

**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Action Item**  
May 14, 2026

**SUBJECT:** Consideration of External Operator Contract for Gulf Middle School in Pasco County

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**PROPOSED BOARD ACTION**

Consideration of Pasco County External Operator contract for approval

**AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION**

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

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

School districts must submit a Turnaround Option Plan (TOP) for State Board approval for any school earning two consecutive 'D' grades or a single 'F,' choosing from the four TOP types as outlined in Rule 6A-1.099811(7)(b), F.A.C. Gulf Middle School has earned four consecutive grades of 'D.'

In September 2024, the State Board approved Pasco County's TOP-Step 1, District-Managed Turnaround for 2024-25 and 2025-26.

In November 2025, Pasco County requested an extension of their TOP-Step 1, District-Managed Turnaround for the 2026-27 school year; this request was denied by the State Board. Following the State Board's denial, Pasco County presented a TOP-Step 1 External Operator/Outside Entity for Gulf Middle School, which the State Board approved.

In February 2026, the State Board approved Pasco County's TOP-Step 2 External Operator/Outside Entity to enter a final contract with MGT.

As stipulated in Rule 6A-1.099811, F.A.C., the contract with the external operator, MGT, which has been approved by the Pasco County School Board, is being presented for State Board consideration.

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**Supporting Documentation Included:** Pasco County External Operator Contract (under separate cover)

**Presenter:** Dr. Peggy Aune, Vice Chancellor for Strategic Improvement