

PERSONAL | PASSIONATE | PROGRESSIVE



2020-2021

IMPACT REPORT

THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA





OUR MISSION

To ensure that
each student
achieves his/her
highest potential



OUR VISION

To be a
world-class
school system

GOVERNANCE TEAM



Debbie Jordan
District 4 (Chair)



Betsy Vaughn
District 6 (Vice Chair)



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District 1



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District 2



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District 3



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District 5



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District 7



Kenneth A. Savage, Ed.D.
Superintendent

The School District of Lee County takes a **PERSONAL, PASSIONATE** and **PROGRESSIVE** approach to helping each student reach their highest potential.

The past year has provided many examples of our District's forward-thinking approach to meeting the needs of our students and community, and we are pleased to recognize the many efforts that have helped prepare our students for the future.

In our 2020-2021 Impact Report, you will learn about the stewardship of funds generated through the half-cent sales tax that resulted in a brand-new high school, a new middle school building and school improvements to maintain an optimal learning environment for our students.

You will also see great strides made to our Career & Technical Education program, which offered over 50 different industry-standard certifications as well as educational opportunities for our high school students to explore and prepare for potential career paths.

Furthermore, you will read many heartwarming stories of our passionate students and staff going the extra mile to make a difference within our District, like School Bus Driver Vailoa Tava'i and the classmates of first-grader Logan Kronenberger.

These are just a few of the many great things happening at The School District of Lee County. I invite you to learn more about all that we have accomplished on behalf of our students and schools.

Kenneth A. Savage, Ed.D., Superintendent

2020-2021 DISTRICT PROFILE

95,023

Approximate student enrollment for 2020-2021



9TH

Largest School District in Florida



32ND

Largest School District in the Nation



5,918

TOTAL NUMBER OF TEACHERS

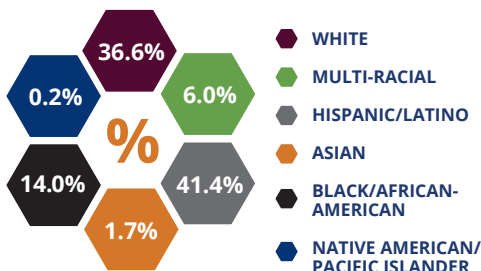
STUDENT PRIMARY LANGUAGES

147 DIFFERENT LANGUAGES

141 DIFFERENT COUNTRIES

38,094 STUDENTS LIVE IN HOMES WHERE ENGLISH IS NOT THE PRIMARY LANGUAGE

STUDENT RACIAL DIVERSITY



NUMBER OF SCHOOLS

45

ELEMENTARY

4

K-8

16

MIDDLE

14

HIGH

16

SPECIAL CENTERS

23

CHARTER

=118



THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF LEE COUNTY OPERATES THE 6TH LARGEST BUS FLEET IN FLORIDA

912
BUSES

685
ROUTES

39,216
STUDENTS TRANSPORTED





CHANGE FOR CHANGE

YOUR TAX DOLLARS AT WORK FOR STUDENT SUCCESS

½ CENT SALES TAX

The half cent sales tax was approved by voters in November 2018 with collections and disbursements starting in 2019. So far, the sales tax has generated \$204,717,511 for the School District's capital budget. The money raised can only be spent on school construction, renovations and maintenance, technology upgrades and improvements to campus safety and security.



GATEWAY HIGH SCHOOL

A ribbon cutting ceremony in May officially opened Gateway High School. Sales tax revenue helped fund the \$98 million campus. The school has 95 classrooms for about 2,000 students. It features five career academies, a Cambridge/AICE program and dual enrollment at FGCU.

LEHIGH ACRES MIDDLE SCHOOL

Construction was completed on the new Lehigh Acres Middle School in June. The \$54 million campus was funded by the sales tax and has 30 classrooms for 1,300 students. LAMS is a Premiere STEAM Magnet school that features science, technology, engineering, art and mathematics.



MAINTENANCE AND TECHNOLOGY

\$24 million in maintenance projects improved schools across the district by replacing old roofs, installing new air conditioners, upgrading lights and putting in new windows. Our schools also saw an additional \$22 million in new technology, interactive A/V systems, and Chromebooks for more students.

2020-2021 BUDGET

WHERE DOES THE GENERAL FUND COME FROM?

The School District has a total budget of \$1.915 billion. The biggest part of this budget, \$924 million, is the general operating budget, used for most daily operating expenses. A very large budget may seem hard to understand, but our budget is just like your budget at home.

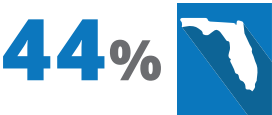
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LOCAL SOURCES



Local revenues account for 55% of the District's total budget. Property taxes are the largest source of revenue from local funding.

STATE SOURCES



State revenue makes up less than one-third of revenues 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



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 1% 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 2021 EARNS MILLIONS IN SCHOLARSHIPS

The School District of Lee County's graduating class of 2021 earned more than \$55 million in scholarships and will be attending colleges, universities and technical centers across the United States.



2021 GRADUATING CLASS

1,963	Four-year college/university
1,340	Two-year community/state college
632	Technical college/school
550	Uncertain
207	U.S. Armed Forces
403	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 67.3% of high school students were enrolled in at least **ONE** of these course types during the 2018-2019 school year*

THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY

5,111 & 11,968
GIFTED STUDENTS
ESE STUDENTS

ENROLLED
(as of Dec. 2021)

Career & TECH EDUCATION

2020-2021 BY THE NUMBERS

Traditional college isn't the only path to a successful future, and students see the tremendous opportunity in career and technical education. The School District of Lee County is expanding opportunities for students that will prepare them for a variety of career paths during middle school and high school, setting them up for career success after graduation.

100%
of LEE COUNTY HIGH
SCHOOLS
(15 total) offer at least
one Career & Technical
Education program

50+
DIFFERENT
INDUSTRY-STANDARD
CERTIFICATIONS
offered to high
school students

4,695
INDUSTRY
CERTIFICATIONS
& DIGITAL TOOL
CERTIFICATES
earned by students
in grades 6-12

49%
GRADUATED
WITH AT LEAST
ONE INDUSTRY
CERTIFICATION
in the Class of 2021

32,000 + **COURSE ENROLLMENTS** in Career & Technical Education in grades 6-12

PROGRAMS

Career & Technical Education consists of **16 different career clusters**. Within each of these clusters are multiple programs that prepare individuals for occupations important to **Florida's economic development**. Each program includes the **academic** and **technical** skills required to be successful in today's economy.

Middle Schools

- Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources
- Business Management & Administration
- Hospitality & Tourism
- Information Technology

High Schools

- Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources
- Architecture & Construction
- Arts, A/V Technology & Communication

- Business Management & Administration
- Education & Training
- Engineering & Technology
- Finance
- Health Science
- Hospitality & Tourism
- Information Technology
- Law, Public Safety & Security
- Manufacturing
- Marketing
- Transportation, Distribution & Logistics



PEOPLE WITH Passion

**EXCITING THINGS ARE HAPPENING IN
THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF LEE COUNTY EVERY DAY.**



▶ PUTTING THEIR MONEY WHERE THEIR HEART IS

Keeping up with **Logan Kronenberger** is hard to do. Whether it's sports or playing with his friends and family, Logan has a motor that never quits. Although the active **first grader** lets nothing slow him down, Logan was born with a rare condition called **Tetralogy of Fallot**, and had to have open heart surgery at a young age. Inspired by his story, his classmates and teachers at **Gulf Elementary raised over \$25,000** for the American Heart Association this year, **becoming one of the top fundraising schools in the nation.**

▶ GOING THE EXTRA MILE TO DRIVE OUR SUCCESS

School Bus driver Vailoa Tavai always greets his students with a **smile** when they board his bus. Mr. Tavai has driven a bus for the district for **16 years**, loves his job, and always goes the extra mile. Not only does he take pride in getting his students **home safely**, but he also uses his own money to fill snack bags, making sure they go **home with a full stomach**. This year, when one of his students did not have **cupcakes** for her birthday, Mr. Tavai ran to the store on his break and made sure she had the **best birthday of all!** Mr. Tavai is just one of many **support staff that go above and beyond for our students.**



▶ EARNING THEIR STRIPES

It's no secret that **Dunbar High School** has **extraordinary** programs, especially when it comes to getting their students **college** and **career ready**. This year, the **Tigers** launched a new innovative partnership with **NeoGenomics**, creating the first internship for their **Biomedical students**. The Cancer Diagnostic laboratory invited four Dunbar students to work in their labs this year. The **groundbreaking internship** was a huge success and looks to grow, **creating more opportunities for future interns.**



Community INVOLVEMENT



PARENT UNIVERSITY

The School District of Lee County launched "Parent University" in Fall 2020. **Parent University** was created to increase the capacity of parents and guardians to be actively **engaged** in their child's **education**. The goal of the program is to inform and engage **parents as partners**, advocates, and lifelong teachers in their child's education through a series of educational courses. Parents from **71 schools** participated in the **8 learning sessions** that covered a range of requested topics. **44 parents** completed the graduation requirements and were celebrated by district staff in May. ***We go further together.***



COMMUNITY CANVAS PROJECT

Recognizing the importance of **providing school** district **information** and resources to underserved communities, the School District of Lee County embarked on a series of **community resource events**. The events were hosted in conjunction with **community partners** with a common goal of providing free information and physical resources. The locations of the events were selected using **GIS mapping** of student population density. Hundreds of families in **Bonita Springs** and Pine Manor participated and ***became better connected with school district initiatives and programs.*** With our powers combined.



BACK-TO-SCHOOL EVENT

Families were invited to **kick off the school year** at the **District's Back to School Fest** at the Edison Mall in **Fort Myers**. Hundreds of students and families attended and received important back to school information. School District divisions from **academics** to **student enrollment** were able to connect with families on the eve of school starting. ***The Superintendent and members of the school board joined students in a back-to-school fashion show.***

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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

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

239.334.0211

DIVISION OF ACADEMIC SERVICES

239.337.8308

DIVISION OF BUSINESS SERVICES

239.337.8215

DIVISION OF HUMAN RESOURCES

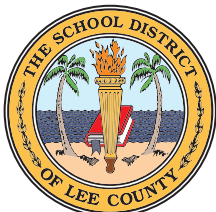
239.337.8197

DIVISION OF OPERATIONS

239.461.8487

EXCEPTIONAL STUDENT EDUCATION

239.337.8104



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