



# Superintendent's Report

March 5, 2024



# Consent Agenda Highlights



Sarasota County Schools, 2024 STEM Fair,  
Superintendent Connor and Students, February 2024.



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## #19 – Approval of the Revised Job Description for Literacy Coach K-12

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Although the Literacy Coach K-12 is a new position, K-3 Literacy Coaches were piloted this school year. According to the 2022-2023 FAST ELA Assessment data, 43% of students in grade 3 scored a Level 3 or higher on PM2 (last year). According to the 2023-2024 FAST ELA Assessment data, 51% of students in grade 3 scored a Level 3 or higher on PM2 (this year). This 8% increase in proficiency from last year's PM2 to this year's PM2 results are directly correlated with our targeted and specific focus on strengthening K-3 teacher capacity for implementation of core literacy instruction.





# SCS News & Announcements



# S.R.E.O.Y. 2024



## **Congratulations to Stacy Lahdenpera for being named the 2024 School-Related Employee of the Year!**

Mrs. Lahdenpera serves as the Administrative Assistant to the Principal of Riverview High School.

In addition to this amazing recognition, she was awarded a two-year lease to a 2024 Ford Bronco—along with other amazing prizes—for her service to her community!



# SMA Rifle Team Honorable Announcements



**Congratulations to the following exceptional cadets from the Sarasota Military Academy Rifle Teams for achieving the remarkable milestones below:**

## **Individual Regional Champion in JROTC:**

- 1st - Gabrielle Ayers
- 3rd - Emrie Fast-Clarke

## **Junior Olympic Rifle Championships:**

- Women's: Emrie Fast-Clarke
- Men's: Isaiah Jones

## **1st Round Invites:**

- Jagrieliz Irizarry Vega
- Gabrielle Ayers





# 2023-2024 Best U.S. High Schools



The U.S. News Best High Schools ranks schools on six factors based on their performance on state assessments and how well they prepare students for college.

## Of the Florida ranked high schools:

- Pine View ranked #2 and #13 nationally
- Suncoast Polytechnical ranked #36
- Riverview ranked #88
- Venice ranked #163

**18,000**

High Schools  
Ranked Nationally

**618**

Ranked in  
Florida







# ESE Agency Fair

- March 28, 2024
- 4:30-6:30 p.m.
- STC @ 4748 S. Beneva Road

Learn about agencies and organizations providing resources, services, and support for our exceptional students in education.




**Sarasota County Schools  
Exceptional Student Education  
Agency Fair**

**March 28, 2024  
4:30-6:30 pm**

**Suncoast Technical College  
4748 S. Beneva Road**

Learn about agencies and organizations providing resources, services, and support for students with disabilities.

Sponsored by:  
School Board of Sarasota County  
Exceptional Student Education (ESE)  
Student Services (SS)  
Florida Diagnostic & Learning Resources System (FDLRS)



FDLRS is funded by the Florida Department of Education, Division of Public Schools, Bureau of Exceptional Education and Student Services, through federal assistance under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act Part B and State General Revenue funds.



## Join Us! Sarasota County Schools' "Serve Our Community Week" Fundraiser

Let's come together as a community to support our students and staff by participating in a special fundraiser to alleviate outstanding school lunch debt. With your help, we can make a significant impact!

### Where is it?

At all Sarasota County Schools

### How do I participate?

Every student, family, staff, and community member is encouraged to contribute a minimum of \$1!

Our current school lunch debt is:  
**\$35,000**

Your contribution, no matter how small, will make a big difference in helping us eliminate our school lunch debt by donating to the Student Meal Relief Fund. Let's ensure that every student can enjoy nutritious meals without financial worry. Together, we can make this happen!

Thank you for your generosity and support. Let's show the power of our community coming together for a great cause!

### Contact:

Harriet.Moore@SarasotaCountySchools.net  
(941) 927-9000 Ext. 31154



### Donate:

By clicking [HERE](#) or by scanning the QR code!

**March 4-9, 2024**



Thanks to OSP by Edlio for supporting this initiative!



# "Serve Our Community Week" Fundraiser



- March 4-9, 2024
- At all Sarasota County Schools
- Total school lunch debt is \$35k

Every student, family, staff, and community member are encouraged to contribute a minimum of \$1 to help every student enjoy nutritious meals without financial worry.





Do what's doable today.  
They'll thank you for it later.

*Get started  
today!*

# Florida Prepaid Scholarships

**Florida Prepaid Open Enrollment  
closes on April 30, 2024**

The Board of Florida Prepaid is lowering the monthly prices of Prepaid Plans by up to 25% for this year's Open Enrollment period!



# School's Out! March 8 - 15





# Athletic Choice 2024

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## ATHLETIC CHOICE

March 1 – April 1

[www.SarasotaCountySchools.net/departments/athletics](http://www.SarasotaCountySchools.net/departments/athletics)



# In Tune! Podcast

Release date March 7<sup>th</sup>







**EVERY STUDENT.  
EVERY DAY!**