



Agenda

April 14, 2026
School Board of Manatee County
Workshop - 10:00 AM
Walter Miller School Support Center
Board Room

Times Indicated are Approximate

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. AGENDA AMENDMENTS

1. [Approval of the Agenda Amendments - added after publishing](#)

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comment is not an open forum to discuss matters unrelated to education, to support or oppose candidates for public office, or to engage in commercial speech attempting to sell a service or product to the School Board or public. Also, public comment is not a forum to attack individual school system employees or Board Members. Any such complaints should be submitted in writing to the Superintendent for appropriate handling. Finally, this is not a forum for addressing issues involving individual students. Because of privacy concerns, such issues should be submitted in writing to the Superintendent for appropriate handling. Each speaker is allowed three minutes to address the Board. Speakers must stand at the podium and not approach the dais.

PUBLIC INPUT INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Before you begin speaking, please provide any handouts to the Agency Clerk.
2. Please identify yourself only by your full name for the record.
3. You have no more than three minutes to speak. Please stop speaking when the bell rings.
4. Florida Law requires all citizens to conduct themselves in an orderly fashion at public meetings.
5. **WARNING:** Any individual who interferes with the expeditious or orderly process of a School Board meeting, will be subject to removal from the meeting pursuant to Section 1001.372(3) Florida Statutes at the discretion of the Chair. Orderly fashion is deemed as, at a minimum (1) no profanity (2) no vulgar language (3) no discourteous, disrespectful, or disparaging conduct.

4. WORKSHOP

1. [Oasis Charter School Turnaround Update](#)
2. [Discussion Regarding the School Year 2027/2028 School District Calendar](#)
3. [Construction Services Update - updated 4/13/2026](#)
4. [AAA High School Naming Discussion - updated 4/10/2026](#)

5. ADJOURNMENT



School Board of Manatee County
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Action Item

Title

Approval of the Agenda Amendments - *added after publishing*

Executive Summary

The Chair finds good cause to amend the agenda to include:

Agenda amended Friday April 10, 2026, to **add** attachment AAA *Highschool Naming Presentation* **to** Workshop item AAA *High School Naming Discussion*.

Agenda amended Friday April 10, 2026, to **add** attachments DCS *Project Update and Landscape Enhancement Presentation* **to** Workshop item *Construction Services Update*.

Agenda amended Monday April 13, 2026 to **update** workshop item *Construction Services Update* with updated attachment *DCS Project Update*.

This item aligns with the District's Strategic Plan Goal(s) which state(s):

Ready To Grow | Goal 7

Promote our schools and District as remaining highly competitive and uniquely designed to produce top-notch graduates, great neighbors, and responsible citizens

Recommendation

The Superintendent recommends the approval of the agenda amendments.

Financial Impact

There is no financial impact to amending the agenda.

Contact

Submitting Department: School Board



**School Board of Manatee County
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Title

Oasis Charter School Turnaround Update

Executive Summary

Oasis Charter School will share the status and turnaround plan of the school.

Contact

Submitting Department: Instructional Services, Charter Schools

Initiated by: Derek Jensen, Dr. Valerie Hyer



**School Board of Manatee County
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Title

Discussion Regarding the School Year 2027/2028 School District Calendar

Executive Summary

School Board will discuss the two options regarding the 27/28 School District calendars

Contact

Submitting Department: School Board

Attachments:

[2027-2028 Academic Calendar - Version A](#)

[2027-2028 Academic Calendar - Version B](#)

[2027-2028 Academic Calendar Board Presentation](#)



School District of Manatee County

2027-2028 Student Academic Calendar - Option A

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August 2027				
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8/6 & 8/9 District Inservice
8/10 First Day of School for Students

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9/24 Elementary Early Release

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10/12 First day of QTR 2
10/27 Professional Learning All Students Early Release

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12/15-12/17 HS Early Release
12/17 End of QTR 2
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12/24-1/1 Hanukkah

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3/10 Elementary Early Release | End of 3rd QTR
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3/20 Record Day | No School for Students
3/21 First Day of 4th QTR

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5/24-5/26 MS/HS Exams | All Schools Early Release
Last Day for Students | End of 2nd Semester
5/26 Memorial Day | All District Sites Closed
5/29 Record Day | Last Day for Teachers

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School District of Manatee County

2027-2028 Student Academic Calendar - Option B

DRAFT

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2027-2028 Academic Calendar

School Board Workshop

April 14, 2026



Provides parents, students, staff and community members with key dates throughout the academic year:

- School start and end dates
- Breaks
- Early release dates
- Employee paid holidays
- District In-service dates
- Semester start and end dates
- High School semester exam windows

Academic Calendar Committee Members



- Parents & Community Members
- Representative from the Manatee Education Association
- Elementary, Middle and High School Principals
- High School Students
- Representatives from the following SDMC Departments:
 - Assessment, Accountability and Research
 - Food and Nutrition Services
 - Human Resources
 - Office of Student Demographics
 - Payroll
 - Transportation
 - Curriculum

Requirements for the 2027-2028 Academic Calendar



Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, the School Board shall approve the standard school year calendar.

Length of the Standard School Year

1. The school year consists of 180 days of class for students and 196 days of employment for teachers.
2. The opening date for schools in the District may not be earlier than August 10th of each year (F.S. 1001.42).
3. The school year shall be divided into two (2) semesters approximately equal in length.

(School Board Policy 8210)

2027-2028 Academic Calendar | Option A



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2027-2028 Academic Calendar | Option B



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2027-2028 Academic Calendar | Option B



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- Professional Learning Early Release Days: 10/27, 2/9
- Elementary Early Release Days: 10/1, 10/22, 3/9, 4/13
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- Students return from Winter Break: 1/5
- Record Days: 10/11, 1/3, 3/10, 5/30
- Spring Break: 3/20 – 3/24
- Last day for students: 5/26
- Record Day/Last Day for Teachers: 5/30

Quarter and Semester Counts



2027-2028	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Semester 1	Semester 2	Total
Option A/B	43/43	43/43	46/50	48/44	86/86	94/94	180

Key Differences Between Calendar Options A and B



District Inservice Days

- Option A: August 6, August 9
 - Option B: August 4, August 6
- (Both options include January 4)

Elementary Early Release Days

- Option A: September 24, October 1, March 9, and April 13
- Option B: October 1, October 22, March 16 and April 13

Spring Break

- Option A: March 13-17
- Option B: March 20-24

Approval Timeline



- April 14, 2026 | Board Workshop Presentation
- April 14, 2026
 - Calendar drafts posted for 30 days on SDMC Website with link for comments
- June 9, 2026, Board Meeting
 - Review comments
 - Academic Calendars presented to Board for approval



Thank You!



School Board of Manatee County
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Title

Construction Services Update - *updated 4/13/2026*

Executive Summary

Construction Services Director, Reginald Goff will present a construction update.

This item aligns with the District's Strategic Plan Goal(s) which state(s):

Contact

Submitting Department: Construction Services

Initiated By: Reginald Goff

Attachments:

[Landscape Enhancement Presentation - added after publishing](#)

[DCS Project Update - updated 4/13/2026](#)



Landscape Enhancement

April 14, 2026

Maintenance, Operations and Central Distribution

Bashaw Pilot

The Bashaw “Pollinator Pathway”: A Sustainable Entrance

- **Objective:** To transform the school's main entrance into a vibrant, Florida-friendly ecosystem.
- **The "Florida-Friendly" Approach:** Utilizing plants that are native to Zone 10B to reduce water consumption and eliminate the need for heavy fertilizers.
- **Vision:** Combining school pride (featuring our Bobcat mascot) with environmental stewardship.
- **The Team:** Designed for William H. Bashaw Elementary students and the community.





The Native Plant Palette

Florida-Native & Climate-Resilient

- **Centerpiece:** Dwarf Firebush – Attracts hummingbirds with bright orange blooms.
- **Structure:** Coontie Palms & Blue Porterweed – Supporting the rare Atala butterfly and local bees.
- **Groundcover:** Perennial Peanut & Sunshine Mimosa – Drought-tolerant alternatives to high-maintenance grass.
- **Infill:** Washed Shell – Provides a clean, coastal aesthetic that requires zero water or mowing.



The Outdoor Classroom

Education Beyond the Walls

- **Interactive Learning:** Students can interact with the “Sensitive Plant” (Sunshine Mimosa) and observe pollinator lifecycles.
- **QR Integration:** Sign links to local extension resources, connecting families to Florida-friendly gardening.
- **Curriculum Connection:** Provides a real-world look at biology, ecology, and conservation for all grade levels.

Sustainability & Maintenance



Low cost, High Impact

- **Water Conservation:** Once established, this garden is naturally drought-tolerant, significantly reducing irrigation needs.
- **Reduced Labor:** The use of washed shell and perennial peanut minimizes mowing and traditional landscaping labor.
- **Long-Term Durability:** High-quality signage and native species ensure this project remains a school asset for years to come.
- **Community Pride:** A welcoming, professional entrance that reflects Bashaw's commitment to excellence.

Signage Example



Here is a draft for a 12"x 18" educational sign:

The Bashaw "Florida-Friendly" Garden

- Helping our school grow with nature! Why These Plants?
 - The plants in this garden were chosen because they are Florida Natives or Florida-Friendly. They save water, don't need harsh chemicals, and provide a "snack bar" for our local wildlife!

Meet Your Neighbors:

- Dwarf Firebush: See those orange tubes? They are shaped perfectly for a Hummingbird's beak!
- Coontie Palm: This is a "living fossil" from the time of the dinosaurs! It is the only home for the rare Atala Butterfly
- Blue Porterweed: A favorite "gas station" for bees and butterflies to grab some nectar.
- Sunshine Mimosa: Touch the leaves! They are shy and will fold up to protect themselves.(Don't worry, they'll wake up soon!)
- Perennial Peanut: A tough groundcover that stays green without needing a lawnmower. It even makes its own fertilizer!

How Can YOU Help?

- Stay on the Path: Please walk on the sidewalk or the Washed Shells to keep our groundcovers happy.
- Look for Life: How many butterflies can you spot today?
- Be Gentle: Treat our plants like friends so they can grow big and strong!



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Estimated Cost and Suggested Sites

- Plant Material and Installation: \$4,000.00 - \$6,000.00 per site
- Sites: Abel, Bashaw, Freedom, Manatee El., McNeal, Prine, Seabreeze, Haile, King, Lincoln, Sugg



Questions



Construction Update

April 14, 2026

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Rye Ranch Elementary School

- Harvard Jolly, Inc. (\$2,391,850)
- Skanska USA Building, Inc. (\$66,481,345)
- Funding Source: Capital Funds
- Schedule:

Project Design Start: November 2024
Construction Start: March 2025
Substantial: June 2026
60% complete
Project On Schedule

- Scope of Work:

Two Story prototype new construction for
969 student stations, Grades K-5
Structure 95% complete
Site Work 65% complete
MEP Systems 65% complete
Finishes 10% complete

- Project Director: Jerry Varghese



RYE RANCH
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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SKANSKA

Department of Construction Services

Veterans Elementary School



- PBK Architects (\$2,987,800)
- Skanska (\$68,205,452)
- **Funding Source:** Capital Funds
- **Schedule:**
 - Project Design Start: October 2024
 - Construction Start: July 2025
 - Substantial Completion: December 2026
 - Phased Opening
 - August 2026: 16 Classrooms
 - September 2026: Media & Cafeteria
 - January 2027: Remaining facility
 - Project on Schedule
- **Scope of Work:**
 - Two Story prototype new construction for 969 student stations, Grades K-5
 - Structure 95% Complete
 - Site work 75% Complete
 - MEP Systems 45% Complete
 - Finishes 10% Complete



- **Project Director:** Michelle Begué

VETERANS
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
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SDMC HS AAA



- Schenkel Shultz (\$6,309,868)
- Gilbane Building Company (\$131,675,057)
- Funding Source: Capital Funds
- Schedule:
 - Project Design Start: 4/09/2025
 - Construction Start: 12/09/2025 (GMP Approval)
 - 5% Complete (per project billing)
 - Substantial Completion (Academic Core): July 2027
 - Substantial Completion (Gymnasium & Performing Arts): September 2027
 - Project On Schedule
- Scope of Work:

Design and construction of a new high school facility with initially assigned 1,170 student stations and full assignment of 2500 student stations. The project is a modified reuse of the Parrish Community High School design, with the construction of classroom buildings 6 and 8 excluded for future expansion.

Current Status: Commencement of site clearing was delayed due to environmental issues which have been resolved. Building pads for two buildings are in place and foundation work has commenced. The Construction Manager has planned to mitigate the impact of the delayed start.
- Project Director: David Wildes



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MTC Aviation Classroom/Lab Project



- Schenkel Shultz (\$607,917 Classroom, \$149,766 Hangar)
- Johnson-Laux Construction (\$6,899,324 Classroom, \$2,400,000 Hangar Budget)
- Funding Source: PECO Grant (Classroom); EDA Grant (Hangar)
- Schedule:
 - Project Design Start: 10/31/2023
 - GMP Approval: 7/22/2025 (Classroom Portion)
 - Construction Start: 9/11/2025 (Delayed by FAA permitting)
 - 22% Complete (per project billing)
 - Substantial Completion Classroom Building: Sept. 2026
 - Substantial Completion Hangar : TBD
 - Anticipated Occupancy: January 2027
 - Classroom portion of project on schedule
- Scope of Work:
 - Project has two parts: classroom/lab building and aviation hangar building. The classroom/lab building has an area of 14,600 square feet and the hangar building will be approx. 10,000 square feet.
 - Current Status: Classroom/Lab building is conventionally funded and is proceeding on schedule.
 - Bid documents for the hangar building must be approved by the EDA prior to bid and will be bid separately from the classroom/lab building.
 - Pending items are EDA-requested contract revisions.
- Project Director: David Wildes



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Harvey K-8 @ North River Ranch - Addition



- **PBK Architects** (\$749,825)
- **Willis Smith** (\$14,980,000)
- **Funding Source:** Capital Funds
- **Schedule:**
 - Project Design Start: September 2025
 - Construction Start: June 2026
 - Substantial Completion: July 2027
 - Design Complete
 - GMP Due April 2026
 - Project on Schedule
- **Scope of Work:**
 - Two Story addition for 528 student stations, Grades 4-8
 - Design 0% Complete
- **Project Director:** Michelle Begué



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Lake Manatee K-8 - Addition



- HKS Architects (\$791,280)
- NDC (\$14,510,530)
- **Funding Source:** Capital Funds
- **Schedule:**
 - Project Design Start: September 2025
 - Construction Start: November 2025
 - Substantial Completion: December 2026
 - 20% Complete
 - Project on Schedule
- **Scope of Work:**
 - Two Story addition for 438 student stations, Grades K-5
 - Structure 45% Complete
 - Site work 30% Complete
 - MEP Systems 0% Complete
 - Finishes 0% Complete
- **Project Director:** Michelle Begué



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Palma Sola Elementary School

- Fleischman Garcia Maslowski (\$1,826,380)
- McIntyre Elwell & Strammer, Inc. (\$26,140,442)
- Funding Source: Capital Funds
- Schedule:
 - Project Design Start: 10/31/2023
 - Construction Start: 9/11/2024 (Early Procurement)
 - Construction Start: 12/11/2024 (GMP #3)
 - 68% Complete (per project billing)
 - Substantial Completion Phase 1 New Building: March 2026
 - Substantial Completion Phase 2 Site Restoration: September 2026
 - Project On Schedule
- Scope of Work:
 - Renovation and partial replacement of existing campus facilities to provide 471 student stations with core facilities for 513 students.
 - Current Status: Partial occupancy Grades 4 and 5 anticipated after Spring Break; remainder of occupancy will occur August 2026.
 - Remaining scope includes demolition of the existing facility and site restoration.
- Project Director: David Wildes



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Moody Elementary

- **Williamson Design Associates**
- **Construction Manager:** TBD
- **Funding Source:** Capital Funds
 - Project Budget: \$30M
 - Construction Budget: \$24.3M
- **Schedule:**
 - Design begins April 2026
 - Construction Manager selection April 2026
- **Scope of Work:**
 - Renovation of mechanical, electrical, and plumbing systems
 - Optimization of energy efficiency
 - Kitchen renovation
 - Enhancement to campus security
 - Improvements to site features, storm drainage, and irrigation.
- **Project Director:** Jeffery Medwetz



Williamson
Design
Associates



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Tillman Elementary School



- Long & Associates Architects/Engineers, Inc.
- Construction Manager - TBD
- Funding Source: COPS
 - Project Budget: \$31M
 - Construction Budget: \$25.4M
- Schedule:
 - Design begins April 2026
 - Construction Manager selection April 2026
- Scope of Work:
 - Building system upgrades to improve heating, cooling, electrical, and plumbing systems throughout the school.
 - Exterior building improvements including a new roof and replacement of exterior doors and windows to improve safety and weather protection.
 - Kitchen renovations including new cold-storage equipment, updated flooring, and plumbing improvements to better support food service operations.
 - Campus site improvements such as new restrooms near play areas, upgrades to temporary classroom infrastructure, improved outdoor lighting, pavement repairs, and adjustments to the irrigation system.
 - Incorporation of a SOAR in 4 Lab, integrated as part of this project.



Tillman Elementary
Home of the Tigers

- Project Director: Jerry Varghese



Thank you

Questions



**School Board of Manatee County
April 14, 2026 - Workshop**

Title

AAA High School Naming Discussion - *updated 4/10/2026*

Executive Summary

The Board will review data from the community feedback survey and discuss the naming of the 'AAA High School'.

Contact

Submitting Department: School Board

Attachments:

[AAA High School Naming Presentation - added after publishing](#)



School District of Manatee County

AAA High School Naming Community Feedback

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1189 unique respondents

- 473 will attend/student will attend new school
- 615 parents/guardians
- 341 community members
- 132 students
- 87 employees
- 58 did not specify

*As of 4/9/2026 @8AM

Name Suggestion Summary

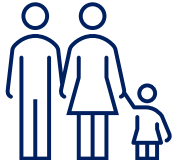
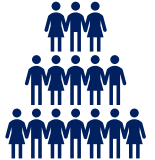


1663 total names suggested
732 unique names suggested

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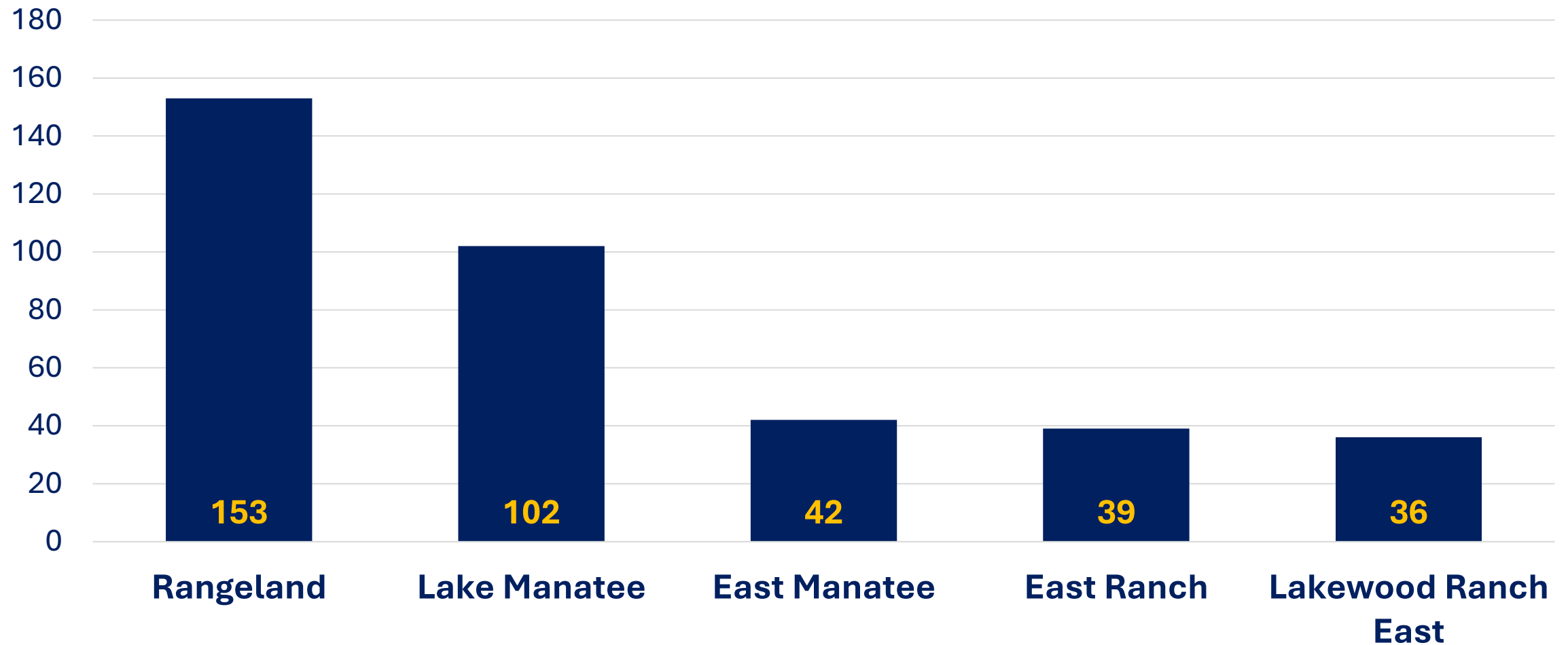
Suggested Name Themes



	Suggested Name Themes	# of Suggestions	Student will attend new school	Employee	Student	Parent/ Guardian	Community Member
							
	Location & Geography	695	60%	57%	52%	63%	62%
	Agriculture, History & Heritage	308	26%	18%	17%	27%	32%
	Nature, Wildlife & Topography	194	16%	22%	15%	18%	17%
	Local Leaders & Historical Figures	159	8%	15%	7%	10%	24%
	Concepts, Values & Aspirations	125	11%	14%	12%	11%	12%
	National & Political Figures	31	3%	2%	2%	2%	5%
	Humor, Satire & Pop Culture	18	1%	0%	5%	1%	2%
	Other	178	15%	10%	31%	11%	6%

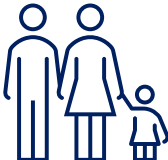
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Top 5 School Name Suggestions (omitting names of people)



Top 10 Non-Person Names



			Student will attend new school	Employee	Student	Parent/ Guardian	Community Member
	# Name Suggestions	Suggestions Containing in Any Form					
Rangeland	153	188	12%	17%	12%	14%	9%
Lake Manatee	102	108	11%	10%	2%	10%	7%
East Manatee	42	42	4%	3%	2%	4%	3%
East Ranch	39	39	1%	2%	1%	1%	6%
Lakewood Ranch East	36	36	5%	0%	2%	4%	2%
Lorraine	25	35	2%	1%	3%	2%	2%
Premier	25	39	2%	3%	0%	2%	2%
East County	18	18	2%	5%	2%	2%	1%
Ranchlands	14	14	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%
Uihlein	13	14	1%	0%	1%	1%	0%

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Important Words/Phrases to Respondents

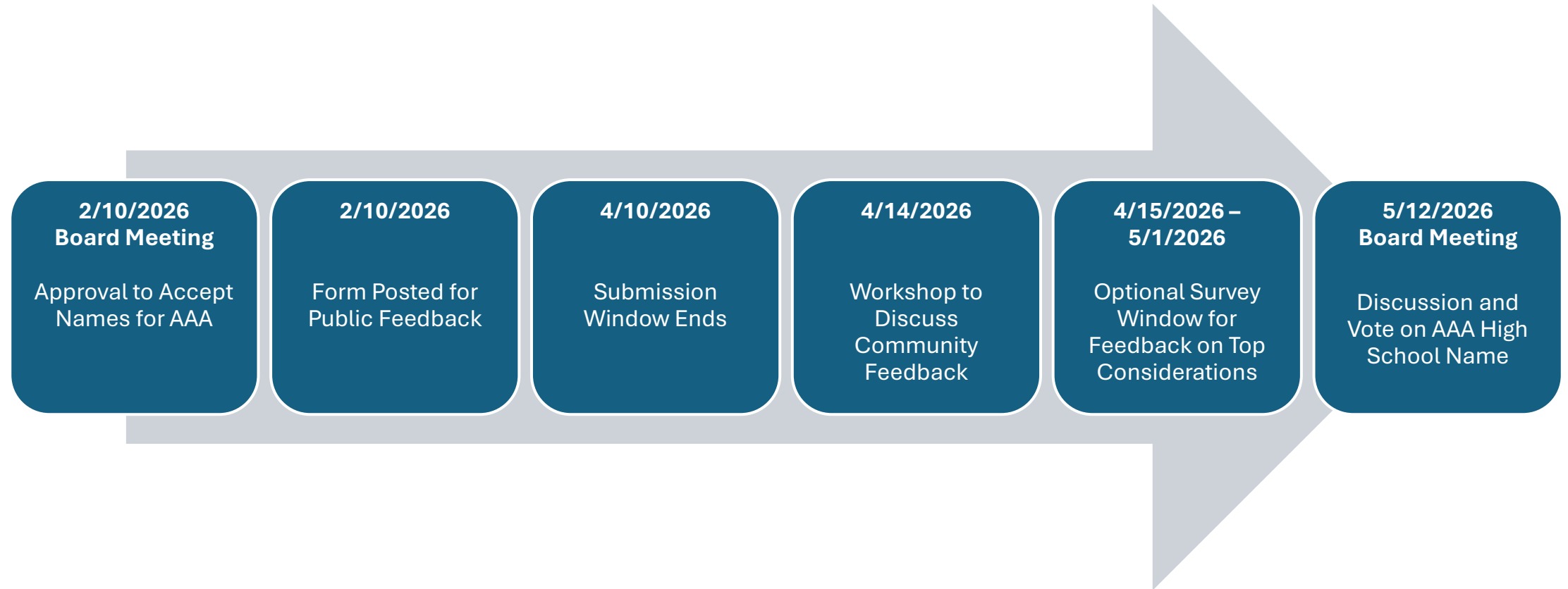


Most frequently used words/phrases in suggestions:

Word/Phrase	# Suggestions containing in any form	Student will attend new school 	Employee 	Student 	Parent/Guardian 	Community Member 
Lake	275	31%	25%	18%	31%	17%
Ranch/Ranchlands	224	26%	13%	13%	27%	21%
Manatee	195	27%	25%	8%	24%	16%
Rangeland	188	21%	28%	19%	23%	15%
East	185	19%	14%	9%	21%	18%
Lakewood	119	13%	3%	12%	14%	7%
River	46	4%	9%	5%	7%	1%
Heritage/Legacy	41	4%	0%	1%	5%	3%
Premier	39	6%	5%	2%	6%	3%
Lorraine	35	3%	2%	5%	4%	3%
Schroeder/Schroeder-Manatee	33	4%	2%	1%	4%	3%
Post	32	4%	3%	5%	4%	3%

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Potential Timeline





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