



2018-2019

# IMPACT REPORT

THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA



**PERSONAL | PASSIONATE | PROGRESSIVE**



# 2018 - 2019 DISTRICT PROFILE

**94,405**

Approximate student enrollment for 2018-2019\*

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

Largest School District in Florida

**32<sup>ND</sup>**

Largest School District in the Nation\*

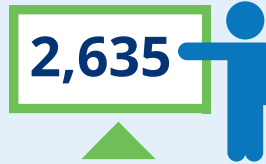
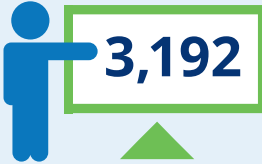


\*Source: American School & University, Sept. 2018

## TEACHER CREDENTIALS

5,847 TOTAL NUMBER OF TEACHERS

TEACHERS RANKED HIGHLY EFFECTIVE



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## 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



**923** BUSES    **717** ROUTES  
**49,231** STUDENTS TRANSPORTED

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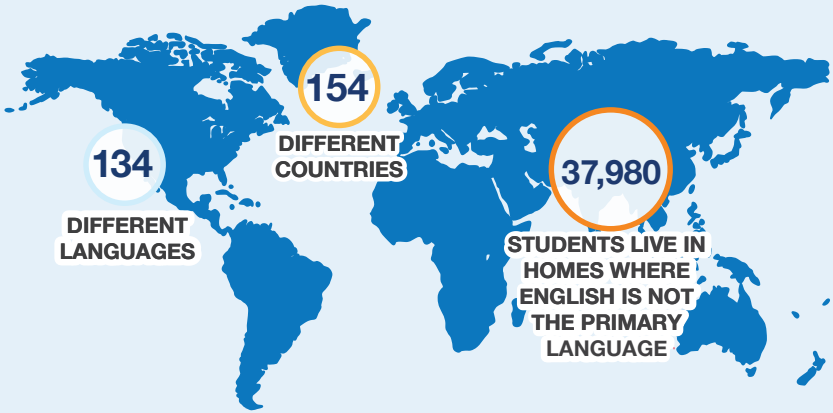
The District's student open enrollment system gives families choices of schools based on their zone. During the 2018-2019 open enrollment period:

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

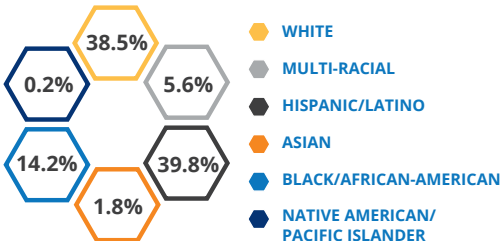
**96%**  
OF FAMILIES received 1 of their **TOP 3 CHOICES**

**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?



60%

### General Fund

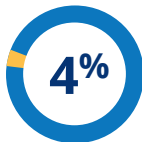
operating budget that guides day-to-day activities. 68% of this fund goes to salaries and benefits.



18%

### Capital Projects Fund

our long-term school construction and repair needs.



4%

### Debt Service Fund

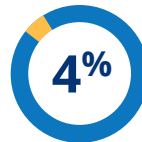
used to pay the principal and interest on bonds that we issue to finance school construction and renovation.



5%

### Child Nutrition Fund

used for operating our schools' nutrition programs.



4%

### Special Revenue Funds

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



9%

### 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**
  - Agritechology (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.



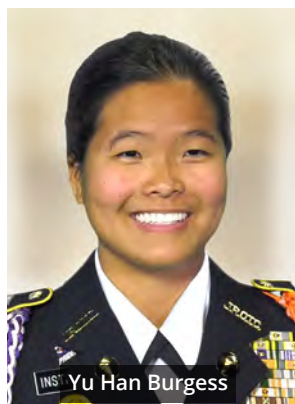


# PEOPLE WITH PASSION

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.





## 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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