



**CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING**  
**CITY OF NEW PORT RICHEY**  
NEW PORT RICHEY CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
5919 MAIN STREET, NEW PORT RICHEY, FLORIDA  
April 30, 2025  
3:00 PM

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**AGENDA**

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**ORDER OF  
BUSINESS**

1. Call to Order - Roll Call

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

2. Presentation by Dr. John Legg, Pasco County Schools Superintendent RE: Education Update on City of NPR Schools - Page 2
3. Adjournment

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# NEW PORT RICHEY

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**TO:** City of New Port Richey City Council

**FROM:** Debbie L. Manns, ICMA-CM, City Manager

**DATE:** 4/30/2025

**RE:** Presentation by Dr. John Legg, Pasco County Schools Superintendent RE: Education Update on City of NPR Schools - Page 2

**SUMMARY:**

As Council is aware, I was contacted earlier this year to schedule a work session so that the new Pasco County Schools Superintendent, Dr. John Legg, could come to provide to you an update on schools located within city limits. Dr. Legg's presentation is attached for Council's review.

**REQUESTED ACTION:**

Staff recommends that City Council conduct the work session as requested so that Dr. Legg may present his update on the schools within city limits.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

	Description	Type
□	Presentation by Dr. John Legg, Pasco County Schools Superintendent RE: Education Update on City of NPR Schools	Backup Material

# Education Update

## City of New Port Richey Schools

*Pasco County Schools - April 2025*

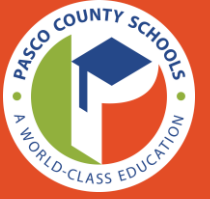


**Pasco County Schools**

Providing a world-class education for all students.

**Dr. John Legg, Superintendent of Schools**

# Introductions and Presentation Overview



Thank you for the opportunity to join you today and provide an update on the schools that serve this incredible community.

Our team is here to share progress, discuss important developments, and strengthen the collaboration between our schools and the city.

## Schools We'll Cover

- Richey Elementary
- Cotee River Elementary
- Gulf Middle School
- Gulf High School
- Mitty P Locke/Achieve Center

## Topics We'll Cover

- Overview of School Achievements
- Recent Investments into NPR Schools
- Achieve/Locke Program Changes
- Gulf Middle School Construction
- Academic Action Plan

# Recent Investments in New Port Richey Schools



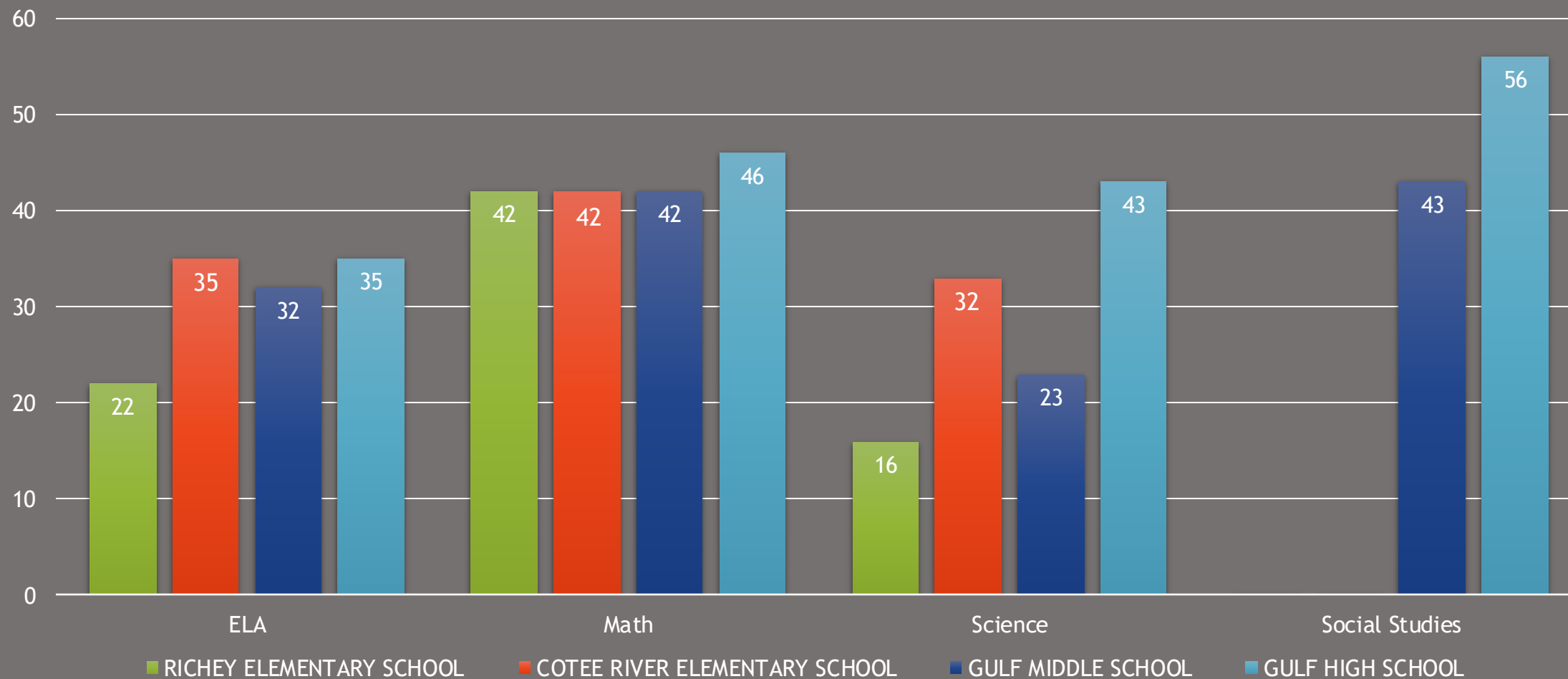
- Richey Elementary Remodel (2013) - \$16.5 million investment
- Marlowe Elementary Remodel (2021) - \$6 million investment
- Mittye P Locke Conversion (2023) - \$2 million investment
- Gulf High School Remodel (2024) - \$63 million investment
- Gulf Middle Remodel (2025) - \$72 million investment
- Achieve Center (2025) - Expanding program and relocating to Locke



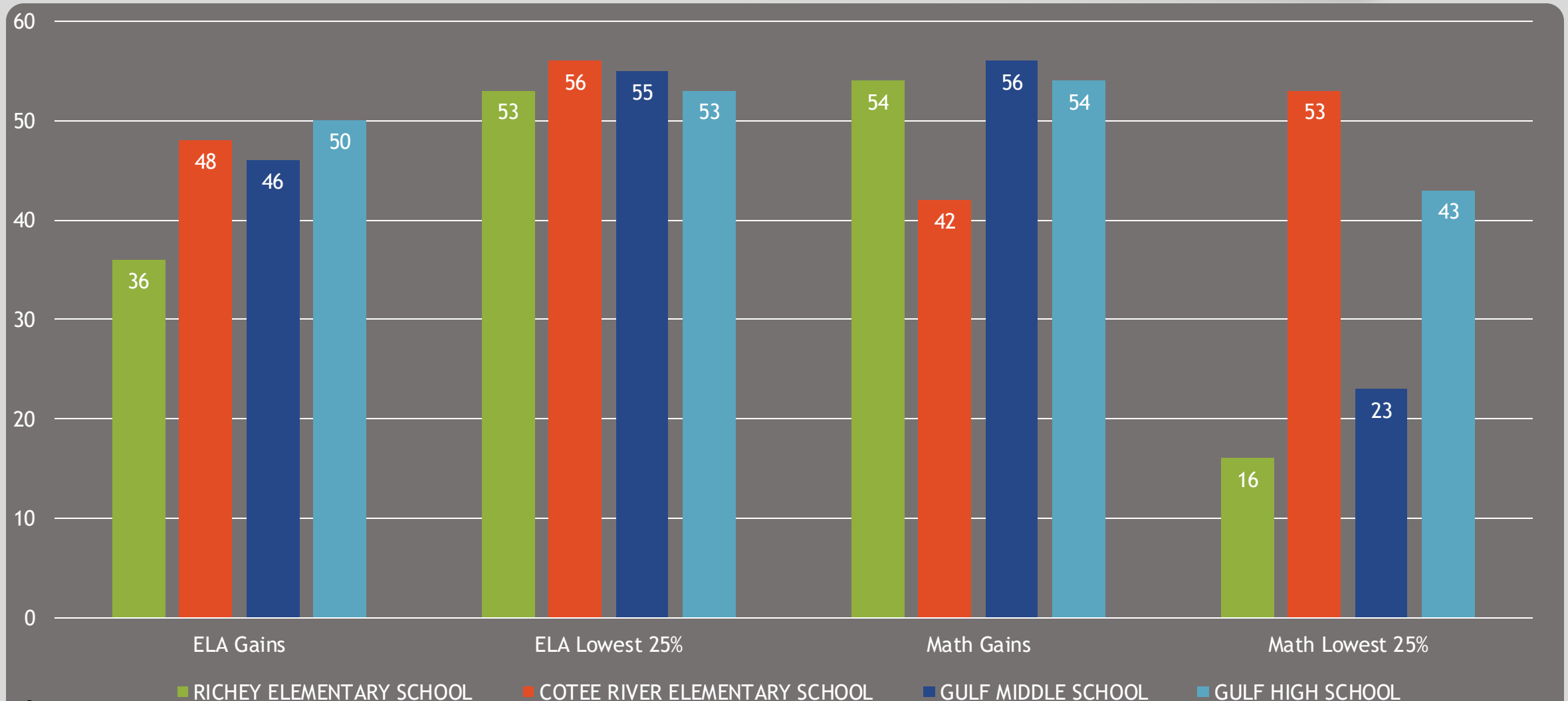




# New Port Richey Schools Academic Overview

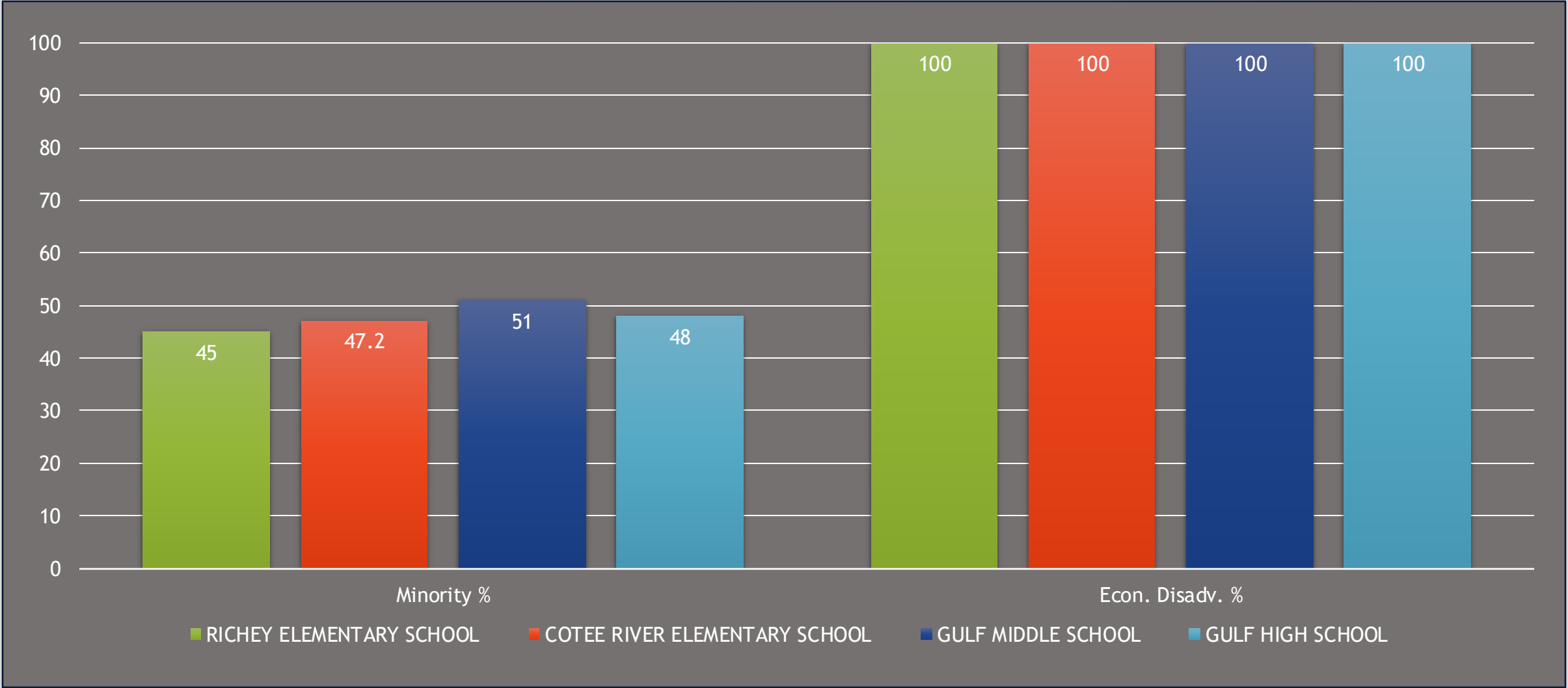


# Student Learning Gains

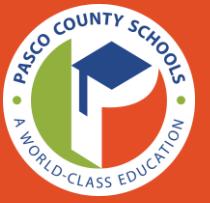




# Demographic Snapshot



# School Grade 6 Year Trends



School Year	Richey Elementary	Cotee River Elementary	Gulf Middle School	Gulf High School
2018-2019	C	C	C	C
2019-2020	*No Grade Issued	*No Grade Issued	*No Grade Issued	*No Grade Issued
2020-2021	*No Grade Issued	*No Grade Issued	*No Grade Issued	*No Grade Issued
2021-2022	D	C	D	C
2022-2023	C	C	D	C
2023-2024	D	C	D	C

\*No official school grades were issued for 2019-2020 or 2020-2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

# Academic Action Plan



- **Designated Assistant Superintendent for School Improvement**

A dedicated leader in place to oversee targeted improvement efforts at Richey Elementary and Gulf Middle School.

- **Khanamigo AI Tutoring (Gulf Middle & Gulf High - Coming Soon)**

Students will benefit from AI-powered tutoring and academic support through Khanamigo, an innovative online learning platform.

- **New Elementary Math Curriculum Adoption**

Savvas Math has been adopted to better align with Florida's B.E.S.T. Standards and build a strong foundation in math skills for all elementary students.

# Academic Action Plan



- **Academic Coaches at Every Site**

Each school is supported by on-site academic coaches focused on instructional excellence and student growth.

- **Structured Intervention Support Time**

Allocated time during the school day for focused interventions, tailored to meet student needs.

- **Rebranding and Remodeling Projects**

- **Gulf High School:** Rebrand and remodel completed
- **Gulf Middle School:** Planned rebranding and remodeling efforts beginning this summer 2025.

# Mitty P Locke Program Changes



## Relocation of Early Learning Programs

- Pre-K programs currently based out of Locke will be integrated into existing programs at elementary schools throughout West Pasco.
- Head Start programs currently based out of Locke will transition to a new Metropolitan Ministries facility, classes will be staffed with Pasco County teachers.

## Mitty P Locke Program Evolution

- The site will now house the **Achieve Center** currently at Richey Elementary.
- This relocation will allow space for the creation of a new **transition program** for 4th and 5th graders with behavioral challenges and learning gaps in order to better prepare them for middle school.



# Gulf Middle School Construction Overview



## Project Timeline Overview

- **Summer 2025** - Begin construction of the new school building
- **Fall 2026** - Complete construction of the new building
- **January 2027** - Instruction begins in the new facility
- **Spring-Summer 2027** - Raze existing buildings and complete all remaining site work
- **Summer 2027** - Total project completion

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GULF MIDDLE SCHOOL



# Presentation Recap



## Summary

- Provided an overview of recent **school achievements** and areas of growth
- Shared updates on **Achieve and Locke** program changes
- Reviewed the timeline and scope of the **Gulf Middle School construction project**
- Outlined key priorities in the **Academic Action Plan**

## Next Steps

- Continue implementation of academic improvements
- Maintain momentum on facility planning and construction coordination
- Support staff and students through upcoming transitions
- Provide regular updates and maintain open lines of communication

# Questions & Answers



Thank you for your time and partnership. We welcome your questions, input, and collaboration as we work together to support the success of our schools and students.