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This is the second busy summer with major air-conditioning and aging roof replacements taking place in our schools thanks to the passing of the November 2018 Education Referendum.

When it comes to completing referendum projects without interrupting school, it takes a coordinated effort between our district’s operations team, school staff, architects, and construction crews. Over the summer, twenty-six of our schools had major air conditioning projects that were started or completed.

Westchase Elementary School received a $3 million partial A/C replacement project. If you drove by during the summer, you may have spotted Principal Elise Suarez checking out the progress in her sharp-looking pink hard hat.

“JE Dunn Construction has been absolutely amazing to work with—they kept me involved and informed every step of the way. We have truly been partners in the project. Our Westchase community is thrilled to have this project completed for our students. I cannot speak more highly of how the process went,” said Principal Suarez.

As of August 2020, thanks to the taxpayers of Hillsborough County, our district has invested more than $170 million to address essential needs in our schools, including air conditioning, aging roofs, classroom technology, and safety & security improvements.

Leto High School has one of the largest projects in the works to date—an air conditioning overhaul with a $13.8 million project budget.

Money raised through the half-penny sales tax can only be used on capital expenses—buildings, maintenance, technology, security, and repaying money borrowed to make capital improvements in the past.

Aside from referendum projects taking place, normal repair and maintenance projects that are typically funded through our existing property tax millage will continue to be done. Our district directs millage money to regular repairs and upgrades. In fact, back in March, Hillsborough County Board of County Commissioners increased the school impact to approximately $8,000 average per housing unit, which went into effect on June 8, 2020.

To check out a full list of projects in progress and complete, visit hillsboroughschools.org/citizenoversight.

Don’t forget to follow @HalfPennyPromise on Facebook and Instagram to stay up-to-date on the latest referendum news.

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2020-2021 School Calendar

**Students Return to School** - March 22, 2021

**Non-Student Day** - April 2, 2021

**Memorial Day** - May 31, 2021

**End of 4th Grading Period** - May 28, 2021

**Last Day of School** - May 28, 2021*

*“Last Day of School (early release 2.5 hours early)”

**Non-student day**

**OTHER IMPORTANT DATES:**

**School Choice Expo**
This year’s event will be held virtually, more information to come.

**STEMpalooza**
TBD

**Great American Virtual Teach-In**
Thursday, November 19, 2020

**Student Early Release Days**
All Mondays are designated as early release days except May 10, 17 & 24

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PASOS AL FUTURO
Due to the pandemic, this will be a virtual experience for the 2020-21 school year.

This orientation in Spanish and is typically held throughout the fall at various high schools for students and their families. Counselors are available to help you learn more about the school district and direct you to resources. Visit hillsboroughschools.org/pasos or pasos.hillsboroughschools.org.

Orientación en español para estudiantes y sus familias. Los consejeros están disponibles para ayudarle a aprender más acerca de nuestro distrito escolar y dirigirlo a los recursos. Visite pasos.hillsboroughschools.org.

This calendar is available for viewing and sharing by visiting hillsboroughschools.org.

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Thanks to taxpayers who approved the half-penny sales tax in November 2018, our district has spent more than $170 million to improve our schools.

179 projects completed

102 projects in progress

26 A/C projects worked on in the summer of 2020

63% awarded to locally-owned businesses

For fiscal year 2020, bids awarded to minority-owned businesses are projected to total $9.8 million.

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Respectfully,

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Superintendent of Schools

Hillsborough County School Board
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HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
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**Immunization Requirements for Pre-Kindergarten**

For students entering Pre-Kindergarten*, the immunization record must show that the student has met the minimum state requirements for vaccines:

- 3-5 doses DTaP (diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis)
- * 3-5 doses Polio (Kindergarten)
- * 1-2 doses MMR (measles-mumps-rubella)
- 3 doses Hepatitis B
- * 1-2 doses Varicella (chickenpox)

*Note: Immunizations listed below are not required, but recommended:

Haemophilus influenza type b (Hib)

Pneumococcal conjugate (PCV13)

Hepatitis A (Hep A)

* Varicella vaccine is not required if Varicella disease is documented (the year the child had the disease must be included) by a Licensed Physician, Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner or Physician Assistant.

**Immunization Requirements for students entering seventh through twelfth grade**

Tetanus-diphtheria-pertussis (Tdap) immunization is required for all students entering 7th grade. It must be documented on an updated DH680 form and the original copy submitted to the school along with the minimal state requirements:

- 5 doses DTaP (diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis)
- 4 doses Polio (IPV or OPV)
- 2 doses MMR< (measles-mumps-rubella)
- 3 doses Hepatitis B
- 1 dose Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis)
- 2 doses Varicella (chickenpox) or has had the disease as documented by a healthcare provider

*Note: 1 dose Tdap (tetanus-diphtheria-pertussis) for seventh grade is required.

* An updated DH680 form to include Tdap must be obtained for submission to the school.

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**State Mandated Screenings**

School Health Services is responsible for state-mandated screenings, Florida Statute 381.0056(6)(e). Vision and hearing screenings are necessary to identify impairments that interfere with learning. In addition, growth and development, body mass index (BMI) and scoliosis screenings are necessary to prevent complications associated with obesity, diabetes, heart, and lung damage, respectively. The mandatory grade levels are listed below:

- Vision screening – provided to students in grades KG, 1, 3, and 6. Vision screening will also be performed on all students entering Florida schools for the first time in grades KG through 5.
- Hearing screening – provided to students in grades KG, 1, and 6.
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- Growth and development screening with BMI – provided to students in grades Kg,1, 3, and 6.
- Scoliosis screening – provided to students in grade 6.
- All students who do not pass their screening will be referred for further examination and corrective measures. If you are in need of a health care provider for your child, please contact your school nurse.
- If you do not want your child to participate in any of the mandated screenings, you must notify your child’s school nurse in writing before the assigned screening date. Please ask your child’s school for the date or dates of the scheduled screenings. In addition, please provide your child’s results from that particular screening to be included in your child’s health record.

**Immunization Requirements for Kindergarten through sixth grade**

Students entering kindergarten must submit an updated immunization record and a school entry physical examination

- 5 doses DTaP (diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis)
- * 4-5 doses Polio (Kindergarten)
- 2 doses MMR (measles-mumps-rubella)
- 3 doses Hepatitis B
- * 2 doses Varicella (chickenpox)

**Note. KG — If the fourth dose of polio vaccine is administered prior to the fourth birthday, a fifth dose of polio vaccine is required for kindergarten entry only.

** Varicella vaccine is not required if Varicella disease is documented (the year the child had the disease must be included) by a Licensed Physician, Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner or Physician Assistant.

**Additional Immunization Recommendations:**

Four vaccines are not mandated for your child’s grade level but are recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) and should be discussed with your health care provider. They are meningococcal meningitis, hepatitis A series, influenza and Human Papilloma (HPV) Vaccine series.

**Meningococcal Disease**

A dose of Meningococcal (MCV4) is recommended for children and adolescents 11-18 years of age. This vaccine is 85-90% effective in preventing meningococcal disease. Meningococcal disease is a serious illness caused by bacteria. The disease is spread by airborne respiratory droplets (cough or sneeze). Symptoms of meningococcal disease are often mistaken for less serious illnesses such as the flu.

Common symptoms may include fever greater than 101.4, red or purple colored rash, nausea, vomiting, generalized muscle aches, severe headaches, confusion, sensitivity to light, and/or stiff neck. It is a leading cause of bacterial meningitis in children 2-18 years old in the United States. The vaccine is available at the department of health, Hillsborough County, if it is not provided by your child’s healthcare provider’s office. For those who have never gotten MCV4, a dose is recommended at high school entry but not required in the State of Florida. Most colleges and universities require this vaccine. Please check the college or university policy you plan to attend. In addition, this is highly recommended if you are living in a dormitory type of residence. MCV4 is contraindicated to anyone that experiences a severe allergic reaction after a previous dose or to any components of vaccines.

**Human Papilloma Virus Disease**

The Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) causes the majority of genital warts and cancers. HPV vaccine has been shown to protect against 80% of the most common types of cervical cancer and oral cancers and decrease genital warts. While it is recommended for ages 11-12 years of age, this vaccine has been approved for both males and females beginning at nine years of age. The most frequently reported symptoms of the HPV vaccine are chronic pain with paresthesia, headaches, fatigue and orthostatic intolerance.

If you have private health insurance or Medicaid, contact your health care provider. If you do not have private health insurance or Medicaid, contact the Florida Department of Health, Hillsborough County Immunization Clinic for further information.
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**Bullying Prevention in Hillsborough Schools**

Hillsborough County Public Schools is committed to providing an educational setting that is safe, secure, and free from harassment and bullying for all our students and employees. In consultation with students, parents, teachers, administrators, school staff, school volunteers, community representatives, and local law enforcement agencies, we have developed a District policy as part of a comprehensive plan intended to prevent bullying and harassment. You can view this policy on our district website. An online reporting system is also available on the site to appropriately identify, report, investigate, and respond to bullying and harassment situations.

There are several ways for students and/or parents to report acts of bullying in our district:

- Verbally to an adult at school.
- On a Bullying Reporting Form available in every school Via email or phone call to a school administrator, Regional Superintendent or district office.
- Online at our district’s website, hillsboroughschools.org; type “bullying prevention” in the search box and click on the link next to the red stop sign.
- Call Crime Stoppers (1-800-873-8477). All reports go directly to the principal or assistant principal of the respective school to investigate and resolve.

### Advocating for your Child in Hillsborough Schools

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**Chief of Middle Schools:** | Marcos Murillo – Marcus.Murillo@hcps.net  
Middle School Line: 813-272-4616  
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Tips to Reduce Test Anxiety

The U.S. Department of Education defines test anxiety as “excessive worry about doing well on a test.” This creates new challenges for a student. Ultimately, the student becomes so upset about the test that he or she panics and then feels helpless about the subject matter. For information on handling test anxiety, visit fl DOE.org.

Here are a few things you can do as a parent right before a test:

- Keep a positive attitude toward the test.
- Make sure that your child has a good night’s rest.
- Keep a normal routine at home.
- Help your child relax.
- Give your child a good breakfast.
- Make sure that your child attends school regularly. Remember, tests reflect a child’s overall achievement.
- Provide a quiet, comfortable place for studying at home and make sure that your child is well rested on school days and especially on the day of a test.
- Help your child avoid test anxiety by planning ahead, studying in advance and making sure your child understands the material.

Special Testing Accommodations

If your child is enrolled in an Exceptional Student Education or English Language Learner program or has a 504 accommodations plan, he or she may be eligible for special testing situations or accommodations. You may want to check with the school for more information well in advance of testing dates.

Helping Your Child Do Well On Tests

You can be a great help to your child with these test-taking tips from the U.S. Department of Education:

- Talk to your child about testing.
- Explain that tests are yardsticks that teachers, schools, school districts and even states use to measure what and how they teach and how well students are learning what is taught.
- Tell your child that occasionally, he or she will take “standardized” tests. Explain that these tests use the same standards to measure student performance across the state or even across the country.
- Encourage your child. Praise your child for the things he or she does well.
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Feeding Body & Mind... One Child at a Time

Our Student Nutrition Services Department (SNS) operates as a self-supporting $143 million enterprise. Each day, more than 2,000 dedicated employees serve 232,000 nutritious meals to students. Some highlights of our program include:

- **Free Breakfast Program for All Students** – All students are offered a nutritious breakfast free of charge.
- **Reduced Meal Charges Eliminated** – The $0.40 meal charge for reduced price lunches, required by federal statute, has been waived by our SNS program. Children who qualify for reduced price lunches through the meal application process receive their lunch free of charge.
- **Emergency Meal Policy** – If a child forgets their lunch money, the Emergency Meal Policy will be followed. Students in elementary schools are allowed to charge up to five consecutive meals. Students in middle and high schools are allowed to charge up to two meals. Students that are charged meals (up to the limit) will receive the same school lunch that other children are receiving. A la carte items are not sold to students with meal charges. Please see our website for the entire Emergency Meal Policy.
- **Nutrition Information** – Menus, nutrition information and allergens can be found on MealViewer, available via our website or as a free mobile app.
- **Special Diets/Meals** – If a child requires a diet substitute because of a medical condition, the parent is encouraged to complete a diet prescription form, which can be obtained from your school’s SNS manager. A meal preference form can also be completed by the parent if other diet changes are required because of culture. Both forms, available on the SNS website, are required each year.
- **Meal Payment and Meal History** – Lunch prepayments and your student’s meal purchase history are available online through My Payments Plus, available via our website or as a free mobile app.

SNS is happy to announce that student meal prices are staying the same for the 2020-2021 school year, once again. Breakfast is free for all HCPS students. Lunch meals are $2.25 for elementary students and $2.75 for middle and high school students. A variety of a la carte items are available daily at different prices.

Call 813-840-7066 or visit our website for more information and to apply for meal benefits. Go to hillsboroughschools.org and type “go SNS” in the search box.
Early Childhood LEARNING PROGRAMS

Looking for preschool for your child? One of our many Bold Beginnings options may be right for you.

HEAD START
is a program for at-risk three to five-year-old children that promotes school readiness and the development of the whole child. The program delivers comprehensive services to children and families in core areas of early learning, health, and family well-being, while engaging parents as partners every step of the way. The eligibility of students for the program is determined by age and income guidelines. For more information, call (813) 740-7870.

PRE-K EXCEPTIONAL EDUCATION
provides specialized instruction for children ages 3 to 5-years-old with developmental delays or other disabilities. The Pre-K Exceptional Education program offers early intervention to improve each child’s level of functioning and enhance successful entry into Kindergarten. For more information, call Child Find at (813) 837-7777.

VOLUNTARY PREKINDERGARTEN (VPK)
prepares children for Kindergarten and builds a foundation for their educational success. This state-funded program is free for all four and five-year-old children who will be eligible to attend Kindergarten in the fall of the following school year. Hillsborough County Public Schools offers both school year and summer session options. VPK programs are also available at eligible private facilities for the school year, the summer, and for specialized instructional services. Parents must apply online for a VPK certificate at https://familyservices.floridaearlylearning.com/Account/LogOn. Completion of the online application requires an active email address and the ability to upload documents. For more information, call (813) 272-4840.

Visit the Bold Beginnings web page to learn more about all of these programs and to sign up for kindergarten, signupforkindergarten.com.
MENTORING
Mentoring helps students succeed, achieve and graduate from school. A mentor’s role is to provide a listening ear, valuable guidance, and academic assistance to help students experience greater success. As students begin to realize that their mentor cares, school absenteeism decreases, academic performance improves and self-esteem increases. Any responsible adult who is willing and able to attend an orientation and share time with a student on a consistent basis can be a mentor. Mentoring opportunities are provided in partnership with several local organizations like Big Brothers, Big Sisters, The Boys and Girls Club, Best Buddies, The Y, and Hillsborough Education Foundation’s Take Stock program. To connect with one of the mentor programs affiliated with our district, please call 813.272.3341.

VOLUNTEER SERVICES
The Volunteer Services Department is committed to working with volunteers and community partners. We serve as a liaison to link volunteers and community partners with our schools. Volunteers and community partners are saying You Empower Students (Y.E.S.) every day with the skills, knowledge, and attitudes necessary to “Prepare Students for Life.” Volunteer opportunities to say “Y.E.S.” include school-based volunteers, business and community partnerships, mentors, speaker and enrichment programs, classroom presentations and days of service. Individuals interested in volunteering in Hillsborough County Public Schools complete a district volunteer application and are screened and registered by Volunteer Services. For more information, visit hillsboroughschools.org and type “go volunteer” in the search box. Make this your year to say Y.E.S. to becoming a volunteer in your child’s school.

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH
Our Outreach Coordinators help strengthen parent/family and community partnerships, promote academic achievement, provide advocacy support, and help develop cross-cultural competency district-wide. Reach out to one of the coordinators for assistance in navigating your child’s school.

African American & Multicultural Outreach Coordinator: Lanita Lucas, 813-272-4767
Hispanic & Multicultural Outreach Coordinator: Araseli Martinez-Peña, 813-272-4428

FULL SERVICE AND PARENT RESOURCES CENTERS
The Full Service Centers are community-based, resource and enrichment centers that serve families district-wide, with a laser focus on underserved communities and schools. The mission of the Full-Service Centers is to serve as a support to schools and students along with their families, academic and infrastructural support necessary to achieving success. Each center coordinates the services of multiple agencies by developing partnerships to provide accessible, quality support to families and individuals through an intake process via walk-ins, phone calls, referrals and outreach efforts. The areas of focus are advocacy, resource linkage, case management and family engagement.

The Resource Center is in East Tampa at 2100 E. 26th Avenue | 813-272-0673
Just Full-Service Center is in West Tampa at 1315 W. Spruce Street | 813-274-7982
The facilities also offer space for meetings, community activities and non-traditional educational opportunities with childcare.

PEACHJAR
A system used by our district to distribute flyers electronically to families while automatically posting them directly to each school’s website. Parents receive district approved e-flyers directly to their email inbox. Additionally, readers can forward e-flyers to friends and family or share them on social media to boost participation. Peachjar is just one more way our district communicates with the community while saving time, money and trees. For more information about Peachjar, call 813-272-4048.

MYON
Part of the District’s READ.WRITE.NOW. initiative, myON is a personalized digital library available at no cost to every child in the District. Renaissance myON® Reader is a student-centered, personalized literacy platform that gives students access to more than 6,500 enhanced digital books. Books can be matched to your child’s interests, grade and reading level. Combined with a suite of close reading tools and embedded supports, myON Reader fosters student engagement and achievement. To log in, go to myON.com and search your child’s school name; the username is your child’s lunch number and the password is your child’s district password or birth year and date if you have not logged in. Contact your child’s school if you have additional questions.

SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL (SAC)
The School Advisory Council (SAC) is a team of individuals from various community segments—parents, teachers, students, administrators, support staff, business/industry representatives, and other interested community members. The purpose of the SAC is to assist the principal in developing and evaluating the school improvement plan’s results and the annual school budget. The responsibility of the School Advisory Council is to provide parents, citizens, faculty, staff and students an opportunity to participate in the development of educational priorities, assessment of a school’s needs and identification of local resources. The people best suited to decide what will be effective in helping our students learn are the people closest to each school: the principal, faculty and staff, parents, students, local business leaders and community members. These stakeholders are represented on a school’s advisory council. To learn more about SAC, contact your child’s school.

MYSPOt
Have you visited mySPOT? Visit hillsboroughschools.org and type “go myspot” in the search box to connect to mySPOT; our student parent online toolkit with connections to many district resources, including MyOn Reader and the Student Handbook.

ALLIANCE FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Formed by parents and community members who believed that public education must be a shared community value and priority, Alliance for Public Schools educates, engages and inspires families and communities to collectively support high-quality public schools and the children who attend them. Parent University is a compilation of available resources for parents to utilize with their children while at home, in addition to school academics. In collaboration with the Hillsborough Classroom Teachers Association, the Alliance for Public Schools adds useful sites, tools, and modules from their Parent University program that can be accessed online. Learn more at all4schools.org.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS
Note: The Florida Legislature determines graduation requirements and are subject to change.

- Earn the required 18 or 24 credits.
- Earn a cumulative unweighted state grade point average (GPA) of at least 2.0.
- Achieve a passing score on the required state assessments.

For detailed information, refer to the graduation requirement charts posted on our district website.

PROMOTION REQUIREMENTS / STUDENT PROGRESSION PLAN
Hillsborough County Public Schools’ mission is to provide an education and the supports which enable each student to excel as a successful and responsible citizen. Students will be placed in programs and levels best suited to meet their academic needs, with consideration given to their social, emotional and physical development, to ensure their total and continuous development. Decisions regarding student promotion, retention and special placement are primarily the responsibility of the principal and the School Placement Committee, in accordance with the district’s Student Progression Plan. Promotion is based on student achievement. Instruction will be
PTA/PTSA
The Parent Teacher Associations (PTA) and Parent Teacher Student Associations (PTSA) provide a way for parents, teachers, administrators, students and community members to advocate for better laws and programs to support student achievement and help prepare them for life. The goal of the Hillsborough County Council PTA/PTSA is to strengthen communication and participation between county units, local PTA/PTSA units, and Hillsborough County Public Schools. They work together to bring home, school, community and places of worship together, to improve the school and community that supports all of our children: “Every Child, One Voice.” Contact your child’s school for more information and visit hcctaptasa.org.

PROFFERFISH
The way students, counselors and parents access and log community service hours is changing. Students are now encouraged to use the Community Service Ecosystem—Profferfish. This innovative online platform will change student community service from a reactive process to a proactive journey, and best of all, it’s FREE to all students in Hillsborough County Public Schools! To create an account, log in your hours, and search for future volunteer opportunities, visit profferfish.com. Students can reach out to their College Career Counselor for support or designee.

PARENTLINK
Principals use ParentLink to communicate important information directly to parents and families. ParentLink is also used by our district to communicate important events, updates about our district and emergency information. The ParentLink system uses your contact information at your child’s school, so it is important to keep this up to date. Contact your child’s school to update your contact information.

STATE AND DISTRICT EXPECTATIONS
The Florida Standards and the Next Generation Sunshine State Standards for all elementary, middle and high school content areas can be found on our district website, hillsboroughschools.org. Type “go fsa” in the search box. If you don’t have access to a computer, you can call or visit your child’s school to set up a time to view a copy of the standards.

Note: In accordance to the FDOE, the state will be converting standards to the Benchmarks for Excellent Student’s Thinking (B.E.S.T.) in the coming years. More information will be shared in the future.

PERSONALIZED ACADEMIC AND CAREER PLAN
Students will begin career exploration and educational planning during their middle school years. Before the beginning of their ninth-grade year, students will develop a four-year academic and career plan that aligns with their goals after high school and will share the plan with their parents/guardians. The plan will be reviewed annually for any necessary revisions. Additionally, it will focus on closing the achievement gaps and level the playing field for students in underperforming schools by creating equitable systems of support resulting in rapid, sustainable improvement of student outcomes.

ATTENDANCE BOUNDARIES
Our district has set up a web page that houses PDF maps of every school’s attendance boundary, a link to the locator and link to the attendance boundary changes page. Visit hillsboroughschools.org and enter “go maps” in the search box.

TRANSFORMATION NETWORK
The mission of the Transformation Network is to relentlessly focus on bold, innovative approaches that create equitable access to high quality instructional practices, develop organizational talent and capacity, design high achieving collaborative school cultures, and empower family involvement and community partnerships.

Vision of the Transformation Network
1. Rigorous, High Quality Instruction
2. Grade Level Appropriate Assignments
3. High Expectations
4. Deep Engagement

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SCHOOL READINESS PROGRAM
Funded by the Early Learning Coalition of Hillsborough County, the School Readiness program provides financial assistance for childcare and early education to low income working parents and families referred by partner agencies. The goal of the School Readiness program is to provide safe, healthy and quality early educational experiences that support enhanced outcomes for children, their families and the surrounding communities. To enroll and learn more, visit echc.org/programs__services/school-readiness.

FAMILY LITERACY SERVICES
The Adult Education program provides educational opportunities to more than 30,000 adult students 16 years of age or older in the areas of adult basic education (ABE), general educational development (GED), adult high school credit, English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL), vocational preparation instruction, workplace readiness skills, family literacy and career/technical educational opportunities. The CARIBE Refugee Program provides free English language classes and vocational/career training to adult foreign nationals who enter the United States with refugee status. For more information, call 813-231-1972. Short-term, customized courses are offered to address community interests and needs, such as workforce development and recreation/enrichment classes.

FLORIDA DIAGNOSTIC AND LEARNING RESOURCE SYSTEM (FDLRS)
FDLRS is a statewide network that provides support services to educators, families of students with exceptionalities and community agencies throughout Florida. FDLRS centers provide services in the areas of Child Find, human resource development, parent services and technology; call 813-837-7777. For parent services, call 813-837-7732 (English) 813-837-7728 (Spanish). Learn more at fdlrs.myshdc.org.

FLORIDASHINES
FloridaShines provides free resources for students to learn about degrees, access their transcript, register for online classes, and/or check out a book from any of Florida’s 40 state college or university libraries. To view a transcript, please visit https://www.floridashines.org/go-to-college/get-ready-for-college.

- Scroll down under Get Ready for College
- Click on blue “check now” button
- Select Hillsborough
- Enter student’s last name
- Enter student’s Florida Identification Number

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE PROGRAMS (HOST)
Our district offers fee-based before school, after school and summer programs for school-age children attending select elementary and middle schools. For information on HOST, Hillsborough Out of School Time, call 813-744-8941 extension 1, ask at your child’s school or visit hillsboroughschools.org and type “go host” in the search box.

MULTI-TIERED SYSTEMS OF SUPPORT (MTSS)—RESPONSE TO INTERVENTION (RTI)
Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS) promotes school-wide practices that ensure all children’s highest possible success. MTSS evolved from the Response to Intervention (RTI) and Positive Behavior and Intervention Supports (PBIS) frameworks. MTSS is an evidence-based model that uses data-based problem-solving to integrate instruction, assessment, and intervention designed to meet all students’ academic, behavioral, and social emotional needs. The integrated instruction and intervention is delivered to students in varying intensities (multiple tiers) based on student need to prevent later academic and behavioral difficulty. Additional information and resources for families can be found at Florida’s MTSS website: Florida-rti.org/parentresources.

PARENT’S RIGHT TO KNOW
Parents have the right to know and review the professional qualifications of classroom teachers and paraprofessionals who instruct their children. Specifically, federal law allows parents to ask for the following information:

- Whether the Florida Department of Education has licensed or qualified the teacher for the grades and subjects he or she teaches.
- Whether the Florida Department of Education has decided that the teacher can teach in a classroom without being licensed or qualified under state regulations because of circumstances.
- The teacher’s college and major; whether the teacher has any advanced degrees and if so, the subjects and degrees.
- Whether any teachers’ aides or similar paraprofessionals provide services to your child and, if they do, their qualifications.
- The level of achievement of your child on each of the state academic assessments. To request and receive information, parents should contact their child’s school.

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT (FACE)
Our district’s FACE department is the lead resource for family & community engagement, & promotes the development of strong, innovative & collaborative partnerships to offer a variety of approaches, to engage in education. We partner with educators, parent & family organizations, businesses, faith based entities, institutions of higher learning and community & civic groups.

The priorities of the FACE Department focus on the following key strategies:
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EDUCATE (Capacity) - Build the capacity to work with schools, families and the community through training, technical assistance, public awareness, and information management.

ENGAGE (Collaboration) - Increase educational support through authentic family engagement, relations and partnerships

EMPOWER (Commitment) - Expand resources supporting Hillsborough County Public Schools, through effective, sustainable partnerships, and specialized projects and development

For more information, please call 813-272-4831. Our team is ready to assist.

MATH HOMEWORK HOTLINE
Do you need help on your math homework? Call in to Math Homework Hotline between 5:30 pm and 7:00 pm on Thursdays with a math problem. Our teachers are ready to take your questions beginning at 5:30 pm (phone lines are only available during the live show). The show airs from 6:00 pm-7:00 pm on Thursday evenings, online at hillboroughschoolstv.tv, on Spectrum channel 635 and Frontier channel 32. During the live broadcast, students can call 813-840-7260. Learn more by visiting mhh.mysdhc.org

Math Homework Hotline is sponsored by

MATHNASIUM
DO THE MATH!

Virtual Parent Academy
Provides parents, families and the community with the necessary tools and skills to support students academically, socially, and emotionally, while building a cornerstone to a healthier and safer community. These live, FREE, one-hour workshops/webinars focus on three key pillars:

1. Student Achievement - provides information and strategies for parent to support their child's learning at home.
2. Parent Advocacy - provides information and strategies to teach parents how to advocate for their child.
3. Personal Growth - helps build parents confidence and provides them with opportunities for personal growth.

Access the catalog of courses at hillsboroughschools.org/parentacademy

EXCEPTIONAL STUDENT EDUCATION
Exceptional Student Education (ESE) There are clues that can tell you your young child needs extra help and attention. For example, he or she may:

- Have health problems
- Seem to have problems seeing or hearing
- Seem to have problems walking or moving
- Seem to have problems speaking or understanding you

Exceptions with special needs can benefit from getting help when they are very young. If you think your infant or toddler has special needs, contact the University of South Florida Department of Pediatrics Early Steps program for children birth to age 3. For children ages 3 to 5, contact Child Find at 813-837-7788 to request information about services that can help your child and family.

ACCOMMODATIONS
Provisions will be made for students who have been determined eligible for Exceptional Student Education (ESE), and for Individual Educational Plans (IEPs) that document the need for accommodations, specially designed instruction and related services.

TRANSPORTATION SERVICES
Each school day, more than 91,000 Hillsborough County students board school buses to travel to and from school. It is a responsibility we take very seriously. It provides a gateway to education for students all over Hillsborough County who otherwise could not get to and from school.

Your child's school bus information is now available on hillsboroughschools.org/busstops. If you have additional questions, please contact your child's school.

Now Hiring Bus Drivers!
We are currently looking for dedicated individuals who want to join a team that has placed students first in the decisions it makes—preparing students for life.

To learn more about Transportation Services in Hillsborough County Public Schools, visit hillsboroughschools.org/transportation or call 813-982-5500.
Accommodations are the provisions that regular and special education teachers make to adjust for students with disabilities for instruction and testing/assessments.

Accommodations involve a wide range of techniques and supports that help students work around the limitations placed upon them because of their disability.

Accommodations change how instruction or assessment is delivered, as opposed to modifications, which change what is to be learned by the student.

The IEP team determines the accommodations, specially designed instruction and/or related services that are needed for a student.

Remember, you don’t have to do it alone. Determining needed services and accommodations for students with disabilities is an IEP team responsibility. Collaborate and consult with an ESE teacher, general education teacher, school psychologist, school social worker, ESE parent liaison and other school and district personnel. All services and supports required to serve the individual needs of each student are documented on the student’s IEP. The majority of students who have been determined eligible for ESE are expected to work toward the state standards for a regular diploma in a general education classroom setting with appropriate services, supports and accommodations. A small percentage of students with disabilities may be working toward the state standards for Access Points. The IEP team determines these decisions, with the parent serving as a vital member of the team.

INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (IDEA)
The federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) ensures that students with disabilities receive a free, appropriate public education. The U.S. Department of Education asserts that IDEA will:

• Raise expectations for children with disabilities
• Increase parental involvement in the education of their children
• Ensure that regular education teachers are involved in planning and assessing children’s progress
• Include children with disabilities in testing, performance goals and reports to the public
• Support quality professional development for all personnel who are involved in educating children with disabilities
• Expend a proportionate share of funds each year in providing services to parentally placed private school students with disabilities

JOHN MCKAY SCHOLARSHIPS
The John M. McKay Scholarship option is a state-operated voucher program for exceptional education students with Individual Education Plans and for students with 504 plans. For questions regarding the John M. McKay Scholarship program, visit floridaschoolchoice.org, call the Florida Department of Education Office of Independent Education at 800-447-4636 or call our school district’s Exceptional Student Education office at 813-273-7513.

KEEPING GOOD RECORDS
Parents can help themselves, their child and the service providers by keeping their own records. This will make going to meetings and talking to the service coordinator much easier. It also will be helpful if the family ever moves to another county or state. Some families keep a folder at home that includes:

• Evaluation and assessment results
• The written family support plan and updates to the plan

• Letters you have received from public agencies or your service coordinator
• Records or reports from doctors or other people who have worked with your child
• Letters or notes from you to public agencies or your service coordinator
• Notes and dates of telephone calls, meetings, conferences and visits

For more information, visit hillsboroughschools.org and type “go ESE” in the search box, or call the ESE Department at 813-273-7025.

*Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act protects persons with disabilities from discrimination; ensures persons with disabilities Equal Access to such programs; and requires programs to make Reasonable Accommodations, where necessary, to provide such access. Students who have been determined eligible as a student with a disability under Section 504, may be eligible for accommodations as documented in their 504 Plan.

STUDENT SERVICES IN HILLSBOROUGH SCHOOLS
MENTAL HEALTH IN HILLSBOROUGH SCHOOLS
There is an increased awareness of mental health services for students, which was supported by the Florida Legislature. Our district’s Mental Health Plan aims to coordinate, collaborate, document, and monitor the mental health services provided to students. Our mental health team assists schools in promoting school-wide mental health awareness, suicide prevention & threat assessment initiatives, social-emotional learning (SEL) skill-building, trauma-informed practices, school-wide character education, bullying prevention, behavior management systems, and substance abuse awareness efforts. These initiatives are designed to increase mental health awareness and identify mental health illnesses.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS (ELL) PROGRAMS & ENGLISH FOR SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES (ESOL) SERVICES
Districts are required to provide appropriate educational programs and services for all students who are classified as English Language Learners (ELL). School districts throughout the state are mandated by federal and state laws to survey and screen all students who are new to our district to determine their levels of English proficiency. Districts are also required to provide appropriate education programs and services for all students who are classified as ELL. Our district provides English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) services to more than 27,000 students. Students who have a language other than English spoken in their home and who, after assessment, are determined to be limited in their English proficiency are eligible for ESOL services. For more information, please call the ELL department at 813-273-7511.
ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMS

- Adult Education ABE / GED Programs Online and On Campus
- Underage GED Program (16- and 17-year-old, who are not enrolled in K-12)
- Adult ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages)
- Adult High School – standard diploma online and on campus
- Adult High School co-enrolled credit classes (created for students in high school who need to make up credits failed)
- Family Literacy Services – (Childcare services for parents in ABE /GED or ESOL)
- National Farm Worker Jobs Program (for migrants)
- Adult Literacy Volunteer Programs through SERVE
- Adult and Career Services Center (Career Pathways Services)

For more information, please contact the Adult and Career Services Center at 813-231-1907, visit hillsboroughschools.org and type “go adult-ed” in the search box or contact one of our Adult Education locations:

Bowers/Whitley Adult School ........................................... 813-463-9528
Brandon Adult School .................................................. 813-744-8131
Chamberlain Adult School ............................................ 813-631-4500
Gary Adult High School .................................................. 813-740-7660
Jefferson Adult School ................................................... 813-356-1288
Lennard Adult School ................................................. 813-658-2075
Leto Adult School ....................................................... 813-872-5300
Plant City Adult School ..................................................... 813-707-7147

such as anxiety, depression or suicidal ideation. Our Mental Health Plan also aims to promote and provide students and staff with tools to build a strong school culture and nurturing environment that focuses on the whole child. By delivering positive interventions for challenging behaviors, as well as targeting mental health interventions, we hope to ensure students' emotional well-being and mental health needs are being met. Our mental health team includes district mental health clinicians who have an advanced degree and licenses in advanced clinical training. Clinicians provide direct services to schools and students from the basis of an interdisciplinary team that works with school staff on specific case management, student referral needs and threat/suicide assessment procedures. These initiatives are in addition to the existing services provided by school-based school counselors, school psychological services, school social work services and school health services. Our partner, Central Florida Behavioral Network, Inc., provides direct mental health services for students. To find student services information and resources, visit hillsboroughschools.org/student services. For more information about our mental health team and plan, visit hillsboroughschools.org/mentalhealth.

SCHOOL COUNSELING K-12
School counselors work with students individually, in small groups and classroom settings, focusing on academic advisement, personal/social development, mental health wellness, and college/career planning.

SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK SERVICES
School social work services are available in all district elementary, middle and high schools and special programs, including Head Start, School Readiness, District-Wide Attendance, Fostering Education and Students in Transition. Through their unique training and practice, school social workers provide various professional services that foster students’ physical, social, emotional, and academic growth. They promote and support the educational process by meeting students’ individual needs and families within the community. School social workers serve as liaisons between the school, family and community agencies. They provide outreach services to students and their families to address problems that interfere with student success. These services include providing crisis intervention and counseling, strengthening, and supporting parent and family involvement, planning, and developing school-based interventions with educators, engaging community resources and assessing the need for special services. School social workers are often involved in helping students and their families with learning, behavior, or attendance concerns while strengthening home, school and community partnerships. School social workers have Master’s degrees. Many are licensed as mental health professionals and bring experience working in various agency settings. They are trained to utilize a strength-based perspective and are experts in navigating the systems that influence students and families. Call 813-273-7090 or visit hillsboroughschools.org and type “go social” in the search box.

SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES
Psychological services are available at all school sites within our district, for students of all ages. School psychologists help children succeed academically, socially and emotionally. They collaborate with parents, educators and other professionals to create safe, healthy and supportive learning environments. School psychologists’ services include assisting in the selection and progress monitoring of academic and behavioral interventions implemented to support students, conducting psychoeducational assessments, offering counseling and services tailored to meet student needs and supporting staff and parents through consultation activities. School psychologists also collaborate as team members to complete suicide assessments and threat assessments. All school psychologists have advanced, post-graduate degrees and many have specialized training and experiences in crisis intervention, bilingual assessment, and behavior analysis. For additional information, call 813-273-7095 or visit hillsboroughschools.org and type “go psychological” in the search box.

The place to go for EVERYTHING happening in Hillsborough County Public Schools!

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Rigorous Academic OPPORTUNITIES

ADVEMENT VIA INDIVIDUAL DETERMINATION (AVID)
AVID is a national program that helps students reach their goal of entering a college, university or other institution. AVID’s mission is to close the achievement gap by preparing all students for college readiness and success in a global society. AVID equips students with the necessary skills to be successful at the middle school, high school and college levels by enrolling them in rigorous college prep courses such as Advanced Placement and honors. The AVID elective class offers students academic support and provides key learning skills, such as organization, note-taking, collaboration, test-taking, and reflective writing. AVID students also have access to tutors for all core academic areas. AVID is available in every high school and middle school. For more information see the AVID coordinator or school counselor at your child’s school or visit hillsboroughschools.org

AGP GIFTED PROGRAM (AGP)
AGP services are provided for students who meet the state’s criteria for classification as gifted. In Florida, students who are considered gifted are those with superior intellectual development who are capable of high performance. Services for gifted students are designed to provide enrichment and/or acceleration opportunities aligned with the student’s Gifted Education Plan (EP). The process for gifted identification includes screening, referral and evaluation. Parents who believe their child may be gifted may contact the school’s guidance counselor to initiate the identification process. For more information about the Gifted program, visit our district website.

COLLEGIATE ACADEMIES
Collegiate Academies provide high school Magnet students with the opportunity to earn an Associate of Arts degree in a college atmosphere while receiving the support provided in a high school environment. Students encounter rigorous Dual Enrollment coursework concentrated at the Collegiate Academy, which allows them to earn enough credits for their AA degree and/or carry credits earned to a four-year university following graduation. Students must maintain their grade point average to take full advantage of this Magnet program and they receive academic and career advisement from both our district and our collegiate partner, Hillsborough Community College, as they move through their four years of high school. Their life-changing goal: receiving their high school diploma and college degree within a few weeks of one another at the end of their senior year of high school. Visit our district website to find your nearest Collegiate Academy high school.

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE
International Baccalaureate (IB) is a rigorous pre-university Magnet Program in Hillsborough County Public Schools whose course of study meets the needs of highly motivated and academically talented students. The IB Magnet Programs (Primary Years Programme, Middle Years Programme, and Diploma Programme) are offered on all levels in our district, from K-12 and aims to teach the whole child through the process of inquiry, global education and project-based learning. Selection for IB programs is done via computer selection. Entrance into a high school IB program is a competitive process that begins when a student enters middle school.

HILLSBOROUGH VIRTUAL SCHOOL
Our district offers a full-time and a part-time program in Grades K-12 with more than 110 online course options, including robust and rigorous honors and Advanced Placement courses. All courses are taught by our district's highly qualified and Florida certified professional educators. This virtual program prepares full-time students to take all standardized tests instituted by Hillsborough County Public Schools and the State of Florida. A full-time high school diploma option is available. To learn more, call 813-983-7278 or visit our district website.

Welcome the Cambridge International Program to Hillsborough Schools!
The anticipation and excitement are building, because for the first time ever Hillsborough Schools will be adding the Cambridge International Program to schools! This world-renowned program can be found at Ferrell, Franklin, and Rodgers Middle Magnet Schools as a Magnet Program and Academy 2027 Middle School and Sumner High School as a School Attractor Program. With a focus on increasing global awareness for students through a flexible approach to learning while providing teachers with best practices training to strengthen their teaching approaches. Cambridge Programs in our district will give families another innovative school option for their students that will expand their minds and equip them for the world in 2020-2021 and beyond. For more information on applying to one of these programs visit school websites or call the Information Helpline at 813-272-4692.

DUAL ENROLLMENT
Dual Enrollment is the process by which an eligible middle or high school student is enrolled in a college course and the credit earned applies toward both a high school diploma and a college degree or postsecondary career and technical certificates. Refer to the Hillsborough County Public Schools Student Handbook for more detailed information, including eligibility criteria.

STEM EDUCATION
The Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Education Department facilitates STEM education for ALL students in Hillsborough County Public Schools. Our approach to STEM education includes a network of collaborating partners, including institutes of higher education, business partners, philanthropic organizations and many science-rich institutions. Through the use of experiential, hands-on learning, a constructivist approach to education, and cross-curricular collaborations between Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics and Career and Technical Education we ready our students for college and career success, thus preparing them for life. The STEM Department collaborates and hosts many STEM-centric competitions, opportunities and experiences for our district’s students ranging from local robotics competitions to our district STEM Fair and the Student Spaceflight Experiment Program to the International Space Station. To learn more about STEM programs in our district, call 813-272-4622 or visit our district website.

SCHOLAR QUEST
Get a jump-start on high school and life with Scholar Quest! These courses challenge middle school students with advanced academics and award high school credit for students who meet the classes’ rigorous requirements. Scholar Quest options are available only at middle schools and K-8 schools operated by our district. Why Scholar Quest? Scholar Quest engages 6, 7 & 8th-grade students in accelerated courses, featuring advanced academics and unique college and career-connected learning opportunities. These classes award high school credits when students complete the course.

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HILLSBOROUGH SCHOOL CHOICE OPTIONS

Hillsborough School Options are a variety of educational opportunities for families to choose beyond their attendance area school (neighborhood school) and provide options based on student interest. To view a full listing of school options and application dates, visit bitly.com/greatschooloptions.

- Career & Technical Education (CTE)
- Charter Schools
- Hillsborough Virtual School
- Home Education
- Magnet Schools

MAGNET SCHOOLS
Magnet schools offer programs of study for students wanting to explore areas that spark their interests. These programs feature a unique theme that is found throughout the entire school, connecting each subject and class to the Magnet school’s program. Themes include International Baccalaureate, Collegiate Academy, Cambridge AICE, Cybersecurity, Engineering, Environmental Science, Global Studies, Humanities, Medical Studies, Criminal Justice, Performing and Technical Arts, STEM, Architecture, Law and many others. Magnet schools are offered at the elementary, middle and high school levels. Educators in each Magnet School receive training on their specific theme and infuse it into their discipline to create an engaging and unified environment for learning. An application is required for each Magnet school. Visit the hillsboroughschools.org/magnet to find out more information on programs, application dates and school contact details. You can also call 813-272-4692.

CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION (CTE)
Career and Technical Education programs focus on Florida’s 17 career clusters, developing skills that prepare students for jobs in the workforce of the future. Students in CTE programs take a hands-on approach to learning, with engaging classes that connect to real-world job skills. In addition, career academies are small learning communities that consist of teams of academic and CTE teachers who share groups of students, monitor achievement and implement integrated curricula. Career and Technical Education typically leads to valuable industry certifications and strong partnerships with schools and businesses that create a strong future after high school. CTE prepares students for higher education, the workforce and adult life. For more information, call Career and Technical Education at 813-231-1860 or visit hillsboroughschools.org/CTE.

CHARTER SCHOOLS
Charter schools are independent public schools operated by a non-profit organization. They hire their own teachers, design their own academic program and control their own finances. They have their own board of directors that makes decisions for the school. All charter schools must provide a curriculum that meets the Florida Standards and Next Generation Sunshine State Standards. These schools must also hire certified teachers. In Florida, charter schools are accountable to the school district where they reside for student academic performance and fiscal management, but the district does not manage them. For additional information, call the Charter Office at 813-272-4049 and visit hillsboroughschools.org/charter.

HILLSBOROUGH VIRTUAL SCHOOL
Hillsborough Virtual K-12 is a school choice option for students in grades K-12. HVS students are served by highly qualified Hillsborough County teachers for each class online. Students log in, receive curriculum, complete assignments and take quizzes and tests online. They have full access to their teachers for each subject they can communicate via email, phone/text, instant message, or virtual classroom. We offer online courses to eligible students in a variety of ways: Full-time, co-enrolled (part-time), credit recovery and home education. Students planning to take a class as part of, or in addition to, their school day during the 2020-21 school year, can enroll in classes now! Co-enrollment will remain open until February 2021. For more information, call 813-983-7278 or visit the webpage at hillsboroughschools.org/virtual.

HOME EDUCATION
Home education, as defined by Florida law, gives parents the freedom to choose and direct educational programs that best meet their child’s needs. Parents are responsible for all aspects of the student’s home education program. High school students do not earn a diploma as a home education student. Call the home education office at 813-609-6816 for more information or hillsboroughschools.org and type “home education” in the search box.

FOR OUR MILITARY FAMILIES
Welcome to Hillsborough County Public Schools (HCPS), the seventh largest school district in the nation. We are proud to be home to more than 4,000 military-connected families in schools across our district.

We would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to our military families, especially our youngest heroes - your children, our students. Our district is dedicated to offering a variety of educational opportunities to your family. Don’t hesitate to contact us with any questions about your transition into Hillsborough County Schools, call 813-272-4692 and identify yourself as an active duty military family.
Kelly Education supports the 2020–2021 Parent + Family Guide.

**Canvas**
The New Hub of Learning

Canvas is our new learning management system that will provide a hub of learning for our students, parents and teachers. We know you have a lot on your plate right now – so we are working to make the transition to Canvas as simple as possible.

Canvas is replacing Edbsy, so if you have accessed Edsby in the past, your username and password are the exact same for Canvas.

However, if you are the parent of a new Hillsborough Schools student, or you have never accessed Edsby before, please visit the families section on HillsboroughSchools.org, and click the MySPOT Login link to register for an account.

Canvas will make it easier than ever to communicate with your student’s teachers, monitor their progress and set up alerts so you never miss an update in your student’s classes.

We have created a Family Guide as well as a Student Guide that will walk you through the process and show you what Canvas can do.

Family Guide: bit.ly/canvasfamilyguide
Student Guide: bit.ly/hcpsstudentguide

**Kelly Education**

Kelly Education is looking for talented individuals to fill substitute teacher and paraprofessional positions in Hillsborough County Public Schools.

Imagine having an impact on today’s students while satisfying your desire to work in the educational field.

**Take advantage of:**
- Flexible schedules/work in the school of your choice
- Kelly sponsored ACA health care coverage for eligible employees
- Group insurance options
- Paid training
- Weekly electronic pay options
- 401k opportunity

**Requirements:**
- Minimum High School Diploma
- Ability to provide two professional letters of reference
- Ability to provide transcripts
- Pass Background and Fingerprint screenings

**Hillsborough Education Foundation**

Hillsborough Education Foundation works tirelessly to strengthen public education in Hillsborough County through advocacy, investment of resources, and programs that empower every student to achieve both academic and personal success. Hillsborough Education Foundation honors standout teachers and staff in Hillsborough County each year through the annual Excellence in Education Awards, presented by Suncoast Credit Union. Visit educationfoundation.com to learn more about their partnership with Hillsborough Schools.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO**

**Miranda Harwood,**
Brooker Elementary School

**Named 2020 Teacher of the Year** at the Excellence in Education Awards

Hillsborough Education Foundation is proud to announce Miranda Harwood, a fourth grade teacher at Brooker Elementary School, as the 2020 Teacher of the Year.

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