresh fruit, homemade cookies, and ice water.

**Because of their leadership in the wake of Hurricane Irma, 11 of our school principals were named "People of the Year" by The News-Press!**

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THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
**IMPORTANT NUMBERS**

**SCHOOL BOARD**

239.337.8303 or 239.337.8243

**SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE**

239.337.8300

**CONSTITUENT SERVICES**

239.337.8154

**CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION**

239.939.6300

**DIVISION OF OPERATIONS**

239.461.8487

**DIVISION OF ACADEMIC SERVICES**

239.337.8308

**DIVISION OF TRANSPORTATION**

239.334.0211

**DIVISION OF BUSINESS SERVICES**

239.337.8215

**DIVISION OF HUMAN RESOURCES**





239.337.8197

**EXCEPTIONAL STUDENT EDUCATION**

239.337.8104



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