

# SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY COMMITTEE (STSC) AGENDA June 5, 2019 – 9:00 a.m.

310 Court Street, 1st Floor Planning Conference Room Clearwater, FL 33756

#### THE PLANNING COUNCIL AND METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION FOR PINELLAS COUNTY

- 1. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS
- 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES March 6, 2019
- 3. ELECTION OF OFFICERS
- 4. PROPOSED BYLAW AMENDMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP
- 5. <u>SENATE BILL 7030 RECOMMENDATIONS OF MARJORY STONEMAN DOUGLAS</u> HIGH SCHOOL PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION
- 6. MOTORISTS PASSING STOPPED SCHOOL BUSES
- 7. HAZARDOUS WALKING CONDITIONS REVIEW
- 8. CHANGES IN SCHOOL BELL TIMES
- 9. SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL
- 10. OTHER BUSINESS
  - A. SPOTLight Emphasis Area Update
  - B. STEPS Program Minutes & Agendas
  - C. Request for Future Agenda Topics

#### 11. ADJOURNMENT

**Next Meeting: October 2, 2019** 

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### **SUMMARY**

The meeting summary for the March 6, 2019 meeting is attached for review and approval.

ATTACHMENT(S): STSC Meeting Summary – March 6, 2019

**ACTION:** Approval of Meeting Summary

# SUMMARY OF SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING OF MARCH 6, 2019

The meeting was held on Wednesday, March 6, 2019, at 9:00 a.m., in the 1st Floor Planning Department Conference Room. Those in attendance were:

#### **Members Present:**

Terry Huberty Pinellas County School Board

Councilman Dr. Bob Cundiff
Commission Dave Eggers
Doug Mullis
City of Clearwater
Pinellas County (BCC)
Citizen Representative

Joshua Shulman PSTA

Marshall Touchton Pinellas County School Board

#### **Members Absent:**

Commissioner John Carroll City of Largo

Carol Cook Pinellas County School Board

Commissioner Jacob Karr
Councilmember Gina Driscoll
Commissioner Heather Gracy
Commissioner Gabby McGee
Commissioner Cliff Merz
Councilmember Keith Sabiel
Councilmember Roger Edelman
City of Tarpon Springs
City of St. Petersburg
City of Dunedin
City of Oldsmar
City of Safety Harbor
City of Pinellas Park
City of Seminole

#### **Others Present:**

Stephanie Carrier Pinellas County School Board

Tiffany Sabiel Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital/Safe Routes to School

Councilmember Charles Gerdes City of St. Petersburg

Michelle Greene Valerin / FDOT

Caroline Lanford Pinellas County Planning

Joan Rice Pinellas County Public Works Traffic

Cammie Weeks Pinellas County School Board Bill Dudley Pinellas County School Board

Al Bartolotta Forward Pinellas Staff Sandra Knoebel Forward Pinellas Staff Robert Feigel Forward Pinellas Staff Maria Kelly Forward Pinellas Staff

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Al Bartolotta, Forward Pinellas Division Manager, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Former Chair Peggy O'Shea was defeated in the November School Board elections, therefore she is unable to continue as Chair for the STSC. The Vice-Chair Carol Cook was unable to attend, therefore Al Bartolotta was the facilitator for this meeting.

#### 2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Election of Officers was postponed until the June 5, 2019 meeting.

#### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Cundiff motioned approval of the summary of the October 3, 2018 meeting, seconded by Commissioner Eggers and the vote passed unanimously.

#### **WALK-ON ITEM: FDOT SCHOOL ART PROGRAM**

Ms. Michelle Greene, Valerin / FDOT, addressed the committee sharing information regarding the Pinellas County Crosswalk Safety Art Contest. The contest is being launched by the FDOT Safety Office in partnership with Pinellas County Schools. It is part of a safety education campaign to help reduce pedestrian crashes at crosswalks in the vicinity of public schools. FDOT is reaching out to identify some public schools in the county to participate in the project. The Art Contest engages students to create a design with an educational pedestrian safety message that would wrap around signal controller cabinets encouraging compliance with pedestrian signals. The messages would target students and young adults emphasizing the importance of avoiding distractions when crossing roadways at marked and signalized pedestrian crosswalks. Questions were taken and appropriately answered.

#### 4. HAZARDOUS WALKING CONDITIONS

Ms. Cammie Weeks, Pinellas County Public Schools, addressed the committee to share information on Hazardous Walking Conditions. Florida Administration Code (F.A.C.), Rule 6A-3.0171, requires local school districts to assure that county and city officials are advised of hazards involving students walking to and from school. Through its hazardous walk review team, Pinellas School District staff surveys and inspects the surrounding areas of the county's public schools and produces an annual report on walking conditions. This information is shared with Pinellas County and the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and these agencies work with the School District to address any issues affecting the safety of students walking to and from school. People who witness a hazardous or potentially dangerous condition are encouraged to report it to the Transportation Office by submitting a Travel to School Safety Concern Form online at <a href="https://www.pcsb.org/page/3989">www.pcsb.org/page/3989</a>. These forms can be submitted for bicycling, bus stops, driving, walking to school to school bus stops. Questions were taken and appropriately answered.

#### 5. SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL

Ms. Tiffany Sabiel, John Hopkins All Children's Hospital/Safe Routes to School, shared a presentation with the committee on bicycle and pedestrian safety educational programs. Florida's Safe Routes to School Program funds specific projects that provide educational programs aimed at parents, children and the community. Safe Routes to School is a federally funded program providing community events and school training workshops on bike and pedestrian educational programs in 54 Florida counties, reaching 622 schools. Based out of Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital, the local SRTS chapter is covering 15 counties in and around Pinellas County. Due to budget cuts, STRS went from ten educators to four, and modified their focus to "training the trainers" workshops. This model allows them to train teachers and community partners to help educate children and parents on bike and pedestrian safety. They also support the Walking School Bus program where children walk to school as a group with adult supervision. Discussion followed with questions taken and appropriately answered.

#### 6. TRAVEL TO SCHOOL SAFETY CONCERNS

Ms. Stephanie Carrier, Pinellas County Schools, spoke to the committee about travel to school safety concerns. Pinellas County Schools rely on parents, faculty, and motorists to assist them in the reporting of incidents where the safety of children traveling to and from school is impacted. Children are eligible for school bus transportation if they live two or more miles from their zoned school and Pinellas County Schools designate a school bus stop as close to the student's home as possible. But neighborhood road restrictions, conditions and locations sometimes require bus stops to be located outside of the neighborhoods. This is why there are bus stops along heavily traveled major roads such as Gandy, 4th Street and US 19. Ms. Carrier

presented power point slides that included the Pinellas County results of a National 2018 School Bus Illegal Passing survey. Committee members and others in attendance expressed concern about the statistics showing an alarming rate of motorists passing stopped school buses. Committee members asked to be sent a copy of the power point slides presented. The statistics presented showed that 645 vehicles were reported illegally passing a stopped school bus in one day. This included several cars passing on the right side of the bus, where the students enter and exit. These types of statistics have been relatively consistent over the past couple of years. The Committee discussed approaches to getting this information out to more people. This included signs such as those used by the "Pinellas Alert" Program and digital signs. More discussion ensued and questions were taken and appropriately answered.

#### 7. OTHER BUSINESS

#### A. Pinellas SPOTlight Emphasis Areas Update

Mr. Bartolotta updated the committee on the SPOTlight Emphasis areas. In regards to US19, a project is underway to re-purpose the outside lanes of 34th Street from 22nd Avenue South to 54th Avenue South when it is resurfaced in 2022. The re-purposed lanes would be utilized exclusively for bus service and business access (BAT). A workshop is scheduled for April 4th at the SPC Allstate Campus on 34th Street South at 6:00 pm. Cross section renderings of the lane re-configurations will be available for public review and comment. This is a significant project as it would be the first state road in the county to be re-configured with BAT lanes. As part of the project, there will be ten foot sidewalks on both sides of the road, pending available right-of-way, and pedestrian controlled crosswalks. This project helps bring the Skyway Marina District closer to its goal of making the area a destination district. On US 19 North, FDOT is analyzing alternative intersection designs that do not involve grade separated improvements. The results of this effort will be incorporated into the long range plan. Regarding the Gateway Master Plan, there is currently a survey at www.gatewaymaterplan.org and members were encouraged to visit the site and take the survey. Regarding Beach Access, there is currently a project underway to improve stormwater drainage and pedestrian and bicycle safety on Gulf Boulevard in Indian Rocks Beach and Indian Shores.

#### B. STEPS Program

Minutes and Agendas were provided in the agenda packets.

#### C. <u>Informational Items</u>

Public School Bell Times were provided in the agenda packets.

#### D. Requests for Future Agenda Topics

#### E. Comments

Terry Huberty, PCSB, shared information with the committee regarding the Pinellas School Board security system. The system utilizes Interlogix, which integrates all the cameras, electronic locks and computers for total school lockdown instantaneously by pushing a button on your phone.

#### 8. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 10:48 am.

#### 3. Election of Officers



#### **SUMMARY**

The STSC bylaws require the election of committee officers every two years. This includes a chairperson and a vice chairperson. Neither of these positions are currently occupied.

At the March 6 meeting, School Board member Bill Dudley volunteered to serve as committee chairperson. No other members present expressed an interest in serving as the chairperson. Since Mr. Dudley had not been recognized by the Forward Pinellas Board as an STSC member at the time, it was decided to postpone the election of committee officers until the May meeting. The Forward Pinellas Board approved the School Board's request to appoint Mr. Dudley to the STSC, replacing outgoing member Peggy O'Shea, at their March 13 meeting.

The duties of the STSC chairperson, according to the committee bylaws, are listed below. The vice chairperson follows the same in the absence of the chairperson.

- Preside at and conduct all meetings
- Approve STSC correspondence and information releases
- Serve as a liaison between the STSC and Forward Pinellas whenever the need arises
- Cancel or postpone regular or special meetings if circumstances warrant and if necessary, set a new date, time and place for the meeting.

ATTACHMENT(S): None

**ACTION**: STSC to elect Chairperson and Vice Chairperson

#### 4. Proposed Bylaw Amendment - Committee Membership



#### **SUMMARY**

Madeira Beach is currently the only beach community represented on the STSC. This position recognizes that Madeira Beach Fundamental School, located on the Tom Stuart Causeway, is within the city's boundaries. The STSC Madeira Beach position has not been occupied for several years despite repeated attempts to recruit a representative from the Madeira Beach Commission.

Madeira Beach Fundamental School is one of two public schools located within the beach communities. The other is Gulf Beaches Elementary, which is located on Blind Pass Road within the City of St. Pete Beach.

Since there is no committee position representing the community where the Gulf Beaches Elementary School is located, staff is recommending changing the Madeira Beach seat to a "Gulf Beaches" position. In addition to covering the areas where the two beach schools are located, this would expand the pool of elected officials who could represent beach area schools. Staff would work with the Forward Pinellas Board's beach community representative and the Barrier Island Government Council (BIG-C) to have a representative appointed to this position.

ATTACHMENT(S): Draft of the STSC Bylaws

**ACTION**: STSC to approve proposed bylaw amendment

# BYLAWS OF THE FORWARD PINELLAS SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY COMMITTEE

Adopted:

October 11, 2017 June 5, 2019

# BYLAWS OF THE FORWARD PINELLAS SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY COMMITTEE

#### SECTION 1: NAME

The name of this committee shall be the Forward Pinellas School Transportation Safety Committee, effective October 11, 2017.

#### SECTION 2: PURPOSE

The School Transportation Safety Committee (STSC) shall serve Forward Pinellas in its role as the Pinellas County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) on an advisory basis. In order to assist the STSC in carrying out its vision and mission, Forward Pinellas shall provide appropriate staff support. All official actions of the STSC must be confirmed by Forward Pinellas.

The vision and mission of the STSC are as follows:

**Vision:** To improve the safety of pedestrians, bicyclists, cars, and buses as they travel to and from Pinellas County's schools through raising awareness, sharing information, and collaboratively working with partner agencies to improve critical transportation facilities.

**Mission:** To continuously review and evaluate all modes of public school transportation in terms of safe routes and access and make recommendations to address current or future issues or needs. The scope of the STSC's purview includes but is not limited to; school bus stop locations, bicycle routing, walking conditions, transit, and transportation programming/policies/procedures.

#### SECTION 3: MEMBERSHIP, COMPOSITION, APPOINTMENT, QUALIFICATIONS, AND TERMS

A. The STSC shall be comprised of as many as sixteen (16) voting appointed persons and six (6) non-voting technical support members confirmed by Forward Pinellas during a regular meeting.

The voting and non-voting membership is as follows:

1. As many as sixteen (16) members confirmed by Forward Pinellas for the following municipalities, agencies and citizen groups:

| Pinellas County School Board | 2 |
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| City of Safety Harbor        | 1 |
| City of St. Petersburg       | 1 |
| Pinellas County (BCC)        | 1 |
| City of Tarpon Springs       | 1 |
| City of Clearwater           | 1 |
| City of Oldsmar              | 1 |
| City of Seminole             | 1 |

| City of Madeira Beach Gulf Beaches         | 1 |
|--|---|
| City of Gulfport                           | 1 |
| Citizen Representative                     | 1 |
| City of Largo                              | 1 |
| City of Dunedin                            | 1 |
| City of Pinellas Park                      | 1 |
| Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA) | 1 |

- 2. As many as six (6) non-voting technical support members confirmed by the Forward Pinellas Board shall include a representative from Pinellas County Schools; the Pinellas County Public Works Department; local government staff; and local law enforcement personnel. "Technical Member" is defined as a person who possesses either academic, practical, or both types of special knowledge related to the profession of traffic engineering, public works, parks operations, or other recognized technical disciplines applicable to the work of the STSC.
- B. Each voting member shall have an equal vote.
- C. If a representative's term of office expires, the local government must appoint a new member to fill that unexpired term of service as soon as practicable.

#### SECTION 4: OFFICERS AND DUTIES

The STSC shall have two officers, the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson, who shall be voting members.

- A. Officer elections shall take place every two years at the last regularly-scheduled meeting of the calendar year. Any member may nominate a voting member to be an officer. Such nominations shall not be made without agreement of the nominee(s) to serve, if elected.
- B. All elections shall be by the majority vote of STSC members present, except write-in votes may be accepted by Forward Pinellas staff prior to the meeting at which the election will be held. The Chairperson and Vice Chairperson shall hold office until their successors are elected.
- C. The Chairperson shall:
  - 1. Preside at and conduct all meetings.
  - 2. Approve STSC correspondence and information releases.
  - 3. Serve as a liaison between the STSC and Forward Pinellas whenever the need arises.
  - 4. Cancel or postpone a regular or special meeting if circumstances warrant it and, if necessary, set a new date, time, and place for the meeting.
- D. The Chairperson may create subcommittees and task teams and appoint their chairpersons and members.
- E. The Vice Chairperson shall, during the absence or inability of the Chairperson to serve, have and exercise all the duties and powers of the Chairperson. The Vice Chairperson shall also perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Chairperson.

- F. If both the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson are absent from a meeting, a temporary Chairperson shall be provided by majority vote of the members present.
- G. Any vacancy in office created by resignation or replacement of an officer shall be filled by a majority vote of members present at the next regular meeting. The officer so elected shall fill the remainder of the unexpired term of the vacant office.

#### **SECTION 5: MEETINGS**

- A. The business year for the STSC will run from January through December of each calendar year. The STSC shall conduct three to four regular meetings at a date, time, and place acceptable to a majority of the membership.
- B. The Chairperson may call emergency or special meetings when deemed necessary. Emergency or special meetings may be called with a minimum of one (1) day notice, indicating the reason for the meeting. The notice for emergency or special meetings may be conducted by means of electronic communication.
- C. Forward Pinellas staff shall prepare agendas prior to all meetings. Forward Pinellas staff's goal is to distribute hard copies of the agendas, including the minutes of the previous meeting, to members approximately seven (7) days prior to any regular meeting. The members will also receive, via e-mail, a link that will allow them to view the agenda, reports, studies, or other Committee notices on the Forward Pinellas website. Members may place items on the agenda with approval of the Chairperson.
- D. An item requiring action may be brought before the STSC by any member with the Chairperson's approval, even though it is not on the agenda. The Chairperson shall decide if action is to be taken at that meeting or at a subsequent meeting.
- E. A quorum shall consist of one-fourth of the appointed voting membership and shall be required for conduct of all official business.
- F. All meetings will be open to the public. Public participation shall be allowed at the discretion of the Chairperson.

#### SECTION 6: FORWARD PINELLAS CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY

#### A. Conflicts of Interest

#### 1. Voting Conflicts

If a member of the STSC declares a voting conflict pursuant to Section 112.3143, Florida Statutes on a matter before Forward Pinellas or its advisory committees, that member may no longer participate in that matter before Forward Pinellas and local government board that has a member of Forward Pinellas on it, or any other committee of Forward Pinellas. For the purposes of this subsection, the term "participate" means any attempt to influence the decision by oral or written communication, whether made by the member of Forward Pinellas or its advisory committee or at the member's direction.

In the event a member has a conflict of interest, they are required to complete Form 8B – Memorandum of Voting Conflict for County, Municipal, and Other Local Public Officers and turn it into Forward Pinellas staff for insertion in the minutes of the meeting where said conflict existed, in compliance with Section 112.3143, Florida Statutes.

#### 2. Lobbying Policy

Lobbying of evaluation committee members, Forward Pinellas staff, or elected officials regarding Requests for Proposals, Requests for Qualifications, bids, or contracts during the pendency of bid protest by the bidder/proposer/ protestor, or any member of the bidder's/proposer's/protestor's staff, an agent of the bidder/proposer/protestor, or any person employed by the legal entity affiliated with or representing an organization that is responding to the Requests for Proposal. Requests for Qualification, bid or contract, or has a pending bid protest is strictly prohibited either upon advertisement or on a date established by Forward Pinellas and shall be prohibited until either an award is final or the protest is finally resolved by the Forward Pinellas Board or Executive Director, provided, however, nothing herein shall prohibit a prospective bidder/proposer from contacting the Forward Pinellas staff to address situations such as clarification and/or questions related to the procurement process. For purposes of this provision, lobbying activities shall include but not be limited to influencing or attempting to influence action or non-action in connection with any Requests for Proposals, Requests for Qualifications, bid or contract through direct or indirect oral or written communication or an attempt to obtain goodwill of persons and/or entities specified in this provision. Such action may cause any Requests for Proposals, Requests for Qualifications, bid, or contract to be rejected.

#### SECTION 7: AMENDMENTS

These Bylaws may be amended by Forward Pinellas based on a recommendation and affirmative vote of a majority of the voting members of the STSC, provided a copy of the proposed amendment(s) shall have been sent to every member at least three (3) days before it is to be voted on. All proposed amendments shall be voted on at regular meetings; however, Forward Pinellas staff may accept write-in votes prior to the meeting.

5. Senate Bill 7030 – Recommendations of Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Commission



#### **SUMMARY**

Senate Bill 7030 was signed into law by the Governor on May 9, 2019. It addresses the recommendations of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Commission. The bill is intended to improve school security, student safety and to provide funding opportunities for these purposes. This is an opportunity for committee members to discuss the impact of this law on the Pinellas County School System.

ATTACHMENT(S): Senate Bill 7030 Summary

**ACTION**: Information only

# THE FLORIDA SENATE 2019 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED

#### **Committee on Education**

# CS/CS/SB 7030 — Implementation of Legislative Recommendations of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Commission

by Appropriations Committee; Infrastructure and Security Committee; and Education Committee

The bill addresses the school safety and security recommendations of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Commission, and strengthens accountability and compliance oversight authority.

#### **School Security**

The bill enhances school security measures. Specifically, the bill:

- Requires sheriffs to assist district school boards and charter school governing boards in complying with safe-school officer requirements, including providing guardian training either directly or through a contract with another sheriff's office under specified circumstances.
- Requires district school boards to collaborate with charter school governing boards to
  facilitate charter school access to all safe-school officer options. If a district school board
  denies a charter school access to any of the safe-school officer options, the school district
  must assign a school resource officer or school safety officer to the charter school and
  retain the charter school's share of the costs from the safe schools allocation.
- Delineates that the four safe-school officer options include a school resource officer, a school safety officer, school guardian, and a school security guard. The bill specifies that:
  - A school guardian may be a school district employee or a charter school employee who volunteers to serve as a school guardian in addition to his or her official job duties or an employee of a school district or a charter school who is hired for the specific purpose of serving as a school guardian. The bill removes the prohibition on an individual who exclusively performs duties as a classroom teacher from participating in the guardian program.
  - A school security guard must hold a Class "D" and Class "G" license in accordance with the law and meet the training requirements equivalent to that of a school guardian as a safe-school officer.
- Continues to require a district school board to opt-in to the guardian program through a majority vote and require employees who volunteer to pass a psychological evaluation and complete 144 hours of required training. The bill also requires the employee to complete the required training to the Sheriff's satisfaction and then be appointed by the superintendent or charter school principal, as applicable.
- Applies the penalties specified in law relating to the false personation of a law enforcement officer to the false personation of a school guardian and a licensed security officer.

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#### Student Safety

The bill improves student safety by establishing information sharing and reporting requirements for district school boards and charter school governing boards, including responses to emergency situations, safety incident reporting, data collection, and data sharing. Specifically, the bill:

- Requires each district school board and charter school governing board to adopt an active assailant response plan; and annually by October 1, requires each district school superintendent and charter school principal to certify that all school personnel have received annual training on the procedures contained in the plan.
- Requires drills for active shooter and hostage situations to be conducted in accordance with developmentally appropriate and age-appropriate procedures.
- Requires each district school board to define criteria for reporting to a law enforcement agency any act that poses a threat to school safety as well as acts of misconduct which are not a threat to school safety and do not require consultation with law enforcement.
- Requires that the Florida Safe Schools Assessment Tool (FSSAT) be the primary physical site security assessment tool used by school officials at each school district and public school site in conducting security assessments; and requires each school district to report to the Department of Education (DOE) by October 15 that all schools within the district have completed the school security risk assessment using the FSSAT.
- Enhances oversight and enforcement as it relates to School Environmental and Safety Incident Reporting (SESIR) by requiring school districts and charter schools to report specified incidents; and requires the OSS to collect, review, and evaluate data regarding the reports to ensure compliance with the reporting requirements.
- Requires district school boards and charter schools to promote the use of the mobile suspicious activity reporting tool by advertising the tool on its website, school campuses, newsletters, and install the application on all mobile devices and bookmark the website on all computer devices issued to students.
- Modifies requirements relating to new student registration and transfer of student records by clarifying the mental health services-related reporting requirements at the time of initial registration and specifying the information that must be transferred from one public school to another upon a student's transfer.

The bill modifies requirements relating to school district threat assessment teams by:

- Requiring the threat assessment team to use the behavioral threat assessment instrument that is developed by the OSS in accordance with the law.
- Requiring, upon a student's transfer to a different school, a threat assessment team to
  verify that any intervention services provided to the student remain in place until the
  threat assessment team of the receiving school independently determines the need for
  intervention services.

The bill adds authority and responsibilities for the OSS. Specifically, the bill requires the OSS to:

• Annually publish a list including information about the number of safe-school officers in the state and information related to disciplinary incidents involving such officers.

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- Make the FSSAT available annually by May 1, and provide annual training to each district's school safety specialist and other appropriate personnel on the assessment of physical site school security and completing the FSSAT.
- Specifies additional data that must be included in the centralized integrated data repository in coordination with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE).
- Develop, no later than August 1, 2019, a standardized, statewide behavioral threat assessment instrument for use by all K-12 public schools and evaluate, by August 1, 2020, each school district's and charter school governing board's behavioral threat assessment procedures for compliance with the law.
- Establish a Statewide Threat Assessment Database Workgroup to complement the work of the DOE and the FDLE associated with the centralized integrated data repository and data analytics resources initiative. The workgroup must make recommendations regarding the development of a statewide threat assessment database to provide access to information about any school threat assessment to authorized personnel in each school district. The workgroup must provide a report to the OSS with recommendations that include specified components, no later than December 31, 2019.
- Convene a School Hardening and Harm Mitigation Workgroup comprised of individuals with subject matter expertise on school campus hardening best practices to review school hardening and harm mitigation policies, and submit a report to the executive director of the OSS by August 1, 2020, including a prioritized list for the implementation of school campus hardening and harm mitigation strategies, and related estimated costs and timeframes. The bill also specifies reporting requirements and related deadlines for the OSS and the Commissioner of Education regarding recommendations for policy and funding enhancements and strategies for implementing school campus hardening.
- Monitor school district and charter school compliance with school safety requirements.

#### School District Funding

The bill provides funding opportunities to enhance school safety and security, and to provide additional mental health services to students. Specifically, the bill:

- Retroactively provides school districts with flexibility for expending 2018-2019 fiscal year safe schools allocation funds for employing or contracting for safe-school officers.
- Provides school districts with greater flexibility to improve school safety by authorizing the transfer of categorical funds within the Florida Education Finance Program towards school safety expenditures, and expands authorized uses of the safe schools allocation.
- Expands the authorized uses of the mental health assistance allocation, provides school district flexibility for expenditures, and requires a program and expenditure plan for school districts and charter schools.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect upon becoming law, except for the provisions related to the safe schools allocation and mental health allocation which are effective July 1, 2019, and the retroactive funding provisions related to the 2018-2019 safe schools allocation.

Vote: Senate 22-17; House 65-47

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#### 6. Motorists Passing Stopped School Buses



#### **SUMMARY**

At the March meeting, School Transportation staff reported the results of a survey indicating a high number of motorists illegally passing buses that are stopped on the roadway to drop off or pick up students. A survey of school bus drivers has been conducted to identify the locations where this is occurring. This will allow for a more concerted outreach effort focused on the locations of greatest concern. The survey effort concluded on May 22. The results will be tabulated within the next two weeks and submitted to the Department of Education. Included are video links from Fox 13's Traffic Tip Tuesday spots reporting on this issue. School Transportation staff will present this item.

**ATTACHMENT(S):** 1) Bus Survey Form (it be distributed at meeting)

2) Video Links

http://www.fox13news.com/news/local-news/first-day-of-school-has-arrived-so-

don-t-forget-the-school-bus-traffic-rules

http://www.fox13news.com/news/local-news/study-more-than-10-000-drivers-

in-florida-pass-a-stopped-school-bus-in-one-day

**ACTION**: Information only

# 2019 DRIVER REPORTING FORM ILLEGAL PASSING SCHOOL BUS DRIVER SURVEY

DEAR SCHOOL BUS DRIVER: The State of Florida is participating in a national survey of vehicles that illegally pass stopped school buses while students are boarding or leaving the bus on [Choose one Wednesday between April 1, 2019, and May 31, 2019].

| 1. | Please observe the vehicles that illegally pass your school bus while it is stopped with |
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|    | red lights flashing and stop arm(s) deployed, and put an X in the appropriate blanks     |

| 2. | REMEMBER: Please take extreme caution when completing the form. | YOUR MAIN |
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|    | RESPONSIBILITY IS THE SAFETY OF YOUR STUDENTS.                  |           |

| 3. | Time permitting, | please complete   | e as much  | information | as possible | and | submit | the |
|----|------------------|-------------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-----|--------|-----|
|    | form to your sup | ervisor by [speci | fy deadlin | e].         |             |     |        |     |

| 4. This form should be completed by each driver on the day of the illegal passing |
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| 5. | Please submit this form to your supervisor | EVEN IF THERE ARE NO VIOLATIONS TO |
|----|--|------------------------------------|
|    | REPORT.                                    |                                    |

| Driver's Name: |
|----------------|
| Bus #:         |

#### INSTRUCTIONS: COMPLETE ONE ROW FOR EACH VEHICLE THAT ILLEGALLY PASSES YOUR BUS WHILE IT IS STOPPED.

Example: If three vehicles pass at the same bus stop, use three rows. If there were no illegal passes of your bus on the day of the survey, leave all rows blank.

| WHEN did the veh | icle illegally pass yo | ur stopped       | Vehicle Passed from        | Vehicles Passed on |
|------------------|------------------------|------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|
| school bus?      |                        | WHICH DIRECTION? | WHICH SIDE of the Bus?     |                    |
|                  | (insert "X")           |                  | (insert "X")               | (insert "X")       |
|                  |                        |                  | Front (Opposite Direction) | Left (driver side) |
| AM               | Midday                 | PM               | Rear (Same Direction)      | Right (door side)  |
|                  |                        |                  | Front (Opposite Direction) | Left (driver side) |
| AM               | Midday                 | PM               | Rear (Same Direction)      | Right (door side)  |
|                  |                        |                  | Front (Opposite Direction) | Left (driver side) |
| AM               | Midday                 | PM               | Rear (Same Direction)      | Right (door side)  |
|                  |                        |                  | Front (Opposite Direction) | Left (driver side) |
| AM               | Midday                 | PM               | Rear (Same Direction)      | Right (door side)  |
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| AM               | Midday                 | PM               | Rear (Same Direction)      | Right (door side)  |
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| AM               | Midday                 | PM               | Rear (Same Direction)      | Right (door side)  |
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|                  |                        |                  | Front (Opposite Direction) | Left (driver side) |
| AM               | Midday                 | PM               | Rear (Same Direction)      | Right (door side)  |

#### 7. Hazardous Walking Conditions Review



#### **SUMMARY**

Florida Administration Code (F.A.C.), Rule 6A-3.0171, requires local school districts to ensure that county and city officials are advised of hazards involving students walking to and from school. Through its Hazardous Walk Review Team, School Transportation staff surveys and inspects the surrounding areas of the county's public schools and produces an annual report on walking conditions.

Students residing within two miles of their assigned schools are required to walk there unless a hazardous condition on their route is identified. In such cases the affected students must be bused to school.

The Hazardous Walk Review Team has completed its most recent review of hazardous walking conditions and is now in the process of finalizing the inventory of affected routes and associated schools. School Transportation staff will present this item.

ATTACHMENT(S): Hazardous Walking Conditions Inventory Worksheet

http://forwardpinellas.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/7a-Hazard-Review-Spreadsheet-2019.pdf

**ACTION:** Information only

# 8. Changes in School Bell Times



#### **SUMMARY**

New school bell times have been introduced for the 2019-2020 school year. Most high schools will be starting five minutes later and most elementary schools will be closing ten minutes later. Bell times for most middle schools will not change. School transportation staff will discuss the anticipated impact of these changes on bus scheduling.

ATTACHMENT(S): Table Comparing School Bell Times for 2019/20 and Current School Year

**ACTION**: Information only

#### 2019-2020 Bell Times

| School # | School                       | 2019-2020<br>Open | 2019-2020<br>Close | 2018-2019<br>Open | 2018-2019<br>Close |
|----------|------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| 180      | CALVIN HUNSINGER SCHOOL      | 7:25 AM           | 1:25 PM            | 7:20 AM           | 1:20 PM            |
| 323      | RICHARD L. SANDERS SCHOOL    | 7:25 AM           | 1:25 PM            | 7:20 AM           | 1:20 PM            |
| 637      | PINELLAS GULF COAST ACADEMY  | 7:15 AM           | 1:45 PM            | 7:10 AM           | 1:40 PM            |
| 098      | DISSTON ACADEMY              | 7:15 AM           | 1:45 PM            | 7:05 AM           | 1:35 PM            |
| 043      | BOCA CIEGA HS                | 7:10 AM           | 1:55 PM            | 7:05 AM           | 1:50 PM            |
| 103      | DIXIE HOLLINS HS             | 7:10 AM           | 1:55 PM            | 7:05 AM           | 1:50 PM            |
| 153      | GIBBS HS                     | 7:10 AM           | 1:55 PM            | 7:05 AM           | 1:50 PM            |
| 203      | LAKEWOOD HS                  | 7:10 AM           | 1:55 PM            | 7:05 AM           | 1:50 PM            |
| 025      | BAYSIDE HS                   | 7:25 AM           | 1:55 PM            | 7:20 AM           | 1:50 PM            |
| 071      | CLEARWATER HS                | 7:25 AM           | 1:55 PM            | 7:20 AM           | 1:50 PM            |
| 075      | COUNTRYSIDE HS               | 7:25 AM           | 1:55 PM            | 7:20 AM           | 1:50 PM            |
| 108      | DUNEDIN HS                   | 7:25 AM           | 1:55 PM            | 7:20 AM           | 1:50 PM            |
| 618      | EAST LAKE HS                 | 7:25 AM           | 1:55 PM            | 7:20 AM           | 1:50 PM            |
| 208      | LARGO HS                     | 7:25 AM           | 1:55 PM            | 7:20 AM           | 1:50 PM            |
| 215      | LEALMAN INNOVATION ACADEMY   | 7:25 AM           | 1:55 PM            | 7:20 AM           | 1:50 PM            |
| 264      | NORTHEAST HS                 | 7:25 AM           | 1:55 PM            | 7:20 AM           | 1:50 PM            |
| 303      | OSCEOLA FUNDAMENTAL HS       | 7:25 AM           | 1:55 PM            | 7:20 AM           | 1:50 PM            |
| 468      | PALM HARBOR UNIVERSITY HS    | 7:25 AM           | 1:55 PM            | 7:20 AM           | 1:50 PM            |
| 342      | PINELLAS PARK HS             | 7:25 AM           | 1:55 PM            | 7:20 AM           | 1:50 PM            |
| 337      | RICHARD O. JACOBSON TECH. HS | 7:35 AM           | 2:05 PM            | 7:30 AM           | 2:00 PM            |
| 392      | SEMINOLE HS                  | 7:25 AM           | 1:55 PM            | 7:20 AM           | 1:50 PM            |
| 378      | ST. PETERSBURG HS            | 7:25 AM           | 1:55 PM            | 7:20 AM           | 1:50 PM            |
| 452      | TARPON SPRINGS HS            | 7:25 AM           | 1:55 PM            | 7:20 AM           | 1:50 PM            |
| 011      | AZALEA ES                    | 7:35 AM           | 1:45 PM            | 7:35 AM           | 1:35 PM            |
| 244      | CHI CHI RODRIGUEZ ACADEMY    | 7:35 AM           | 1:45 PM            | 8:45 AM           | 2:45 PM            |
| 081      | CROSS BAYOU ES               | 7:35 AM           | 1:45 PM            | 7:35 AM           | 1:35 PM            |
| 375      | SAWGRASS LAKE ES             | 7:35 AM           | 1:45 PM            | 7:35 AM           | 1:35 PM            |
| 402      | SHORE ACRES ES               | 7:35 AM           | 1:45 PM            | 7:35 AM           | 1:35 PM            |
| 470      | WALSINGHAM ES                | 7:35 AM           | 1:45 PM            | 7:35 AM           | 1:35 PM            |
| 005      | ANONA ES                     | 8:45 AM           | 2:55 PM            | 8:45 AM           | 2:45 PM            |
| 013      | BARDMOOR ES                  | 8:45 AM           | 2:55 PM            | 8:45 AM           | 2:45 PM            |
| 015      | BAUDER ES                    | 8:45 AM           | 2:55 PM            | 8:45 AM           | 2:45 PM            |
| 016      | BAY POINT ES                 | 8:45 AM           | 2:55 PM            | 8:45 AM           | 2:45 PM            |
| 027      | BEAR CREEK ES                | 8:45 AM           | 2:55 PM            | 8:45 AM           | 2:45 PM            |
| 032      | BELCHER ES                   | 8:45 AM           | 2:55 PM            | 8:45 AM           | 2:45 PM            |
| 037      | BELLEAIR ES                  | 8:45 AM           | 2:55 PM            | 8:45 AM           | 2:45 PM            |
| 039      | BLANTON ES                   | 8:45 AM           | 2:55 PM            | 8:45 AM           | 2:45 PM            |
| 044      | BROOKER CREEK ES             | 8:45 AM           | 2:55 PM            | 8:45 AM           | 2:45 PM            |
| 085      | CURLEW CREEK ES              | 8:45 AM           | 2:55 PM            | 8:45 AM           | 2:45 PM            |
| 626      | CYPRESS WOODS ES             | 8:45 AM           | 2:55 PM            | 8:45 AM           | 2:45 PM            |
| 182      | DOUGLAS L. JAMERSON ES       | 8:45 AM           | 2:55 PM            | 8:45 AM           | 2:45 PM            |
| 107      | DUNEDIN ES                   | 8:45 AM           | 2:55 PM            | 8:45 AM           | 2:45 PM            |
| 113      | EISENHOWER ES                | 8:45 AM           | 2:55 PM            | 8:45 AM           | 2:45 PM            |
| 318      | ELISA NELSON ES              | 8:45 AM           | 2:55 PM            |                   |                    |
| 133      | FOREST LAKES ES              | 8:45 AM           | 2:55 PM            | 8:45 AM           | 2:45 PM            |

#### 2019-2020 Bell Times

|          |                         | 2019-2020 | 2019-2020 | 2018-2019 | 2018-2019 |
|----------|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| School # | School                  | Open      | Close     | Open      | Close     |
| 134      | FRONTIER ES             | 8:45 AM   | 2:55 PM   | 8:45 AM   | 2:45 PM   |
| 136      | FUGUITT ES              | 8:45 AM   | 2:55 PM   | 8:45 AM   | 2:45 PM   |
| 148      | GARRISON-JONES ES       | 8:45 AM   | 2:55 PM   | 8:45 AM   | 2:45 PM   |
| 631      | GULF BEACHES ES         | 8:45 AM   | 2:55 PM   | 8:45 AM   | 2:45 PM   |
| 169      | GULFPORT ES             | 8:45 AM   | 2:55 PM   | 8:45 AM   | 2:45 PM   |
| 178      | HIGHLAND LAKES ES       | 8:45 AM   | 2:55 PM   | 8:45 AM   | 2:45 PM   |
| 181      | HIGH POINT ES           | 8:45 AM   | 2:55 PM   | 8:45 AM   | 2:45 PM   |
| 376      | JAMES B. SANDERLIN PK-8 | 8:55 AM   | 3:05 PM   | 8:45 AM   | 2:45 PM   |
| 126      | JOHN M. SEXTON ES       | 8:45 AM   | 2:55 PM   | 8:45 AM   | 2:45 PM   |
| 636      | KINGS HIGHWAY ES        | 8:45 AM   | 2:55 PM   | 8:45 AM   | 2:45 PM   |
| 628      | LAKE ST GEORGE ES       | 8:45 AM   | 2:55 PM   | 8:45 AM   | 2:45 PM   |
| 214      | LEALMAN AVENUE ES       | 8:45 AM   | 2:55 PM   | 8:45 AM   | 2:45 PM   |
| 099      | LEILA G. DAVIS ES       | 8:45 AM   | 2:55 PM   | 8:45 AM   | 2:45 PM   |
| 142      | LYNCH ES                | 8:45 AM   | 2:55 PM   | 8:45 AM   | 2:45 PM   |
| 435      | MARJORIE RAWLINGS ES    | 8:45 AM   | 2:55 PM   | 8:45 AM   | 2:45 PM   |
| 230      | MCMULLEN-BOOTH ES       | 8:45 AM   | 2:55 PM   | 8:45 AM   | 2:45 PM   |
| 243      | MILDRED HELMS ES        | 8:45 AM   | 2:55 PM   | 8:45 AM   | 2:45 PM   |
| 253      | MOUNT VERNON ES         | 8:45 AM   | 2:55 PM   | 8:45 AM   | 2:45 PM   |
| 459      | NEW HEIGHTS ES          | 8:45 AM   | 2:55 PM   | 8:45 AM   | 2:45 PM   |
| 269      | NORTH SHORE ES          | 8:45 AM   | 2:55 PM   | 8:45 AM   | 2:45 PM   |
| 279      | NORTHWEST ES            | 8:45 AM   | 2:55 PM   | 8:45 AM   | 2:45 PM   |
| 292      | OAKHURST ES             | 8:45 AM   | 2:55 PM   | 8:45 AM   | 2:45 PM   |
| 296      | OLDSMAR ES              | 8:45 AM   | 2:55 PM   | 8:45 AM   | 2:45 PM   |
| 302      | ORANGE GROVE ES         | 8:45 AM   | 2:55 PM   | 8:45 AM   | 2:45 PM   |
| 307      | OZONA ES                | 8:45 AM   | 2:55 PM   | 8:45 AM   | 2:45 PM   |
| 147      | PERKINS ES              | 8:45 AM   | 2:55 PM   | 8:45 AM   | 2:45 PM   |
| 336      | PINELLAS CENTRAL ES     | 8:45 AM   | 2:55 PM   | 8:45 AM   | 2:45 PM   |
| 339      | PINELLAS PARK ES        | 8:45 AM   | 2:55 PM   | 8:45 AM   | 2:45 PM   |
| 343      | PLUMB ES                | 8:45 AM   | 2:55 PM   | 8:45 AM   | 2:45 PM   |
| 346      | PONCE DE LEON ES        | 8:45 AM   | 2:55 PM   | 8:45 AM   | 2:45 PM   |
| 351      | RIDGECREST ES           | 8:45 AM   | 2:55 PM   | 8:45 AM   | 2:45 PM   |
| 373      | SAFETY HARBOR ES        | 8:45 AM   | 2:55 PM   | 8:45 AM   | 2:45 PM   |
| 385      | SAN JOSE ES             | 8:45 AM   | 2:55 PM   | 8:45 AM   | 2:45 PM   |
| 391      | SEMINOLE ES             | 8:45 AM   | 2:55 PM   | 8:45 AM   | 2:45 PM   |
| 396      | SEVENTY-FOURTH ST ES    | 8:45 AM   | 2:55 PM   | 8:45 AM   | 2:45 PM   |
| 412      | SKYCREST ES             | 8:45 AM   | 2:55 PM   | 8:45 AM   | 2:45 PM   |
| 417      | SKYVIEW ES              | 8:45 AM   | 2:55 PM   | 8:45 AM   | 2:45 PM   |
| 625      | SOUTHERN OAK ES         | 8:45 AM   | 2:55 PM   | 8:45 AM   | 2:45 PM   |
| 433      | STARKEY ES              | 8:45 AM   | 2:55 PM   | 8:45 AM   | 2:45 PM   |
| 438      | SUNSET HILLS ES         | 8:45 AM   | 2:55 PM   | 8:45 AM   | 2:45 PM   |
| 627      | SUTHERLAND ES           | 8:45 AM   | 2:55 PM   | 8:45 AM   | 2:45 PM   |
| 449      | TARPON SPRINGS ES       | 8:45 AM   | 2:55 PM   | 8:45 AM   | 2:45 PM   |
| 477      | WESTGATE ES             | 8:45 AM   | 2:55 PM   | 8:45 AM   | 2:45 PM   |
| 493      | WOODLAWN ES             | 8:45 AM   | 2:55 PM   | 8:45 AM   | 2:45 PM   |

#### 2019-2020 Bell Times

| School # | School                     | 2019-2020<br>Open | 2019-2020<br>Close | 2018-2019<br>Open | 2018-2019<br>Close |
|----------|----------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| 048      | CAMPBELL PARK ES           | 8:15 AM           | 3:30 PM            | 8:45 AM           | 4:00 PM            |
| 121      | FAIRMOUNT PARK ES          | 8:15 AM           | 3:30 PM            | 8:45 AM           | 4:00 PM            |
| 202      | LAKEWOOD ES                | 8:15 AM           | 3:30 PM            | 8:45 AM           | 4:00 PM            |
| 228      | MAXIMO ES                  | 8:15 AM           | 3:30 PM            | 8:45 AM           | 4:00 PM            |
| 237      | MELROSE ES                 | 8:15 AM           | 3:30 PM            | 8:45 AM           | 4:00 PM            |
| 456      | MIDTOWN ACADEMY            | 8:45 AM           | 3:25 PM            | 8:45 AM           | 4:00 PM            |
| 387      | SANDY LANE ES              | 8:15 AM           | 3:30 PM            | 8:45 AM           | 4:00 PM            |
| 012      | AZALEA MS                  | 9:40 AM           | 4:10 PM            | 9:40 AM           | 4:10 PM            |
| 017      | BAY POINT MS               | 9:40 AM           | 4:10 PM            | 9:40 AM           | 4:10 PM            |
| 053      | CARWISE MS                 | 9:40 AM           | 4:10 PM            | 9:40 AM           | 4:10 PM            |
| 109      | DUNEDIN HIGHLAND MS        | 9:40 AM           | 4:10 PM            | 9:40 AM           | 4:10 PM            |
| 639      | EAST LAKE MS               | 9:40 AM           | 4:10 PM            | 9:40 AM           | 4:10 PM            |
| 406      | JOHN HOPKINS MS            | 9:40 AM           | 4:10 PM            | 9:40 AM           | 4:10 PM            |
| 014      | LARGO MS                   | 9:40 AM           | 4:10 PM            | 9:40 AM           | 4:10 PM            |
| 232      | MEADOWLAWN MS              | 9:40 AM           | 4:10 PM            | 9:40 AM           | 4:10 PM            |
| 128      | MORGAN FITZGERALD MS       | 9:40 AM           | 4:10 PM            | 9:40 AM           | 4:10 PM            |
| 286      | OAK GROVE MS               | 9:40 AM           | 4:10 PM            | 9:40 AM           | 4:10 PM            |
| 304      | OSCEOLA MS                 | 9:40 AM           | 4:10 PM            | 9:40 AM           | 4:10 PM            |
| 319      | PALM HARBOR MS             | 9:40 AM           | 4:10 PM            | 9:40 AM           | 4:10 PM            |
| 341      | PINELLAS PARK MS           | 9:40 AM           | 4:10 PM            | 9:40 AM           | 4:10 PM            |
| 709      | PINELLAS SECONDARY HS      | 9:40 AM           | 4:10 PM            | 9:40 AM           | 4:10 PM            |
| 282      | PINELLAS SECONDARY MS      | 9:40 AM           | 4:10 PM            | 9:40 AM           | 4:10 PM            |
| 374      | SAFETY HARBOR MS           | 9:40 AM           | 4:10 PM            | 9:40 AM           | 4:10 PM            |
| 393      | SEMINOLE MS                | 9:40 AM           | 4:10 PM            | 9:40 AM           | 4:10 PM            |
| 458      | TARPON SPRINGS MS          | 9:40 AM           | 4:10 PM            | 9:40 AM           | 4:10 PM            |
| 463      | THURGOOD MARSHALL FUND     | 9:40 AM           | 4:10 PM            | 9:40 AM           | 4:10 PM            |
| 461      | TYRONE MS                  | 9:40 AM           | 4:10 PM            | 9:40 AM           | 4:10 PM            |
| 334      | CLEARWATER INTERMEDIATE    | 9:40 AM           | 4:10 PM            | 9:40 AM           | 4:10 PM            |
| 258      | NINA HARRIS                | 10:00 AM          | 4:00 PM            | 10:00 AM          | 4:00 PM            |
| 068      | PAUL B. STEPHENS           | 10:00 AM          | 4:00 PM            | 10:00 AM          | 4:00 PM            |
| 023      | BAY VISTA FUNDAMENTAL      | 8:15 AM           | 2:25 PM            | 8:15 AM           | 2:15 PM            |
| 073      | CLEARWATER FUNDAMENTAL     | 8:15 AM           | 2:45 PM            | 8:15 AM           | 2:45 PM            |
| 313      | CURTIS FUNDAMENTAL         | 8:00 AM           | 2:10 PM            | 8:00 AM           | 2:00 PM            |
| 196      | LAKEVIEW FUNDAMENTAL       | 8:30 AM           | 2:40 PM            | 8:30 AM           | 2:30 PM            |
| 225      | MADEIRA BEACH FUND ES      | 7:45 AM           | 1:55 PM            | 7:55 AM           | 1:55 PM            |
| 226      | MADEIRA BEACH FUND MS      | 7:45 AM           | 2:15 PM            | 7:45 AM           | 2:15 PM            |
| 328      | PASADENA FUNDAMENTAL       | 8:30 AM           | 2:40 PM            | 8:30 AM           | 2:30 PM            |
| 466      | TARPON SPRINGS FUNDAMENTAL | 8:05 AM           | 2:15 PM            | 8:15 AM           | 2:15 PM            |

#### 9. Safe Routes to School



#### **SUMMARY**

Florida's Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Program serves to improve the safety of children walking and bicycling to and from school through infrastructure improvements, enforcement activity, safety education, and encouraging walking and bicycling to school. Safe Routes to School initiatives improve safety and levels of physical activity for students. Safe Routes to School Supervisor Tiffany Sabiel will provide an update on SRTS activities in Pinellas County including those listed below.

Schools reached - 27
Number of students reached - 6,489
Community events - 14
Reached at community events - 3,698
Helmets distributed - 839
Teacher trainings -1
Teachers trained -11
Community trainings - 9
Community members trained -121

Walking school bus - 3 Routes at 3 different schools, 100 student's total each time they walk.

Included among the children receiving helmets were Seminole Middle School students. Forward Pinellas and School System staff and other volunteers were conducting a survey on Pinellas Trail users at the City Park in Seminole on April 26th when they came across students riding their bikes. Most of them were not wearing helmets. The volunteers took the opportunity to educate the students about the importance of wearing helmets and they contacted Safe Routes to School staff about providing helmets for them. Safe Routes to School staff subsequently reached out to Seminole Middle School principal who invited them to come to the school for a helmet fitting. Safe Routes staff provided helmets to all the children at the school who did not already have one.

ATTACHMENT(S): Links to more information on SRTS and the Walking School Bus Program

https://www.fdot.gov/Safety/2A-Programs/Safe-Routes.shtm https://www.fdot.gov/safety/2a-programs/safe-routes-walkingschoolbus.shtm

**ACTION:** Information only

#### 10A-C. Other Business



#### A. Pinellas SPOTlight Emphasis Areas Update

Forward Pinellas staff will provide a brief update on the status of activities related to the three SPOTlight emphasis areas.

**ACTION**: None Required, Informational Item Only

#### B. <u>STEPS Program – Minutes & Agendas</u>

The School Transportation and Enhanced Pedestrian Safety (STEPS) Committee is facilitated by the Pinellas County School Board and was created as a forum to discuss and address traffic safety issues around Pinellas County Schools. The STEPS committee consists of technical planning/engineering staff from the local governments and agencies throughout the County. Attached are meeting summaries and agenda from their meetings since the last STSC, as well as a copy of their meeting schedule.

#### ATTACHMENT(S):

- STEPS Committee Meeting Schedule 2018-2019
- STEPS February 2019 Minutes
- STEPS March 2019 Agenda
- STEPS March 2019 Minutes
- STEPS April 2019 Agenda
- STEPS April 2019 Minutes

#### C. Request for Future Agenda Topics

The STSC members may discuss any suggestions for future agenda topics.

# STEPS COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR

**Royal Palm Room 10:30a.m. – 11:30a.m.** 

| DAY       | DATE               | BEGINNING  | ENDING     | ROOM       |
|-----------|--------------------|------------|------------|------------|
|           |                    | TIME       | TIME       |            |
|           |                    |            |            |            |
| Wednesday | July 18, 2018      | 9:00 a.m.  | 11:30 a.m. | Royal Palm |
| Wednesday | August 15, 2018    | 9:00 a.m.  | 11:30 a.m. | Royal Palm |
| Wednesday | September 19, 2018 | 9:00 a.m.  | 11:30 a.m. | Royal Palm |
| Wednesday | October 17, 2018   | 9:00 a.m.  | 11:30 a.m. | Royal Palm |
| Wednesday | November 14, 2018  | 9:00 a.m.  | 11:30 a.m. | Royal Palm |
| Wednesday | December 19, 2018  | 9:00 a.m.  | 11:30 a.m. | Royal Palm |
| Wednesday | January 16, 2019   | 10:30 a.m. | 11:30 a.m. | Royal Palm |
| Wednesday | February 20, 2019  | 10:30 a.m. | 11:30 a.m. | Royal Palm |
| Wednesday | March 20, 2019     | 10:30 a.m. | 11:30 a.m. | Royal Palm |
| Wednesday | April 17, 2019     | 10:30 a.m. | 11:30 a.m. | Royal Palm |
| Wednesday | May 15, 2019       | 10:30 a.m. | 11:30 a.m. | Royal Palm |
| Wednesday | June 19, 2019      | 10:30 a.m. | 11:30 a.m. | Royal Palm |
|           |                    |            |            |            |
|           |                    |            |            |            |
|           |                    |            |            |            |

### Meetings are held at:

Pinellas County Schools Walter Pownall Service Center 11111 S. Belcher Road Largo, FL 33773

## STEPS Minutes for February 20, 2019

School Transportation & Enhanced Pedestrian Safety Committee
Minutes for February 20, 2019, from 10:30a.m. – 11: 30a.m
Walter Pownall Service Center (WPSC) Royal Palm Room
11111 S. Belcher Road, Largo, FL 33773
WPSC is located at the northeast corner of Bryan Dairy & Belcher Road
(Visitor parking/entrance located on the south side of the building)

#### I. <u>INTRODUCTIONS-ATTENDANCE</u>

Casey Morse, Loren Johnson, Norm Runkles, Roger Johnson, Sandra Knoble, Melissa Mehling, Rachelle Webb, Joni Goodley, Michael Webb, Carrie Keesecker, Cammie Weeks, Marshall Touchton, Stephanie Carrier, Mahshid Arasteh, Terry Huberty, Diane Schmidt, Emmeth Duron

#### II. APPROVAL OF December 19, 2019 MEETING MINUTES

a. Minutes were approved by the attending committee/ Marshall 1st & Norm 2nd

#### III. NEW GENERAL BUSINESS

- a. TTSS Reports: Loren received from Chief Lucas the list of officer's assignments. 26999 Frontier issue solved in August closed. Person goes out to monitor. 16300 PPHS Stephanie sent to PPPD close. 16334 Garrison-Jones closed. 16340 Oak Grove MS closed. Mildred Helms, sent to LPD keep open. 16351 Skyview to Galley open. 16352 Kings Highway -closed. 16354 Ozona ES guard in place-close/guard signage for 8<sup>th</sup> St. per Caseyopen. Counters will go out to monitor. 16358 74<sup>th</sup> St ES -no sidewalk for a crossing guard keep open. 16367 Leila Davis ES: Norm there 2.20.29 close.
- b. Leila Davis Letter: Norm, "Always a bad accident on 580". White lines at Landmark & 580 corrections with guards. 1 week ago, there were no issues. Traffic enforcement issuing tickets. One switch for both blinkers. Mahshid to forward to the FDOT.
- New site-specific topics as introduced by committee
   East Lake High School student. Casey spoke w/mom and detective.
- d. East Lake: Option for pedestrian bridge? Not enough right of way and ADA compliant; funding is not available.

e.

**f.** Contact List Update: Passed out to committee for update. Loren will send an email to update and send a monthly meeting reminder. Inquire speaker phone to talk with departments that can't make the meeting. Suggestions: Letter should be sent to Mayor and chief LEO of area. Area Managers to make personal contact. Primary point of contact.

#### IV. COMMITTEE BUSINESS/UPDATES

- a. **Walking School Bus** Two new ones were requested at Lakewood and Campbell Park. The park may be a solution to locate the bus. Contact Rachelle; 727.488.5744 or email <a href="mailto:rachelle.webb@jhmi.edu">rachelle.webb@jhmi.edu</a>.
- b. **TTSS open/close Procedure:** Reaching out to citizen is for jurisdiction to contact. Decide if there are multiple issues who will make the contact. Ex: Casey makes 3 attempts to contact each citizen and explains the time frame and give citizen her office phone number.

c. **Crash Reports:** Sandra – will send Loren the map electronically. Loren will attach to the minutes. 2019 14 fatalities. This year we have 13. In line with last year. Full report of all fatalities and a report by specific hours.

#### V. <u>OLD GENERAL BUSINESS</u>

- a. Site Specific 9.9.18 Tarpon Springs Close, Richard O Jacobson close, Palm Harbor University sidewalk open.
- b. Dunedin ES and MS all sidewalks are complete.

#### VI. <u>ADJOURNMENT/NEXT MEETING</u>

Adjourned at 12:05p.m. March 20, 2019 \*TBD "Royal Palm Room" at 9:00

# STEPS Agenda for March 20, 2019

School Transportation & Enhanced Pedestrian Safety Committee
Agenda for March 20, 2019 10:30a.m. – 11: 30a.m
Walter Pownall Service Center (WPSC) Royal Palm Room
11111 S. Belcher Road, Largo, FL 33773
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#### I. <u>INTRODUCTIONS-ATTENDANCE</u>

#### II. APPROVAL OF February 20, 2098 MEETING SUMMARY

a. Please bring a copy if you have questions

#### III. SITE-SPECIFIC BUSINESS

**a.** New site-specific topics as introduced by committee

#### IV. <u>NEW GENERAL BUSINESS</u>

- **a.** Monthly minutes changes
- **b.** Contact list update

#### V. COMMITTEE BUSINESS/UPDATES

a. TTSS open/closed surveys (See attached)

#### VI. OLD GENERAL BUSINESS

a. Walking School Bus

#### VII. <u>NEXT MEETING</u>

April 16, 2019 "Royal Palm Room" at 10:30a.m.

## STEPS Minutes for March 20, 2019

School Transportation & Enhanced Pedestrian Safety Committee
Minutes for March 20, 2019, from 10:30a.m. – 11: 30a.m
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#### I. <u>INTRODUCTIONS-ATTENDANCE</u>

Casey Morse, Loren Johnson, Norm Runkles, Roger Johnson, Sandra Knoble, Rachelle Webb, Carrie Keesecker, Cammie Weeks, Marshall Touchton, Stephanie Carrier, Mahshid Arasteh, Joan Rice, Diane Schmidt

#### II. APPROVAL OF February 20, 2019 MEETING MINUTES

a. Minutes were approved by all of the attending committee.

#### III. NEW GENERAL BUSINESS

A new project is in effect. Sunset Point to Gunn Hwy. will be done in 3 phases. The first phase is actually the second phase. This phase will last through October. Both sidewalks will be closed and there is a reasonable detour. The project will affect Kings Hwy ES, Dunedin MS and Dunedin ES.

**Pinellas Park MS** - Crosswalk from 70<sup>th</sup> Ave goes to a ditch. S Carrier cc'd C Morse. Morse will follow up with DJ. There is a sidewalk on the east side of the school.

16341 Mildred Helms, sent to Largo Police Dept. (LPD)- keep open.

- **a. 16351** Skyview sent to Galley he requested more information on student counts in a vicinity. An update at next meeting from S Carrier. **Keep open**.
- **b. 16354** Ozona signage for 8<sup>th</sup> St. Citizen concerns are: Staff members crossing driveway, school zone confusion and speeding. PCSO has follow up and they are out there and giving warnings. Morse Sign will be posted for a school zone. Counters were put out and will be reviewed by Morse and a site visit for the Pre-K area by the PCSO
- c. 16358 OPEN 74<sup>th</sup> St ES -no sidewalk for a crossing guard David Duranzio and Tom Washburn walked the area with Morse. To add sidewalks would be extremely difficult and costly. Other solutions would be to change the walk route. They would cross 71<sup>st</sup> St. and 49<sup>th</sup>, Rectangular flashing RRFB's would need to be educated to students. Parent may be moving and only her child uses the walk. Morse will call her in the next few weeks. Money can be used to fund other needy projects.
  - **d.** 16368 + 16370 Midtown Academy Request speed zone, signage and cross walk. This is a multiple request. The street only goes to Midtown. The city is responsible and D. Schmidt will contact and address the issues with the citizens. Students are offered arterial transportation. It is a different model as in application not zoning.
  - **e.** 16369 Sexton ES Vehicles speeding through school zone Largo PD: Schmidt will have forwarded to Lieutenant Borelli. Cones will be eliminated. There is also flashers and signage.

- **f.** 16369.1 Clearwater HS + 2 lighting/crossing Bernice and Brentwood Runkles stated the area is well lit and there was only one bus that picked up one staff member. At the end of the street are two large dealerships and it is very well lit. **CLOSED**
- **g. Monthly minute changes** more detail and any ideas are welcome. Section that are open and closed; closed by "with a brief explanation. Marshall: always carry forward as an action on update.
- **h. Update contact list** The list was distributed and any changes necessary will be added/deleted.

#### IV. COMMITTEE BUSINESS/UPDATES

a. Walking School

#### V. OLD GENERAL BUSINESS

a. Hazardous review will begin the end of April

#### VI. <u>ADJOURNMENT/NEXT MEETING</u>

Adjourned at 11:30a.m. Next meeting is April 17, 2019 \*TBD "Royal Palm Room" at 10:30

## STEPS Agenda for April 17, 2019

School Transportation & Enhanced Pedestrian Safety Committee
Agenda for April 17, 2019 10:30a.m. – 11: 30a.m
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#### I. <u>INTRODUCTIONS-ATTENDANCE</u>

#### II. APPROVAL OF March 20, 2019 MEETING SUMMARY

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#### III. <u>SITE-SPECIFIC BUSINESS</u>

a. New site-specific topics as introduced by committee

#### IV. NEW GENERAL BUSINESS

- a. 16371 Blanton ES: Cars entering the "Exit Only". Requesting a "No Left Turn" sign
- **b. 16371.2 High Point ES**: Unsafe bus stop to walk 15<sup>th</sup> St., down 4<sup>th</sup> Ave., N. Requesting to move bus to 10<sup>th</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> St.?
- **c. 16372 Cypress Woods ES**: Traffic light times Cypress Woods Blvd. Requesting more time to help move cars out of drop off/pickup lines.
- d. Bike rider to Belcher ES: Norm Runkles/Rachelle Webb:
- e. 16373 Pinellas Secondary: Safer Route
- f. 16374 Academy of Math and Science: Crossing Guard it Cambridge Dr. and Highland Ave.

#### V. COMMITTEE BUSINESS/UPDATES

- 16341 Mildred Helms, keep open.
- a. 16351 Skyview Keep open.
- b. **16354** Ozona Morse Sign will be posted for a school zone. Counters were put out and will be reviewed by Morse and a site visit for the Pre-K area by the PCSO **Keep open**
- c. 16358 74<sup>th</sup> St ES Keep open
- d. 16368 + 16370 Midtown Academy D Schmidt Keep open
- e. 16369 Sexton ES –Closed 3.21.19 Diana Schmidt

#### VI. <u>OLD GENERAL BUSINESS</u>

- a. Walking School Bus
- b. Hazardous Review

#### VII. NEXT MEETING

May 15, 2019 "Royal Palm Room" at 10:30a.m.

# STEPS Minutes for April 17, 2019

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#### I. INTRODUCTIONS-ATTENDANCE

Attendance sheet was initialed by all present

#### II. APPROVAL OF March 20, 2019 MEETING SUMMARY

a. Minutes were approved by all present

#### III. SITE-SPECIFIC BUSINESS

a. May 15, 2019

#### IV. NEW GENERAL BUSINESS (May Update)

- a. 16371 Blanton ES:C & S went out last week. The sign Exit Only will be replaced shortly Cars entering the "Exit Only". Requesting a "No Left Turn" sign
- **b. 16372 Cypress Woods** Traffic light times Cypress Woods Blvd. Requesting more time to help move cars out of drop off/pickup lines. **Closed per Casey**
- c. Bike rider to Belcher ES: Norm Runkles/Rachelle Webb gave helmet to student. Parent spoken to and educated the child
- d. 16373 Pinellas Secondary: Arterial student attending. The bus stop is 1.5 miles. Parents are responsible. S Carrier contacted mom - Close

#### V. COMMITTEE BUSINESS/UPDATES

**16341** Mildred Helms, forwarded it to Largo keep open.

- a. 16351 Skyview Engineer is looking into. Sgt. Galley handed out bike lights. Keep open.
- b. 16358 74<sup>th</sup> St ES Casey Close Tried calling multiple times disconnected
- c. 16368 + 16370 Midtown Academy D Schmidt Keep open Still under review by engineers.
- d. 16369 Sexton ES –Closed 3.21.19 Diana Schmidt

#### VI. OLD GENERAL BUSINESS

**a.** Hazardous Review: April 23: St Petersburg10:00-11:30 and Seminole. April 30, May 7 will be the makeup meeting. All at 10:00 in the Royal Park Room. **Loren** will email Cammie's Need maps from Tony Langhorne prior to the meeting dates.

#### VII. NEXT MEETING

May 15, 2019 "Royal Palm Room" at 10:30a.m. C Morse will not be attending – Tom or Joan will chair the meeting. Discuss all the construction.