



# Growth Management Update

February 6, 2018  
Mill Creek Elementary School



## Strategic Plan:

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- **Goal D: Growth Management Success Goal 2021:**  
St. Johns County School District will proactively manage systemic growth.
- **Strategy 2: (Goal D)**  
Continue to design and construct schools that accommodate growth while maintaining high quality programming with an intentional student-focused environment.



## Situation: Continued Growth in WGV area

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### Elementary Growth:

- 2007-2008 Opened Wards Creek Elementary
- 2012-2013 Opened Palencia Elementary
- 2017-2018 Opened Picolata Crossing Elementary



## K-8 Success:

# Growth Management & Academics Success

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- Research has shown K-8 schools achieve continued academic success
- Less transition for students increases engagement in 6<sup>th</sup> grade year and minimizes social-emotional adjustments common to adolescents
- Currently 3 K-8 schools in the District with a proven track record of high academic achievement
- Ability to address 9 grades of student growth in one facility.

# K-8 Success:

## Growth Management & Academics Success

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- Educational Plant Survey and Five-Year District Facilities Work Plan show a need for the construction of middle school seats
- Middle School Growth:
  - 2007-2008 Opened Pacetti Bay Middle School
  - 1022 Permanent Capacity
  - Geographically serves 4 growing Elementary Schools
  - Current enrollment: 1488 students

# K-8 Success:

## Growth Management & Academics Success

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- The K-8 School provides an opportunity for the District to provide
  - Stability
  - Consistency in student population and attendance zone
  - An answer to the continued growth

# Growth Management & Academic Success



● Mill Creek  
Elementary  
(K-5)



● Middle  
School  
students  
from same  
attendance  
zone (6-8)



***FIRST***  
***Conversion***  
of an  
Elementary  
School to a  
***K-8***  
***SCHOOL*** in  
St. Johns  
County



## Conversion to K-8:

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- Current 5<sup>th</sup> graders will remain at Mill Creek to start the transition to a K-8 School (approx. 120 students)
  - 2018-2019 SY – K-6 school
  - 2019-2020 SY – K-7 school
  - 2020-2021 SY – K-8 school
- Provides Immediate relief to Pacetti Bay Middle School
- The opening of K-8 Schools KK & LL with grades K-6 for the first year, allows an opportunity for synergy with outstanding principal leadership





## Conversion to K-8:

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- Academics:
  - Standard and Advanced courses in 4 core areas (English Language Arts, Math, Science and Social Studies)
- Music
- Visual Arts
- Physical Education (PE)
- PK Program to be transferred to Picolata Crossing Elementary School



## Conversion to K-8:

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- School will start at 8:30 a.m. and release at 2:50 p.m. There will be a one-hour early release on Wednesday at 1:50 p.m.
- The media center will have a collection of both traditional books and eBooks serving both the elementary and middle school students.



## Conversion to K-8:

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- Interscholastic Athletics (SJCSD):
  - Volleyball and Basketball
    - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade schedule to be developed with other K-8 schools (for one year)
- Will work with Pacetti Bay Middle School for use of the gymnasium for first year.



## Conversion to K-8:

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- Attendance Zone changes will begin immediately to rezone middle school students contained in the Mill Creek Elementary zone to the new K-8 zone
- These students are currently zoned to Pacetti Bay and R. J. Murray Middle Schools
- Rising 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders within this zone will continue to attend their current middle school.



## Conversion to K-8: Timeline

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- Summer 2018: Site Preparation and establishment of construction boundaries vs. student use boundaries
- 2018-2019 SY: New Construction of 2-story Middle School classroom building, K-8 gymnasium and locker rooms, Dining Expansion and covered PE
- Initial Project Estimate of \$15 Million

## EXISTING SITE





## PROPOSED SITE PLAN





## Next Steps:

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- Communication to
  - Faculty/Staff
  - Parents/Community
- Educational Plant Survey: Spot Survey to be submitted to DOE





## Next Steps:

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- CFO secure funding for conversion
- Curriculum Team work with Principal to coordinate academics for a K-6 transition similar to K-8 Schools KK and LL
- Operations Team will move forward with the development of final plans and project administration



**Next Steps:**

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# Mill Creek Academy