

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Action Item

September 16, 2026

SUBJECT: Approval of Turnaround Option Plans for the School Districts of Alachua County and Polk County

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Consideration of new Turnaround Option Plans 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 action item is for the consideration of approval of both the Turnaround Option Plan-1 and the Turnaround Option Plan-2. The Turnaround Option Plan-1 guides districts to plan for implementation of a district-managed turnaround plan to improve the school's grade to a 'C' or higher by agreeing to the outlined assurances in the plan. The Turnaround Option Plan-2 guides districts to develop a plan for implementation of a district-managed turnaround plan using 3-year data analysis to plan for improvement. The Turnaround Option Plans are for three schools in two districts. These schools are entering Tier 2 School Improvement status in their first cycle of turnaround because they have either earned a single grade of 'F' or two consecutive grades of 'D.' These schools will be implementing the first year of the two-year Turnaround Option Plan during the 2026-27 school year.

For the 2026-27 school year, the State Board of Education shall consider approval of the Turnaround Option Plans for the districts and schools below:

Alachua County School District

- Joseph Williams Elementary School - District-Managed Turnaround (2024-25 and 2025-26 school grades of 'D')
- Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings Elementary School - District-Managed Turnaround (2025-26 school grade of 'F')

Polk County School District

- Eagle Lake Elementary School - District-Managed Turnaround (2024-25 and 2025-26 school grades of 'D')

Supporting Documentation Included: Turnaround Option Plans: Alachua-Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings Elementary - TOP 1 and 2, Alachua-Joseph Williams Elementary - TOP 1 and 2, Polk-Eagle Lake Elementary - TOP 1 and 2. (under separate cover)

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