



2018-2019

IMPACT REPORT

THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA



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)



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District 3 (Vice Chairman)



Mary Fischer
District 1



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District 2



Debbie Jordan
District 4



Betsy Vaughn
District 6



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District 7



Gregory K. Adkins, Ed.D.
Superintendent



As a **PERSONAL, PASSIONATE** and **PROGRESSIVE** school district, we delight in showing our **PROGRESS** with each passing year.

Our annual impact report is filled with stories and data that show how we are ensuring students achieve their highest potential and realize our vision of being a world-class school system. This year we have done some record-breaking work that you will want to know about – including rising graduation rates and impressive grade point averages.

This report also provides a glimpse at the remarkable things that are happening in our schools every day. Inside, you will find examples of students who inspire and transform their school communities. Others share big dreams and work together to help people across the world. And there are many who excel academically, earning local, state, national and, yes, even international honors. They are all making a world of difference!

These are just a few examples of the wonderful things happening in The School District of Lee County every day! I encourage you to take a closer look at what's inside.

Gregory K. Adkins, Ed.D. - Superintendent

2018 - 2019 DISTRICT PROFILE

94,405

Approximate student enrollment for 2018-2019*



9TH

Largest School District in Florida



32ND

Largest School District in the Nation*



*Source: American School & University, Sept. 2018

TEACHER CREDENTIALS

5,847 TOTAL NUMBER OF TEACHERS

TEACHERS
RANKED
HIGHLY
EFFECTIVE



3,192

2,635



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 7TH LARGEST BUS FLEET IN FLORIDA



923

BUSES

717

ROUTES

49,231

STUDENTS
TRANSPORTED

2018 - 2019 DISTRICT PROFILE

The District's student open enrollment system gives families choices of schools based on their zone. During the 2018-2019 open enrollment period:

85%

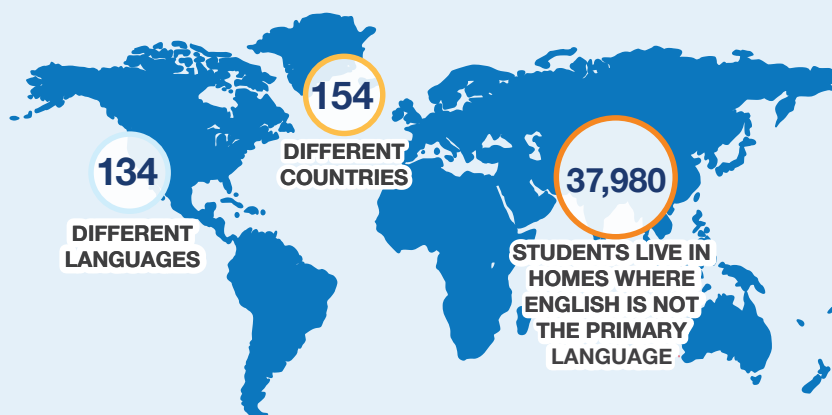
OF FAMILIES
received their
FIRST
Choice School

96%

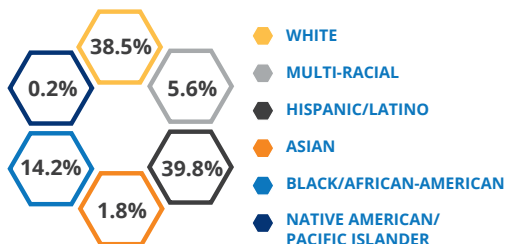
OF FAMILIES
received 1 of
their TOP 3
CHOICES

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

STUDENT PRIMARY LANGUAGES



STUDENT RACIAL DIVERSITY*



*As of 2018-2019



2018 - 2019 BUDGET

WHERE DOES THE GENERAL FUND COME FROM?

In a district with a \$1.485 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

57.15%



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

42.18%



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

0.67%



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?



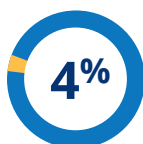
General Fund

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.



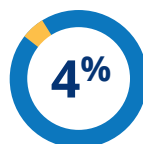
Debt Service Fund

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.

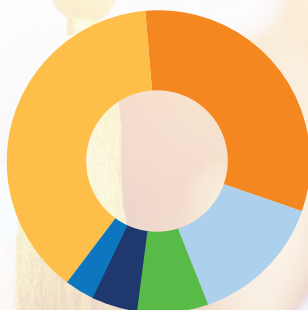
CLASS OF 2019 EARNS MILLIONS IN SCHOLARSHIPS

The School District of Lee County's graduating class of 2019 earned more than \$64 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 graduating class, a 4.1% increase from the previous year and the highest level attained by the District.



- 1,986 Four-year college/university
- 1,580 Two-year community/state college
- 639 Technical college/school
- 372 Uncertain
- 264 U.S. Armed Forces
- 241 Other

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 62% of high school students were enrolled in at least **ONE** of these course types during the 2018-2019 school year*

We have approximately **5,722** Gifted Students and **25,401** ESE Students enrolled (as of Sept. 2018)

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

- **Highly-selected high school additions**
 - Agritechnology (East Lee County High School – 83 Students)
 - Business Management and Analysis (Riverdale High School – 109 Students)
 - 3-D Animation (Cypress Lake High School – 31 Students)
- **Highly-selected middle school additions**
 - 10 schools implementing **Microsoft bundle**
 - 8 NEW schools implementing **Culinary & ServSafe certification**
 - 8 NEW schools implementing **CIW-Internet Business Associate**
 - 10 NEW schools implementing **Coding Fundamentals courses** (700 students)
 - 3 NEW schools implementing **Agriculture Systems certification**



22 PROGRAMS ADDED TO MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOLS IN 2018-2019
1,036 STUDENTS ENROLLED IN NEWLY ADDED PROGRAMS

CAREER & TECH EDUCATION



COMMUNITY

- In partnership with The Foundation for Lee County Public Schools, more than 400 high school students participated in STEM@Work, and more than 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 102 exhibits by elementary, middle and high schools, as well as local STEM-related organizations.

CAREER

- The District partnered with the Lee Building Industry Association in the inaugural Build My Future Lee County event. In October 2018, **over 600 middle and high school students participated** in a building and construction trade expo at the Lee Civic Center. Students had the opportunity to learn, first-hand, about the numerous career opportunities in the construction industry in our community.
- The District partnered with the Lee County Chapter of the Florida Restaurant & Lodging Association to host the first Taco Cook-off. **Over 200 members from the community attended** a high school culinary arts competition at the Burroughs Home and Gardens in Fort Myers. Local celebrities judged each school's entry and the students experienced all facets of a live competition.



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!

YU HAN BURGESS

CYPRESS LAKE HIGH SCHOOL

A native of China who was adopted by American parents, Yu Han Burgess maximized her school experience by developing her skills as a pianist and painter, as well as competing in swimming, soccer and lacrosse. All the while, she served as a student instructor for her school's JROTC. This natural leader commanded the respect and admiration of her teachers and peers by maintaining a 4.0 unweighted GPA. In fact, she took more than 10 Advanced Placement classes and carried a weighted GPA of 5.3.



BELLA PARRISH

RIVERDALE HIGH SCHOOL

The word "courage" is rarely associated with a diminutive 16-year-old girl, but it perfectly describes sophomore Bella Parrish. After being diagnosed with a brain tumor, Bella underwent four brain surgeries and years of radiation therapy. The condition stunted her growth and left her partially blind in both eyes as she continues to face the MRI machine every three to four months. Yet Bella shows her courage with a jovial smile – always brightening the days of those around her. She hopes to serve other cancer patients someday as a radiation technician.



6TH GRADE CLASS

VARSITY LAKES MIDDLE SCHOOL

After reading a book called "A Long Walk to Water," teacher Kim Cabrera encouraged her concerned students to engage in a fundraiser for the organization H2O for Life. The students went door-to-door, sold homemade slime and more to raise \$7,400. The funds were used to provide a water system for a primary school in Kenya, and after seeing the difference access to clean water made for 700 African students, these Lee County sixth graders have already started working to help a second school in Africa.



6th Grade Participant



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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