

**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Consent Item**  
February 20, 2026

**SUBJECT:** Approval of External Operator/Outside Entity Turnaround Option Plan-Step 2 for Pasco County Schools

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**PROPOSED BOARD ACTION**

For Approval

**AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION**

Rule 6A-1.099811, F.A.C.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

A school district shall enter a Turnaround Option Plan with State Board approval, as set forth in Rule 6A-1.099811(7)(b), F.A.C.

This item is for the consideration of approval of an External Operator/Outside Entity Turnaround Option Plan (TOP)-Step 2 for Gulf Middle School in Pasco County. Pasco County Schools is currently implementing Year 2 of a District-Managed Turnaround Plan that was approved by the State Board in the fall of 2024. Gulf Middle School has been a "D" graded school since 2021-22. Pasco County Schools has selected the External Operator/Outside Entity as its next turnaround option should the school not earn a grade of "C" or higher for the 2025-26 school year. The External Operator/Outside Entity TOP-Step 2 describes how the district will partner with an External Operator/Outside Entity to improve student outcomes, and Pasco County Schools has selected MGT Consulting for the External Operator/Outside Entity.

The State Board of Education shall consider this External Operator/Outside Entity TOP-Step 2 for Pasco County Schools to implement during the 2026-27 school year.

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**Supporting Documentation Included:** Turnaround Option Plan-Step 2

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