

**STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COSTS BY  
PASCO SCHOOLS REGARDING REZONING FOR THE  
2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR**

Pursuant to section 120.541, Florida Statutes, the following is a Statement of Estimated Regulatory Costs prepared by Pasco County Schools regarding the proposed rezoning for the 2023-2024 school year. A public hearing is scheduled for December 13, 2022 at 6:00 pm at the School Board Room, Building #3, 7205 Land O' Lakes Boulevard, Land O' Lakes, Florida 34638:

*1. Is the proposed rezoning likely to directly or indirectly have an adverse impact on economic growth, private sector job creation or employment, or private sector investment in excess of \$1 million in the aggregate within 5 years after the implementation of the rule?*

**The rezoning of school attendance zones is not anticipated to directly or indirectly have an impact on economic growth, private sector job creation or employment, or private sector investment in excess of \$1 million in the aggregate within 5 years after the implementation of the rule.**

**As with all Pasco County public schools, each school subject to the revised attendance boundaries is operated to perform the School Board's State Constitutional and statutory obligation to provide "a uniform, efficient, safe, secure, and high quality system of free public schools that allows students to obtain a high quality education and for the establishment, maintenance, and operation of institutions of higher learning and other public education programs that the needs of the people may require."<sup>1</sup>**

**Each of the schools, with the exception of Mittye P. Locke Elementary School, potentially subject to the revised attendance boundaries, is an existing structure that has provided, and will continue to provide, substantially the same core functions and services after any proposed revision to the attendance boundaries. Within the School Board's stated policy objectives, primary concerns addressed by this proposed rezoning are to provide a wholesome and educationally sound balance of student populations among the existing schools.<sup>2</sup> This**

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<sup>1</sup> Fla. Const. art. IX, § 1(a).

<sup>2</sup> Sch. Bd. Policy 5120

equalization is needed to optimize the District's ability to fulfill the obligations and duties in educating students. As with all schools in the District, the individualized programmatic offerings at impacted schools will be adjusted periodically to maximize student opportunities. The kindergarten through fifth grade portion of Mittye P. Locke Elementary School is being closed and the facility is being converted to an early childhood learning center. This will provide enhanced early childhood learning opportunities in this area.

Because of the significant growth of residential and commercial development in Pasco County, school attendance boundaries have been revised periodically. School Board Policy directs that the assignment of students to schools within this District be consistent with the best interests of students and the best use of the resources of this District.<sup>3</sup> While the District strives to make reasonable efforts to minimize the impact of school attendance boundary revisions, the law in Florida only requires that students have equal opportunities for obtaining a free education. Florida law is equally clear that students do not have a right to a particular seat or desk in a particular classroom or school.<sup>4</sup>

Supporting data is available for viewing at:

<http://www.pasco.k12.fl.us/planning/page/rezoning/>

Information regarding specific schools is available for viewing at:

<http://www.pasco.k12.fl.us/schools>

*2. Is the proposed rezoning likely to directly or indirectly have an adverse impact on business competitiveness, including the ability of persons doing business in the state to compete with persons doing business in other states or domestic markets, productivity, or innovation in excess of \$1 million in the aggregate within 5 years after the implementation of the rule?*

The rezoning of school attendance zones is not anticipated to have an adverse impact on business competitiveness, including the ability of persons doing business in the state to compete with persons doing business in other states or domestic markets, productivity, or innovation in excess of \$1 million in the aggregate within 5 years after the implementation of the rule.

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<sup>3</sup> Sch. Bd. Policy 5120

<sup>4</sup> District School Board of Orange County v. Blackford, 369 So .2d 689 (Fla. 1<sup>st</sup> Dist. Ct. App. 1979); Hill v School Board of Pinellas County, 954 F. Supp. 251 (M.D. Fla. 1997).

School Board policy regarding procurement, purchasing and contracting for commodities and contractual services will remain unaltered by this proposed action. Thus, there is no anticipated impact on small business resulting from this proposed rezoning.

Supporting data is available for viewing at

<http://www.pasco.k12.fl.us/planning/page/rezoning/>

Information regarding purchasing is available at

<http://www.pasco.k12.fl.us/purchasing> and at

<http://www.pasco.k12.fl.us/purchasing/page/business/>

*3. Is the proposed rezoning likely to directly or indirectly increase regulatory costs, including any transactional costs, in excess of \$1 million in the aggregate within 5 years after the implementation of the rule?*

For reasons indicated above, the rezoning of school attendance zones is not anticipated to be likely to increase regulatory costs, including any transactional costs in excess of \$1 million in the aggregate within 5 years after the implementation of the rule.

The rezoning of school attendance boundaries is not anticipated to create any substantial additional expense in the long-term in comparison to existing transportation service currently being provided. There is anticipated to be some additional expense with transporting students, who currently walk to Mittye P. Locke Elementary School, to their new zoned school. However, there will also be a reduction in expenses with the closing of the kindergarten through fifth grade portion of Mittye P. Locke Elementary. The expectation is that the savings associated with the closing of the majority of this campus will outweigh any additional transportation costs.

Transportation employees are assigned to route packages consisting of work assignments serving several schools. Any additional routing time does not increase labor expense.

A full and complete re-routing of all impacted schools would be required to optimize for route efficiencies and generate the actual expense. As such, this information is an estimation of the impact of the rezoning and may be amended in the future.

*The following is a good faith estimate of the number of individuals and entities likely to be required to comply with the rule, together with a general description of the types of individuals likely to be affected by the rule.*

**The proposed rule will have no impact on any student rights to access educational programming and opportunities offered at Pasco County schools. The estimated total number of KG-5<sup>th</sup> grade students in the school zones that are subject to the revised boundaries is 2,657. The estimated number of KG-5<sup>th</sup> grade students potentially subject to the revised boundaries whose “home” school attendance assignment could change is 632. Thus, without regard to options under controlled open enrollment, magnet school opportunities, school programmatic or statutory preferences, or IDEA requirements, 632 students may be subject to the attendance boundary revisions for the 2023/2024 school year.**

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**<http://www.pasco.k12.fl.us/planning/page/rezoning/>**

*The following is a good faith estimate of the cost to the agency, and to any other state and local government entities, of implementing and enforcing the proposed rule, and any anticipated effect on state or local revenues.*

**The proposed rule will have no impact on the School Board’s continued obligation to provide free educational opportunities to Pasco students, consistent with its mission to provide a world-class education for all students and vision that all of our students achieve success in college, career, and life.**

*The following is a good faith estimate of the transactional costs likely to be incurred by individuals and entities, including local government entities, required to comply with the requirements of the rule. As used in this section, “transactional costs” are direct costs that are readily ascertainable based upon standard business practices, and include filing fees, the cost of obtaining a license, the cost of equipment required to be installed or used or procedures required to be employed in complying with the rule, additional operating costs incurred, the cost of monitoring and reporting, and any other costs necessary to comply with the rule.*

**For reasons indicated, no such costs are estimated to be incurred.**

*The following is an analysis of the impact on small businesses as defined by s. 288.703, and an analysis of the impact on small counties and small cities as defined in s. 120.52.*

*The impact analysis for small businesses must include the basis for the agency's decision not to implement alternatives that would reduce adverse impacts on small businesses.*

**For reasons indicated, no such costs are estimated to be incurred.**

To obtain additional general information that may be useful regarding the proposed revisions, including responses to frequently asked questions, workshop materials, and updates visit <http://www.pasco.k12.fl.us> for the School District home page, and <http://www.pasco.k12.fl.us/planning/page/rezoning/> for information regarding the proposed rezoning.