



Notebook

May 2023



KEY DATES

May 1, 10 a.m.

School Board workshop
District Office

May 2

Interim Reports available
in Family Access

May 2, 6 p.m.

School Board meeting
District Office

May 3, 10 a.m.

School Board workshop
District Office

May 4, 5:30 p.m.

Community Input Session
on Rezoning
Norton Elementary School

May 9, 6-7:30 p.m.

ACPS Focus Group
Santa Fe High School

May 10, 5:30 p.m.

Community Input Session
on Rezoning
Santa Fe High School

May 16, 6 p.m.

School Board meeting
District Office

May 29

Memorial Day Holiday

May 31

Last Day of School for Students

Families encouraged to respond to survey

To give school and district leaders the information they need to provide students with a high-quality learning experience, Alachua County Public Schools families are asked to respond to a survey about their child's school.

The deadline to complete the online Insight survey is May 12.

The link to the survey is <https://bit.ly/acpsfamilysurvey>. It should take about 15 minutes to complete on a cell phone, laptop or other device.

The district is working with a non-profit organization called TNTP to conduct the survey. TNTP will keep the identities and responses of everyone who takes the survey confidential.

District-wide rezoning process is underway

To reduce the significant overcrowding and under-enrollment of many local schools, Alachua County Public Schools has begun the process of district-wide rezoning. By using facilities and operating funds as efficiently as possible, the district will be able to focus more of its resources on teaching and learning.

The rezoning process is expected to be completed in November of 2023, with new attendance zones to take effect for the 2024-25 school year.

Community input sessions are already underway, with two scheduled for the month of May. Citizens may also submit their input to rezoning@gm.sbac.edu.

A calendar of rezoning meetings, videos of previous meetings, answers to frequently asked questions and more information about rezoning is available on the district's website at www.sbac.edu/rezoning.

Alachua County Public Schools does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, age, disability (Section 504/ACA), sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, genetics or legally-protected characteristics in its educational programs, services or activities, or in its hiring or employment practices. The district also provides equal access to its facilities to the Boy Scouts and other patriotic youth groups, as required by the Boy Scouts of America Equal Access Act.

The School Board designates the following individuals to serve as the district's 'compliance officers' (also known as the Civil Rights Coordinators), who shall also serve as the district's Section 504 Compliance Officers/ADA Coordinators and Title IX coordinators.

Questions, complaints or requests for additional information regarding discrimination or harassment may be sent to: Alisha Williams, 352-955-7713, williamsar@gm.sbac.edu (for employees); Dr. Toni Griffin, 352-955-7671, ext. 1610, griffints1@gm.sbac.edu or Donald Reed, 352-955-7671, ext. 1661, reedd@gm.sbac.edu (for students).

Extended Day open enrollment for 2023-24 is May 1-5

Open enrollment for the district's after-school Extended Day Enrichment Program (EDEP) will begin on Monday, May 1 and close Friday, May 5.

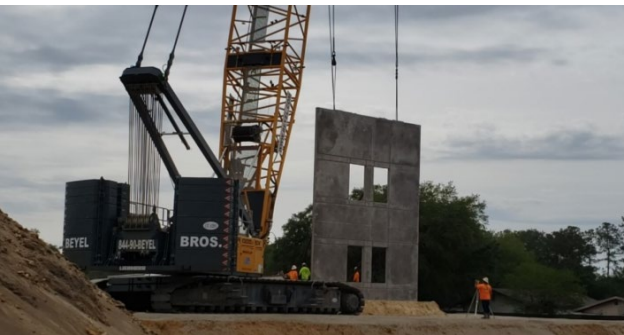
Incoming kindergarten through 5th grade students are eligible for EDEP. Registration priority is NOT first come, first served.

Registration cards can be picked up and dropped off with the EDEP staff at each participating school between 2:30 and 5:30 p.m. during the enrollment window. A lottery for available spaces will be held the week of May 8, and families will be notified via the email listed on their registration card if their child has a spot in the program.

More information about EDEP is available at www.sbac.edu/EDEP. Families can also contact their school's EDEP coordinator or the districtwide EDEP office at (352) 955-7766.



First walls go up for revitalized Westwood Middle School campus



The first walls on what will be a revitalized Westwood Middle School campus went up this week.

The raising of the first wall came after a brief ceremony that included remarks from principal Daniel Burney, Superintendent Shane Andrew and School Board chair Tina Certain. Both Andrew and Certain are Westwood alumni and shared their memories of less-than-ideal facilities when they attended the school. Also speaking were architect Chad Jones of Harvard Jolly and Domenic Scorio, president of Scorio Construction, which is building and renovating the campus.



Fourteen buildings have been demolished to make way for new construction. The project is to be completed in the fall of 2024.

The revitalization is being funded by revenues from the Half-Cent for Schools initiative, which was approved by voters in 2018. The Half-Cent has also funded revitalization projects at Howard Bishop Middle, Idylwild and Metcalfe elementaries, a new classroom building at Oak View Middle and a new campus for Terwilliger Elementary School, among other projects.

Deadline to apply for college savings program is April 30

Families have just a few more days to enroll in a Florida Prepaid College Savings Plan that will allow them to save on tuition and fees for public, private, trade and technical schools.

The deadline to enroll in a risk-free plan that suits each family's budget is April 30. The plans allow for flexibility even for families that aren't yet sure what their child will be doing after graduating from high school.

To learn more about and enroll in a Florida Prepaid College Savings Plan, visit <https://bit.ly/3Hs4jQs>.

An advertisement for Florida Prepaid College Savings Plans. It features a dark red background with a yellow clock icon on the left and a yellow dollar bill icon on the right. The text reads: "FLORIDA PREPAID COLLEGE SAVINGS PLANS", "The clock is ticking!", and "Enroll by April 30 to lock in the cost of college tuition - starting at just \$45/month."