



## DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF PASCO COUNTY

Kurt S. Browning, Superintendent of Schools

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Dear Parents and Students:

As many of you have heard, programs currently provided at Moore-Mickens Education Center will be moving at the beginning of the 2015-2016 school year. The District is placing the programs at other school sites where students will have more opportunities, as follows:

- **FAPE 22** will move to Zephyrhills High School. Most students in the program reside in the ZHS and WCHS areas, and ZHS offers on-campus employment opportunities for food service and office tasks. Transportation will be provided.
- **Cyesis** will move to Pasco High School where students will have more opportunities to take upper level courses including Honors and Advanced Placement, Career and Technical courses with opportunities leading to industry certification, and various elective courses. In addition, students will have the opportunity to participate in the PHS AVID or Cambridge Education programs, and will be able to participate in co-curricular and extra-curricular activities and clubs. Transportation will be provided.
- **Adult Education Programs** will move to James Irvin Education Center. Adult Education (ESOL, ABE, ASE) primarily requires a classroom/office environment, so this program is portable and can serve student needs in multiple locations. JIEC is conveniently located in close proximity to Pasco High School and is closer for students coming from the Wesley Chapel and Land O' Lakes areas. JIEC students also will benefit by being able to take advantage of the numerous options offered by Adult Education.
- The **Support Our Students (SOS)** program for secondary students who are not achieving success in the traditional school setting or are high school dropouts will move to JIEC. JIEC offers students a true alternative education setting with a small campus and a community environment, and can assist SOS students in developing social, problem-solving and vocational skills in order to become productive members of society. SOS students will continue to have the opportunities to earn a standard high school diploma or GED, and students can graduate from their home school.
- Any current MMEC student who does not wish to continue in one of these programs at its new location may choose to return to their home school.

All current teachers and staff will be placed in positions at other district sites; no one will be out of a job.

The district is confident that moving these programs is in the best interests of students and provides many more learning and out-of-school programs for them.

Sincerely,

Kurt S. Browning  
Superintendent of Schools