

Fact sheet

Operations



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One Vision: Preparing Students for Life

As the largest employer in Hillsborough County, our Operations Division works tirelessly to provide proper nutrition, state of the art technology, a safe learning environment, transportation and well-constructed facilities.

Our Operations Division works as a team to support students, staff and community at our 264 buildings, encompassing 27 million square feet.

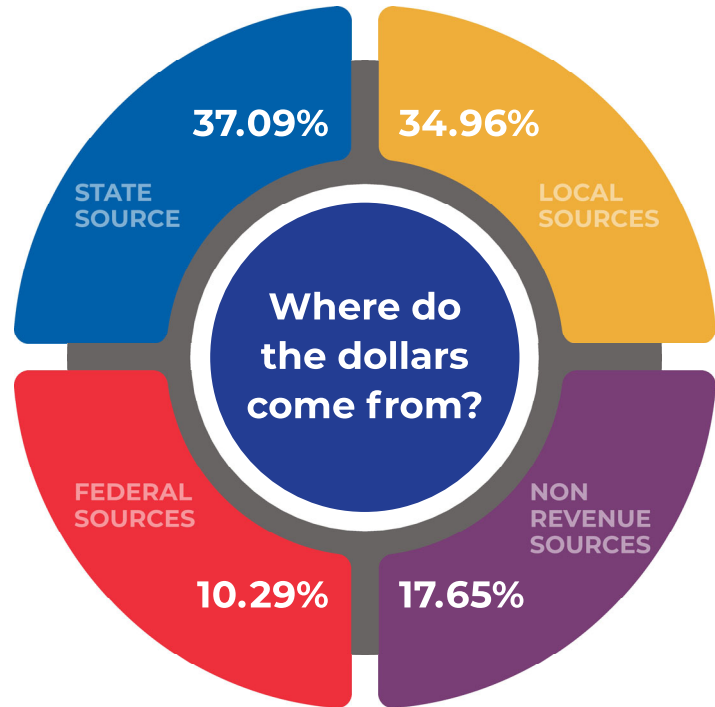
The Operations Division includes:

- Business Office
- Construction
- Growth Management
- Human Resources
- Maintenance & Facilities
- Safety and Security
- Student Nutrition Services
- Information Technology
- Transportation Services

Let's take a deeper look into each department that runs the 7th largest school district in the nation with a \$3 billion budget.

EDUCATE HILLSBOROUGH'S MISSION

To educate, connect, and inspire the next generation of Tampa Bay's leaders through the infinite experiences in Hillsborough County Public Schools.



Highlights

- As of January 2020, the **Education Referendum** has brought in more than **\$103M**. With nearly **\$89M** already **invested into our schools** to address essential district needs including air conditioning, aging roofs, classroom technology and safety and security improvements.
- **More than 1,400 transportation employees** safely transport **84,000 students** to and from school daily—totaling more than **16.9 miles annually**.
- **Student Nutrition Services Department (SNS)** operates as a self-supporting, **\$143 million dollar enterprise**. Each day, **more than 2,000 dedicated employees** serve **more than 232,000 nutritious meals** to students.
- State and local funding this fiscal school year amounts to **\$1,657,016,519**. Instructional materials amounted to **\$17,769,630**, that is **\$81.29** per student.
- **Academy 2027 (middle school) opening inside Sumner High School in August 2020** (Physical middle school will be built and open in 2022-23 with room for 1,685 students).



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South County Growth—projected schools and locations

- New Elementary School opening in **August 2020**
- **Sumner High School opening** off of Balm Rd., east of Hwy 301 in August 2020
- Elementary Magnet School planned to open **August 2023** in the Waterset area of South County
- **Our Schools must be built to code for hurricanes**, since they are used for shelters. Which increases our construction cost to build campuses.

Education Referendum

- **Investing \$23 million in upgrading safety and security systems** and providing state-of-the-art equipment and facilities designed to create safe environments for our children.
- Dedicating **\$25 million to new classroom technology**—preparing students for college and tomorrow's careers in the workforce.
- Our district receives **1/8 of a penny from the Hillsborough County sales tax**—resulting in **less local support than all our neighboring counties**. It was **passed in 1996** as part of the Community Investment Tax, which **inadequately covers current needs and growth**.

Transportation

- We have **816 buses on the road daily**—covering more than **2,400 runs** and **stopping at 15,455 locations** each day.
- School buses help the environment with **reduced traffic, reduced pollution** and **reduced costs**—it **takes 48 cars to transport students** riding on one school bus.
- **Automatic Vehicle Locator (GPS)** updates every 10 seconds, showing us bus **locations, speed, when and where it stopped, on-time arrival rate** at the school and bus **idling times**.

Student Nutrition Services

- **Free Breakfast** Program for all students
- **Reduced Meal Charges statute has been eliminated**—children who qualify for reduced price lunches through the meal application process receive their lunch free of charge.
- **Lunch meals are \$2.25 for elementary students and \$2.75 for middle and high school students.**
- Every afternoon, **167 of our school sites** with Extended Learning programs, serve a third meal. In an average month, **190,000 “dinner” meals are served to students** across the district.
- Our SNS team has **5 decommissioned school buses** that have been **converted into mobile feeding units**. These buses drive to **remote areas of the county**—areas are determined by Department of Agriculture. These areas typically include apartment complexes, neighborhoods and mobile home parks that are too far for students to walk to a school to eat.
- In the event that our district must provide evacuation spaces for families in need and our local school sites become shelters. **SNS provides meals to those evacuees until sheltering closes**. During Hurricane Irma, SNS served more than **200,000 meals**.
- Many students in our district depend on school meals as their primary source of nutrition. **SNS offers 880,000 breakfasts and lunches to children 18 and under.**

Safety & Security

- **2/3** of our district security officers are **former law enforcement officers** and **1/3** are **former military** service members
- **A State mandate increased our security funding by 6 million**, allowing us to hire an officer for every elementary school and supervisors.
- With this increased funding, we were able to go from a security staff of **119 to 369**.
- We have **law enforcement present** on each middle and high school campus.
- New **CENTEGIX Crisis Alert system** is being installed on each campus with a **\$7.6 million** grant through the state's **Safety and Security of School Buildings grant** so that teachers and staff can alert a medical emergency or active threat on campus.
- **Our district was one of the first to comply with state laws** under the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Act, strengthening school safety.

Human Resources

- Our district has agreements with more than 50 colleges and universities to place college of education students in final internships. **80% of college of education students choose to begin careers in our district.**
- Our district boasts a **90% retention rate** among its 16,000 plus instructional employees—well above the national average.
- Over the past year, there were 16,338 external applications filed by job seekers wanting to become employees of the school district. **5,213 applicants were offered positions** in our district.
- 3% of the workforce are principals and assistant principals, and **1% are district administrators.**
- Our district was selected as one of **America's Top Employers for New Graduates and Best Employers for Diversity** by *Forbes Magazine*.

Business

- State and local funding this fiscal school year amounts to **\$1,657,016,519**. Instructional materials amounted to **\$17,769,630**, that is \$81.29 per student.
- **FTE (Full Time Equivalent)** refers to one student attending public school full time and is used as the basis for school district funding through the FEFP (Florida Education Finance Program)—based on a 180-day regular school year (two 90-day terms).
- **Public Education Capital Outlay (PECO)** dollars are generated from the state's gross receipts tax on cable, electric and landline telephone bills. The two types of PECO funds includes **maintenance dollars** and **new construction dollars**.
- **Capital dollars** are for buildings, maintenance, technology, security, and repaying money borrowed to make capital improvements in the past. (Revenue from a half penny sales tax can only be used on capital expenses).
- **Dollars from Federal, State, local and non-revenue sources** support the cost of personnel, safety and security, materials and supplies, transportation, health services and classroom technology.