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Osceola School District's

Superintendent's Progress Report To The Community



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21st Century Classrooms

Equity of access to instructional materials and technologies is a cornerstone philosophy in the district. As such, the Osceola County School Board has adopted a "tiered" approach in developing and disseminating 21st Century technologies to every classroom in the District to ensure equity as funds are available. From marker boards and computers to interactive whiteboards and document cameras, a plan is in place to upgrade our district's classrooms with proven instructional technology that positively impacts student achievement.

Class-Size Amendment

The Osceola School District is currently meeting the legislative school-by-school average requirements for the voter-approved class-size amendment. The District anticipates having to hire an estimated 150 teachers at a cost of \$8.25 million for the class-size amendment requirements for the 2010/2011 school year, which moves to a class-by-class average.

Reuse of School Prototypes

As the Osceola School District works to continue a culture of efficiency and fiscal responsibility, prototype plans for school designs have been reused when construction is planned for new schools or additions to keep capital costs down. Modifications to plan designs are made based on specific curriculum program

needs for each site to ensure quality schools that meet the needs of teachers and students.

Millions Of Capital Dollars Saved

Owner Direct Purchase is a program whereby the Osceola School District buys certain materials for a construction project directly, and in doing so saves the taxable amount for the purchase because of its tax exempt status. Although this program is not mandated by Florida Statute, the Osceola School District uses this program as a way to take advantage of its tax-exempt status in regards to purchasing materials for the construction of facilities. Currently, the Osceola School District is using the Owner-Direct Purchase program for a projected tax savings of over \$1.3 million for the comprehensive renovations of both Osceola and St. Cloud High Schools and the construction of a new elementary school.

Plans For Middle School IB Program

Parkway Middle is working on becoming Osceola County's first International Baccalaureate (IB) World School by offering the Middle Years Programme (MYP). The application process with the IB Organization will take three to four years, during which the school will begin practicing the MYP curriculum with select sixth-grade students in the 2010/2011 school year.

Student Achievement Is Our Number One Priority!