Community Partnership School Sites in Florida

- Howard Bishop Middle School, Gainesville (Alachua)
- Endeavour Elementary School, Cocoa (Brevard)
- Keystone Heights Junior/Senior High, Keystone Heights (Clay)
- Wilkinson Jr. High School, Middleburg (Clay)
- Edward H. White Academy of Leadership (EWAL), Jacksonville (Duval)
- C. A. Weis Elementary School, Pensacola (Escambia)
- Mort Elementary School, Tampa (Hillsborough)
- Sulphur Springs K-8, Tampa (Hillsborough)
- Pelican Island Elementary School, Sebastian (Indian River)
- Leesburg Elementary School, Leesburg (Lake)
- Sabal Palm Elementary, Tallahassee (Leon)
- Evans High School, Orlando (Orange)
- OCPS Academic Center for Excellence (OCPS ACE), Orlando (Orange)
- Gulfside Elementary School, Holiday (Pasco)
- Crystal Lake Elementary School, Lakeland (Polk)
- South Woods Elementary School, Elkton (St. Johns)
- Webster Elementary School, St. Augustine (St. Johns)

STATEWIDE

Great CPS Day at the Capitol: Thank You Florida Legislators

On Feb. 13, Community Partnership School (CPS) directors and partners headed to Tallahassee to meet with state legislators and government officials to share the many positive endeavors taking place at the schools. The inaugural CPS Day at the Capitol began with a pep rally, where Mayor John Dailey and Leon County School Superintendent Rocky Hannah welcomed everyone and the choir from Tallahassee CPS Sable Palm Elementary sang their school song, energizing the audience.

Attendees then met with their local representatives to explain the school model and, most of all, thank them for their support. The day ended with the House PreK-12 Appropriations Subcommittee meeting, where Sen. Colleen Burton presented a bill that will greatly enhance the impact of community schools in Florida.

IMPACT!

BREVARD — Endeavour Elementary students in afterschool tutoring increased English language arts proficiency by 44 percent and math proficiency by 28 percent since the start of the school year.

ORANGE — Since the last school year at OCPS ACE, conduct referrals are down by 74 percent in 3rd grade and 87 percent in 6th grade.
**Did You Know?**

- Approximately $22,000 was raised for Mort Elementary (Hillsborough) at Children’s Home Society’s Inspire Gala.
- Sulphur Springs K-8 (Hillsborough) received a donation from the Tampa Bay Rays baseball organization that supported creation of a butterfly garden and opportunities for volunteers.
- Agape Family Health is supporting Edward H. White Academy of Leadership (Duval) by placing a nurse on campus.
- Special thanks to Waterford Lakes Town Center, Little Greek, Chick-fil-A and Social House for donating meals for our quarterly CPS learning exchanges and institutes.

**ORANGE COUNTY**

**Teams Share Perspectives on Healthcare, University Partnerships**

On April 11, Community Partnership School healthcare partners and school directors from across Florida came together to plan advancements in healthcare services at the schools. Among other topics, the engaged and open group discussed sustainability, successes and ways to overcome barriers. (See photos below.)

The next day, the CPS directors sat down with university partners at the inaugural CPS University Partner and Director Institute. Guest speaker Donnie Hale, Jr., director of Education Effect at Florida International University, discussed the University Assisted Community Schools model. The group reviewed student needs that each university partner addressed through innovative strategies and available resources, such as tutoring, mentoring and teacher development.

Both events are slated to take place annually.

**PASCO COUNTY**

**Gulfside Awarded Grant for Clinic**

When students at Gulfside Elementary in Holiday return to class in August, they will find a new clinic providing medical, dental and mental health services, thanks to a grant from the federal Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA).

The school allocated four classrooms for healthcare services when the Community Partnership School program began, but they soon discovered this was not the ideal setup for a clinic space. They developed a plan to renovate the area to better serve, with an emphasis on substance abuse, mental health and obesity issues.

The school applied for a HRSA competitive grant and was selected to receive the maximum award amount of $100,000. Florida received nine HRSA awards totaling $846,691, and Gulfside’s program was the only non-university/medical facility to receive funding.

“The high level of commitment and involvement of the key partners was clearly evident in the letters of support,” said Mary Brown, CPS director at Gulfside. “There is a documented rationale that these services will reduce suspensions and detentions as a result of the counseling students will receive, reduce absences for students and staff members, and increase access to medical and mental health services for the surrounding elementary school, middle school, high school and adult community.”