

# HERNANDO SCHOOL DISTRICT

2025 Interlocal Agreement Update

October 15, 2025

# **Interlocal Agreement Update Schedule**

- School Board Staff made a presentation on the need to update the Interlocal Agreement to the Joint Committee at the following Joint Committee Meetings:
  - March 30, 2023
  - March 14, 2024
- The Joint Committee provided direction at the March 14, 2024, meeting for the School Board and the Local Governments to update the Interlocal Agreement
- 3) The School Board staff have led the effort.

# PRELIMINARY SCOPE OF PROPOSED REVISIONS

- Revise concurrency process to conform to current Florida Statutes
- 2) Streamline school siting processes to conform to current statutes
- 3) Condense or remove verbiage that restates statutes & ordinances
- 4) Add a section for the administration, collection, remittance, and reporting of educational impact fees

# **INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT – PURPOSE & BENEFITS**

- Required by Sections 1013.33, 163.3177, 163.3180(6), Florida
   Statutes
- Coordinate planning between boards and local governing bodies
- Ensure construction of public schools is coordinated in time and place with residential development
- Encourage efficient use of infrastructure concurrent with development



# WHY REVISIONS ARE NEEDED

- Interlocal Agreement was last amended in 2009 (16 years ago)
- Interlocal Agreement is no longer consistent with current Florida Statutes (F.S. 163.3177, 163.3180(6), 1013.33)
- Interlocal Agreement needs to be made current with the policies set forth in the Hernando County Comprehensive Plan
- Administrative Code referenced in the Interlocal Agreement has been repealed
- Improvements are needed for efficiency of planning processes and workflow





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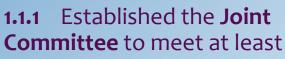
# **Interlocal Agreement Revisions:**

- I. PLANNING PROCESS
- II. CONCURRENCY
- III. IMPACT FEES

# **Section 1** Coordinating and Sharing Information

### **Section 1.1 (2009 ILA)**

Section 1.1 Joint Meetings



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1.1.2 Established joint workshop sessions for the School Board and Local Government Boards to meet for discussion.

**1.1.3** Staff representatives provide technical review and recommendations

## Section 1.1 (proposed revision)

Section 1 Coordinating and Sharing Information

Establishes the **Working Group**—a group consisting of staff of the School Board and the Local Governments—to facilitate the planning of educational facilities on behalf of the governing bodies and to make recommendations to the **Oversight Committee**.

Working Group is a staff level, fact-finding body <u>not</u> subject to the Sunshine Law.

- Shall meet on the first Thursday of March and September/October (depending on the timing of the Tentative Educational Facilities Plan), and any other times, as necessary.
- Working Group creates Annual Report to go to the Oversight Committee

# **Section 2** Oversight Committee

### **Section 1.1 (2009 ILA)**

Section 1.1 Joint Meetings

**1.1.4** Oversight provided by the Joint Committee.

### Section 2.1 (proposed revision)

Section 2.1 Oversight Committee.

- Establishes the **Oversight Committee**—a committee comprised of 7 members (3 School Board Members, 2 County Commissioners, 2 City Council Members).
- The Oversight Committee will review the Annual Report of the Working Group and may present the Annual Report to each of their respective boards for review and comment, including any recommendations to amend or supplement the ILA.
- Meets annually
- Subject to the Sunshine Law



# Section 1.4 Annual Report

- Annual report to be created the Working Group by April 1 of each year.
- Report will address coordination of land use and school facility phasing; including population projection, student projections, school development trends, school needs and all other matters pertaining to school planning.
  - Each Local Government will provide population projections, development trends/data, and any amendments to their comprehensive plans that will modify allowable residential density, or may otherwise affect school enrollment
  - The School Board will provide information regarding current student enrollment and projected student enrollment
- Annual report will also address any planning issues specific to any particular school/school site.



# **Section 3** School Site Selection

Section 2 & 3 (2009 ILA)

Section 3.1, Section 4

Current language in the ILA is cumbersome and not inline with statutory requirements.

Section 3.2 – Zoning Categories in Which Schools are Allowed

### Section 3 (proposed revision)

Sections 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4

- The School Board will notify the local Government within 60 days prior to acquiring/ leasing a new school site
- Within 45 days the Local Government shall provide the School Board with a preliminary determination as to whether the new school site is consistent with the comprehensive plan
- Once a new school site has been selected within 90 days prior to construction of a new school the school board will request a determination from the Local Government as to whether the site is consistent with the comprehensive plan
- Within 45 days the Local Government shall issue a determination regarding consistency of the site with the comprehensive plan

**Section 3.6** No change



### Section 6.1 Level of Service

### Section 5 (2009 ILA)

Section 5.3



- Elementary 100% of Permanent FISH Capacity
- Middle 100% of Permanent FISH Capacity
- High 100% of Permanent FISH Capacity

### Section 6 (proposed revision)

#### Section 6.1

Level-of-Service (LOS) Standards:

- Elementary 100% of Permanent FISH Capacity and long-term relocatable
- Middle 100% of FISH Capacity and long-term relocatable capacity
- High 100% of FISH Capacity and long-term relocatable capacity
- LOS shall be reviewed annually by Oversight Committee



# **Section 6.2.1 School Concurrency Application**

### Section 6 (2009 ILA)

Section 6.1 – Concurrency
Determinations Following
Application – contains a similar process. Updated streamlines process between the School Board and Local Governments.

### Section 6.2.1 (proposed revision)

**Section 6.2.1** – School Concurrency Application (revision needed)

- The Local Government will direct applicants with projects that include residential development to obtain and file with the School Board a School Concurrency Application along with a fee for same to the School Board.
- The applicant shall submit the approved school concurrency application from the School Board, including confirmation of payment to the School Board, along with its initial application to the Local Government.
- Within 30 days of the Local Government's completeness determination the School Board will either
  - Issue a finding of available school capacity, or
  - Advise the applicant that insufficient capacity exists and mitigation is required

# **Section 6.2.2 Determining Available Capacity**

Section 5 (2009 ILA)

Section 6.2.2 (no change)

**Section 5.2.1** – School Capacity Calculations



**Section 6.2.2** – Determining Available Capacity

 Formula for Determining Available Capacity –accounting for the number of student stations held in reserve by the School Board for specific developments which are either vested or have received a Certificate of Concurrency



# **Section 6.3 Proportionate share mitigation**

### Section 6 (2009 ILA)

**Section 6.1/6.2** 



Existing timeline and process contain longer lead time on negotiating proportionate share mitigation agreements (up to 270 days) and out-of-date law references

### Section 6.3 (proposed revision)

6.3.2

Formula for calculating Proportionate Share Mitigation

6.3.3

- In accordance with section 163.3180(6), Florida Statues a residential development not exempt from school concurrency may obtain a Certificate of School Concurrency by entering into a Proportionate Share Mitigation Agreement (PSMA) with the School Board
- The execution of a PSMA, as applicable, shall be a condition of the Conditional Plat approval, Site Plan approval or the functional equivalent
- Payment of the proportionate share mitigation in full shall be a condition of the final plat approval (or the functional equivalent), but no later than the issuance of the first building permit.
- Payment shall be made directly to the School Board



## Section 6.4 Credits

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### Section 6.4 (proposed revision)

In accordance with Section 163.31801 ("The Florida Impact Fee Act") the School Board will provide credits on a dollar-for-dollar basis at fair market value in the amount equal to the proportionate share mitigation in the form of the Hernando County Education Facilities Voucher.



# **Section 6.5 Exemptions**

Section 5.4 (2009 ILA)



**Section 5.4** – Applicability and Exemptions

#### **Exemptions:**

- Single family lots of record have received final plat approval prior to the effective date of the school concurrency ordinance
- Multi-family residential development having received final site plan approval prior to the effective date of the applicable school concurrency ordinance.
- Amendments to residential development approvals issued prior to the effective date of the adopted school concurrency ordinance, which do not increase the number of residential units or change the type of residential units proposed.

## Section 6.5 (proposed revision)

**Section 6.5** – Exemptions

Includes the other previous exemptions, plus three additional exemptions:

- Age Restricted Communities (55+)
- 10 or less residential units or Class C subdivisions (de minimus) Current de minimus threshold is 1 student or less



# **Section 6. Concurrency Service Areas (CSAs)**

Section 5 (2009 ILA) Sect

Section 6 (proposed revision)

5.1 Concurrency Service Areas



**6.6 Concurrency Service Areas (CSAs)** – No change

**5.2 School Capacity** Calculations



**6.7 School Capacity Calculations as to CSAs –** No change



#### III. IMPACT FEES

# **Section 7** Impact Fees

#### Section 7.1 – Impact Fees Established

 An applicant's payment of Educational Facilities impact fees shall be collected, transmitted, and reported by each Local Government in conformance with and according to the applicable Educational Facilities Impact Fee Ordinance.

#### **Section 7.2** – Collection of Impact Fees

• The permitting Local Government shall be responsible for determining the amount of Impact Fees. Impact Fees are to be collected when a building permit is issued.



#### III. IMPACT FEES

# **Section 7** Impact Fees (continued)

#### **Section 7.3** – Administrative Cost

Each Local government may retain the actual cost incurred in collecting the Impact Fees

#### **Section 7.4** – Remittance

 Each Local Government will remit the collected impact fees minus the administrative costs (as described above)

#### **Section 7.5** – Reporting of Impact Fees

- Each Local Government will provide a monthly report to the school board accounting for the total amount of educational facilities impact fees collected
- The report will include the number and type of dwelling units and the name and/or location
  of the development in which the units are located.



