



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA

ST. LUCIE COUNTY

BOCC Informal Meeting

Tuesday, May 12, 2026

9:00 AM

Commission Chambers
2300 Virginia Avenue
3rd Floor of Roger Poitras Building
Fort Pierce, FL 34982

BOARD MEMBERS

District No. 4, Chair
JAMIE FOWLER

District No. 2, Vice-Chair
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CATHY TOWNSEND

Mission Statement

Committed To Service, Focused On Our Future, Grounded By Tradition

*Final on 5/6

- 1. CALL TO ORDER - JAMIE FOWLER, CHAIR BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 3. DISCUSSION ITEMS**
 - A. St. Lucie Public Schools Impact and Efficiency
- 4. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**
- 5. ADJOURNMENT**

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Board of County Commissioners Meeting SLPS Impact and Efficiency

Dr. Jon R. Prince - Superintendent

May 12, 2026



Agenda

- **Impact**
 - **Education Quality**
 - **Impact with Community**
 - **Impact with Efficiency**



**Board Vice Chair
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**Board Member
Terissa Aronson**

**Board Member
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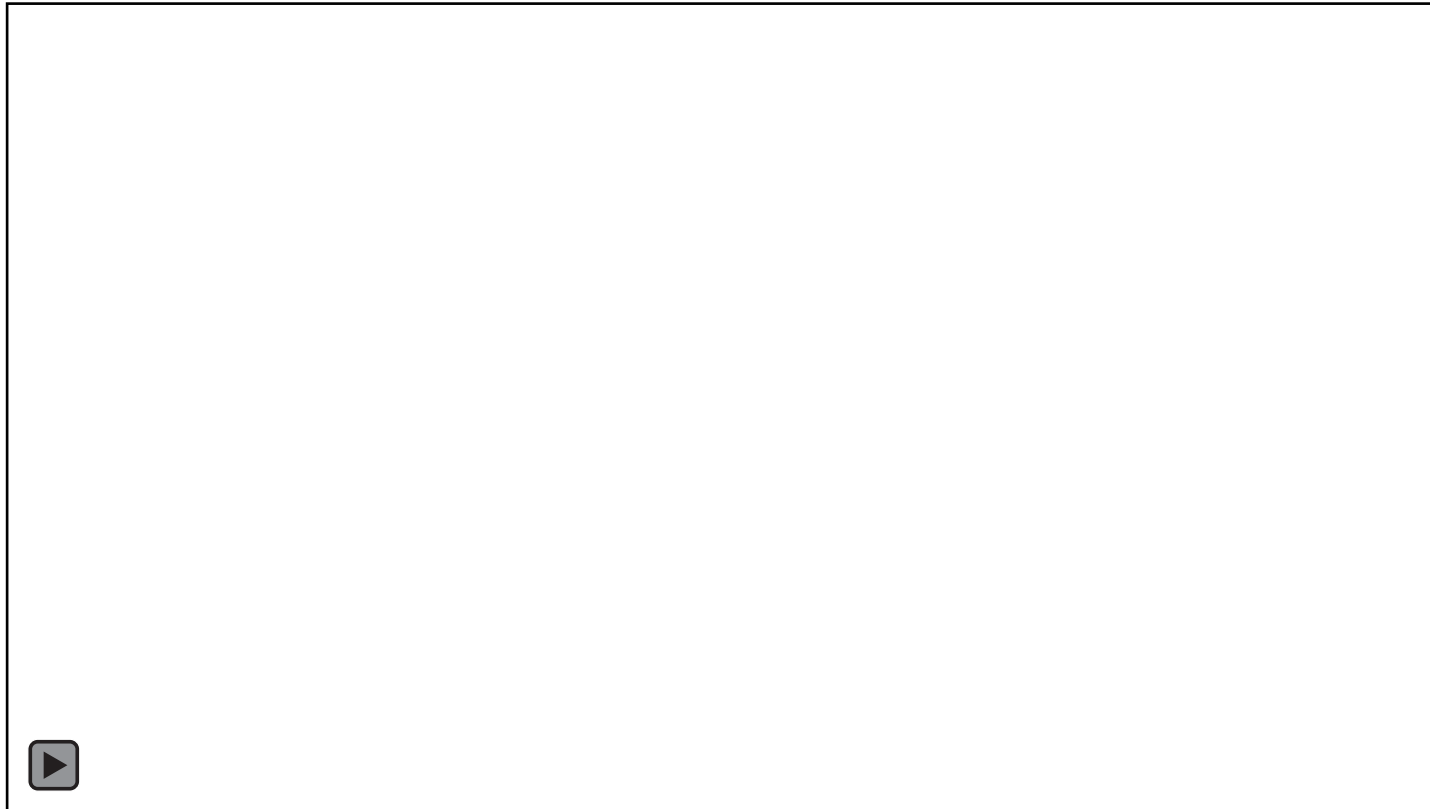
**Board Member
Jennifer Richardson**

**Board Chair
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**School Board
St. Lucie Public Schools**



What Is the Impact of High Quality Schools?





TREASURE HUNTER'S PLEDGE

As an adult and a Treasure Hunter
I am committed to search for all the talents, skills,
and intelligence that exist in all children and youth. I
believe all children are capable of success,

NO EXCEPTIONS!

Count of School Grades Over Time

SLPS Schools	2016	2017	2018	2019	2022	2023	2024	2025
A	3	5	8	6	7	6	9	11
B	8	16	16	18	11	12	19	18
C	17	13	11	11	16	16	13	8
D	7	3	2	2	3	3	3	3
F	2							

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45%

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St. Lucie

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

***AN "A" RATED
DESTINATION DISTRICT***

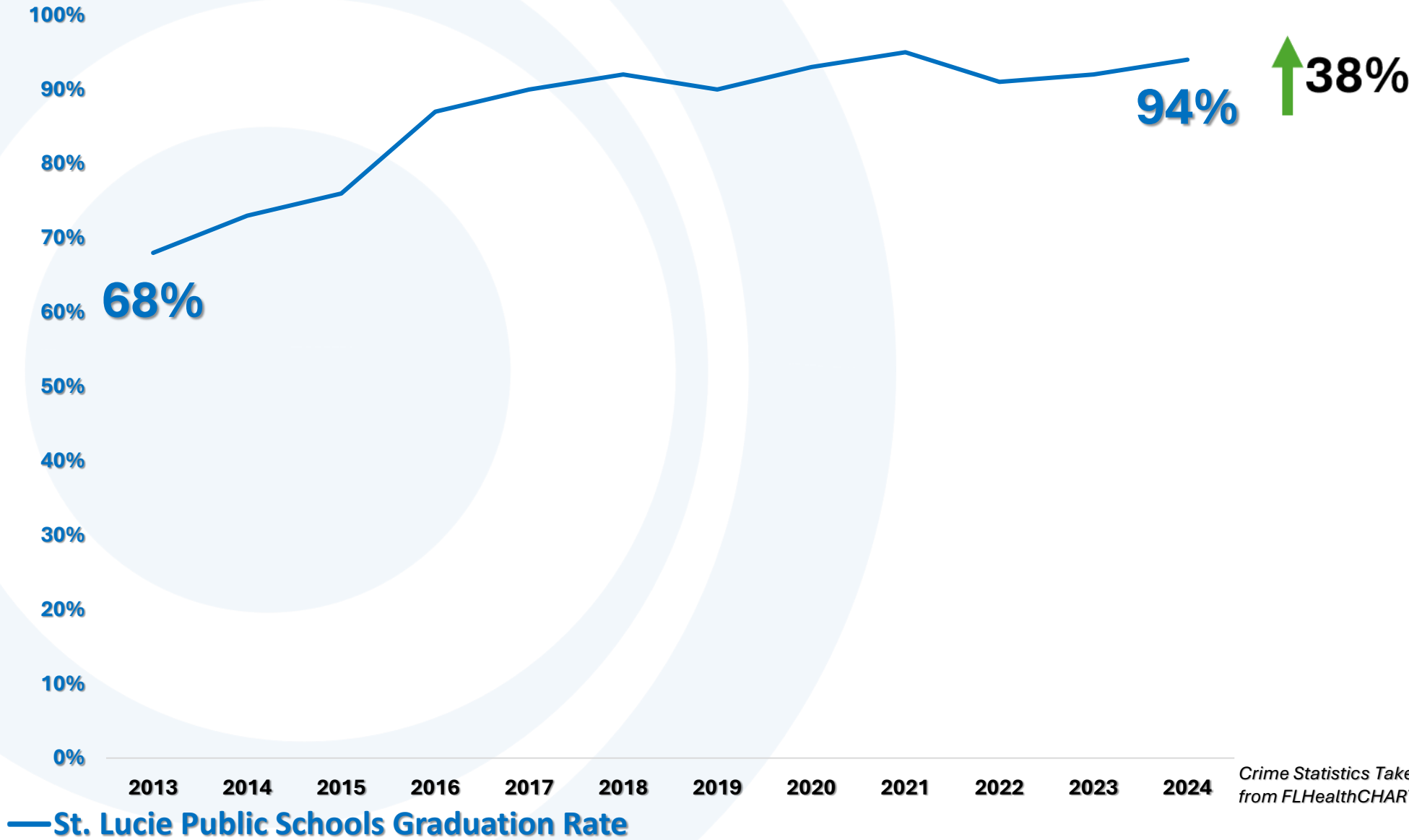




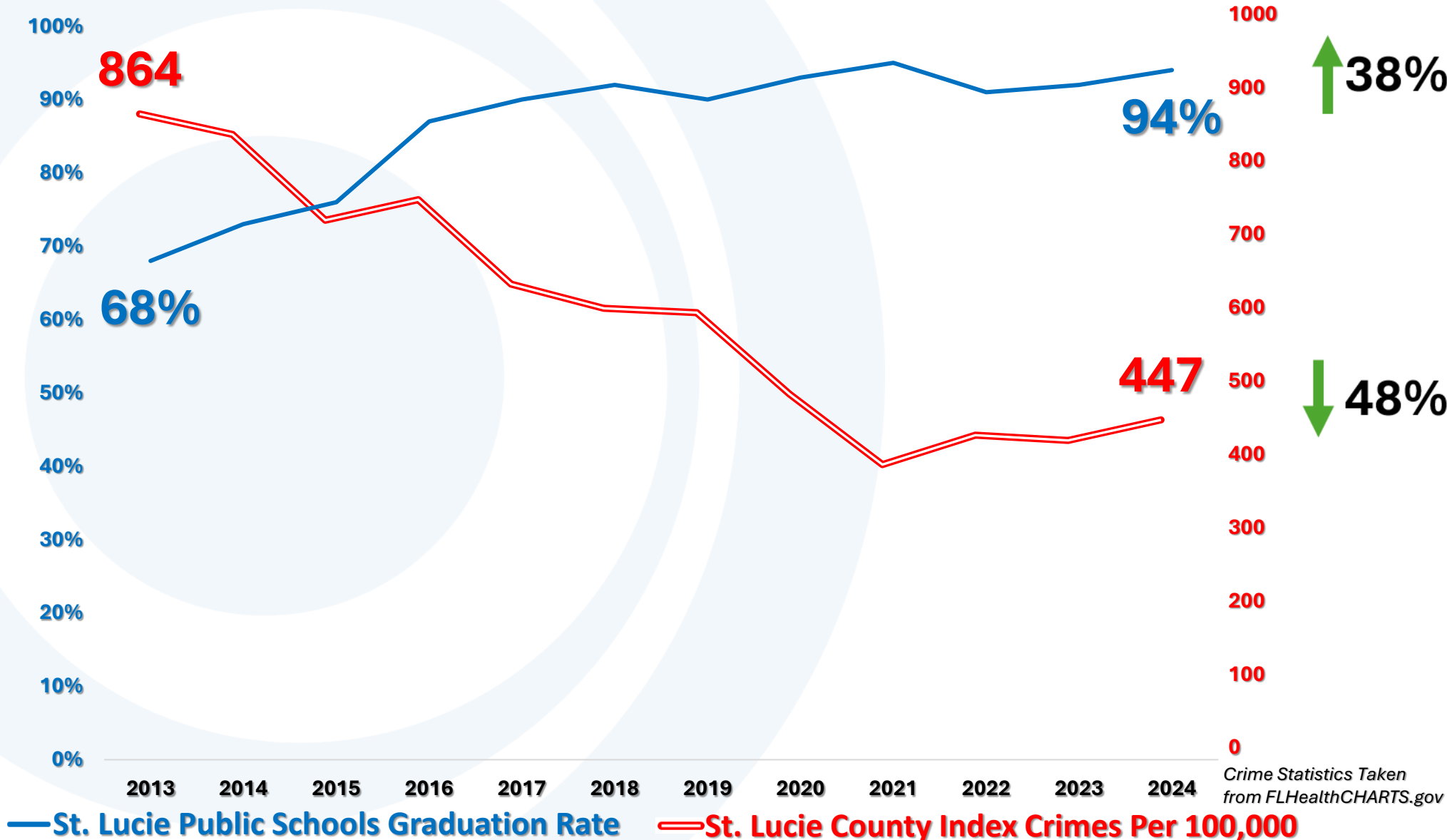
**Are Good Schools the Result of Good Communities?
Or
Are Good Communities the Result of Good Schools?**

**An Analysis of School Quality and Crime Rates
2013-2024**

Rising SLPS Graduation Rate & Falling SLC Crimes

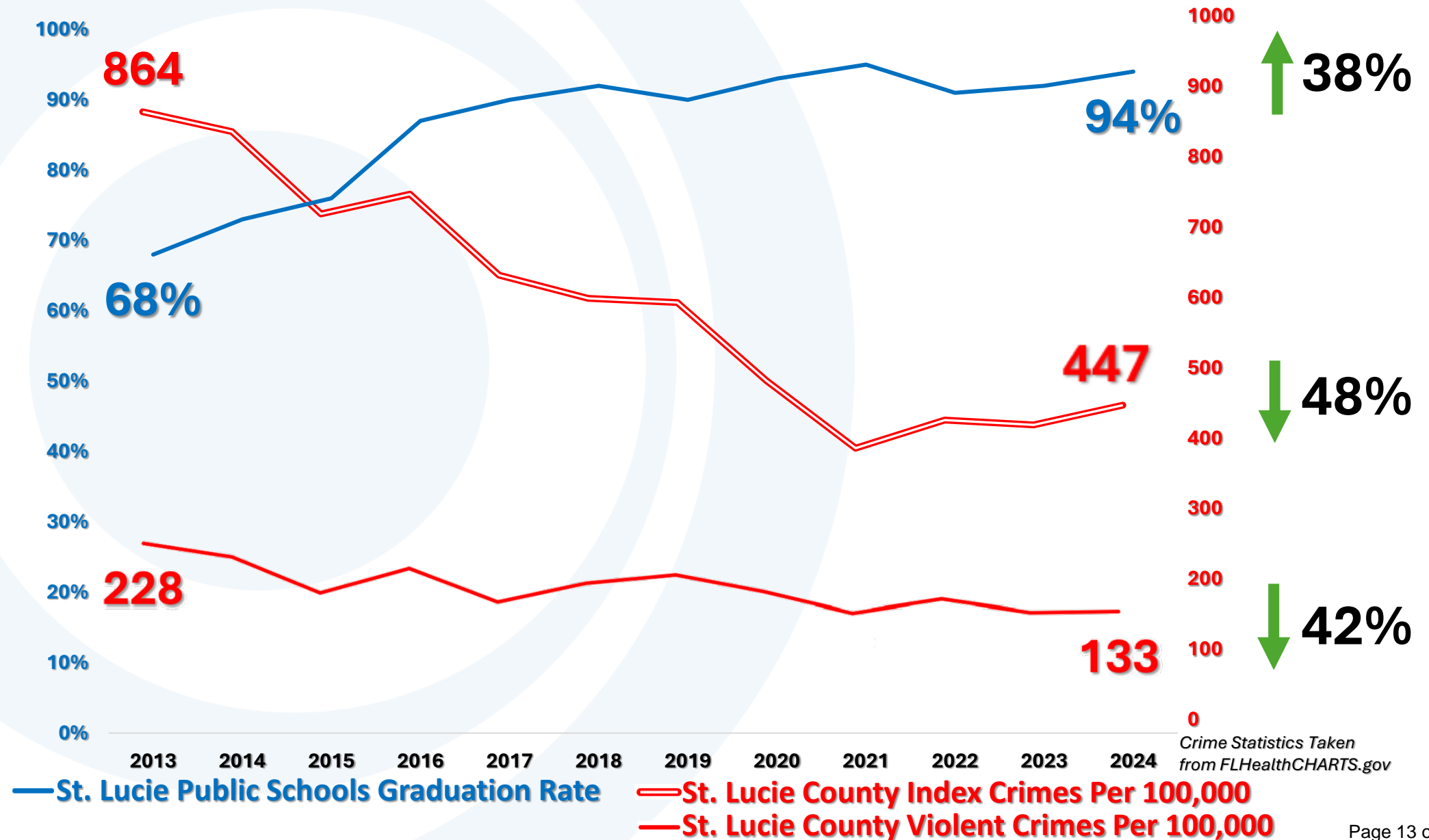


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Crime Statistics Taken from FLHealthCHARTS.gov

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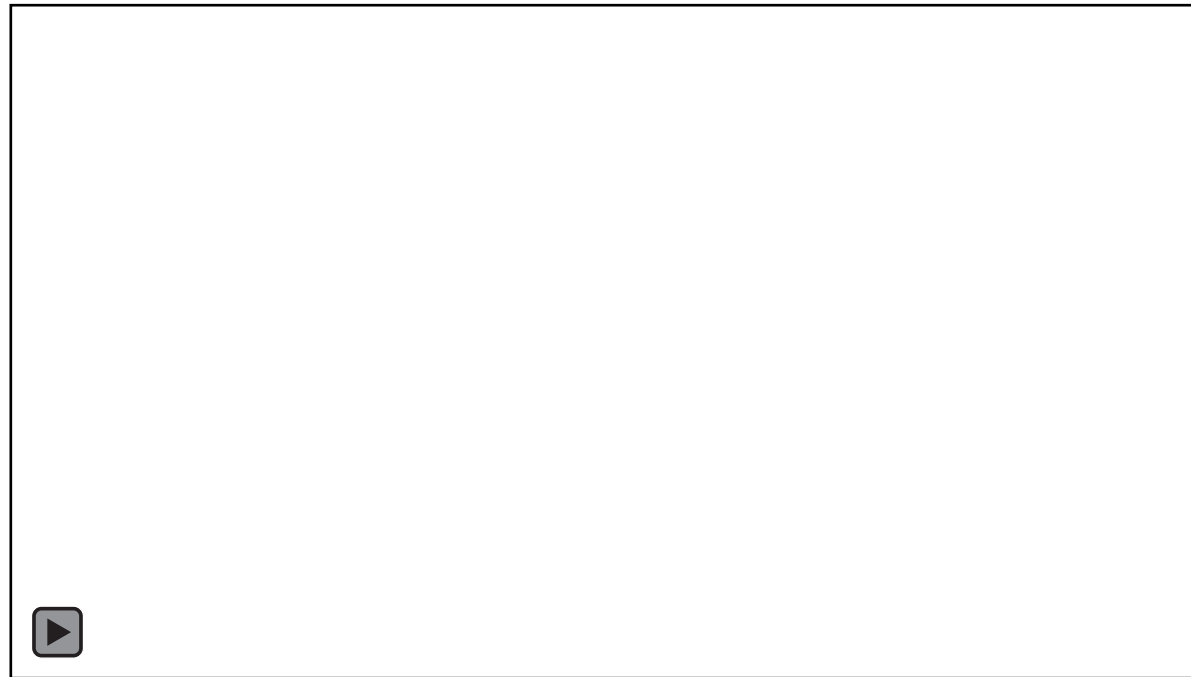
How Efficiently Does SLPS Operate?

How is Our State Funding Spent?

What is St. Lucie's ROI?



**Florida Commissioner of Education
Anastosios Kamoutsas
October 28, 2025 Leon County School Board Meeting**





How Efficiently Does SLPS Operate?

- **Analyzing use of district funds for school and district administrators**
*Source – DOE Full-Time Administrative Staff by Activity
Assignment
- **Consider district needs, size and location in the comparison**
- **Comparison of St. Lucie Public Schools and other districts**



How Efficiently Does SLPS Operate?

How does SLPS compare to neighboring districts or similar districts when looking at enrollment and performance relative to the use of spending on administrators?



**Staff in Florida's Public Schools
Full-Time Administrative Staff by Activity Assignment
2024-25, Final Survey 2
State/District Level Report**

Notes: Distinct by district service, school service, SSN, and primary job code. Payroll and Staff reporting formats used. All active full time staff included with primary job code/EEO line from Payroll.

Dist #	District	Officials, Administrators and Managers- Instructional	Officials, Administrators and Managers- NonInstructional	Officials, Administrators, Managers Total	Consultants/ Supervisors of Instruction	Principals	Assistant Principals	Deans/ Curriculum Coordinators/ Registrars	Community Education Coordinators	Total
00	FLORIDA	2,020	2,435	4,455	707	3,736	5,729	780	8	15,415

Source: <https://www.fldoe.org/core/fileparse.php/7584/urlt/ARAdminDistStaff2425.xlsx>



Definition of Terms in this Analysis

- **Full-Time Administrative Staff by Activity Assignment**
 - **School Based**
Principals
Assistant Principals
 - **Non-School Based**
District administrative staff that are not assigned to a school site who serve as officials, administrators, and managers



Definition of Terms in this Analysis

Efficiency

The number of school and non-school based administrators per 1,000 FTE

- 5.0 would translate to 5 administrators per 1,000 students



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- A district with a lower number would be considered more efficient
- A district with a higher number would be considered less efficient



St. Lucie Public Schools State Ranking

(out of 67 Districts)

District Administrators Per 1000 Students	School Administrators Per 1000 Students
1.02	2.50

For every 1,000 students, there are **3.52** administrators employed by SLPS.

$$(1.02 + 2.50 = \underline{3.52})$$



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For every 1,000 students, there are **3.52** administrators employed.
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Only 2 other districts have smaller administration to student ratios statewide.

Santa Rosa (31,000 FTE) A (F/R = 47%)

Osceola (80,000 FTE) B (F/R = 55%)

SLPS (54,000 FTE) A (F/R = 64%)

Local and Adjacent District Counts of Administrators Per 1,000 Students Ranked by Efficiency

District	District	School	Efficiency	State Efficiency Rank
St. Lucie	1.02	2.50	3.52	3 rd
Broward	1.03	2.63	3.66	6 th
Brevard	0.96	2.93	3.89	8 th
Palm Beach	1.02	2.95	3.97	10 th
Dade	1.08	3.01	4.08	15 th
Martin	1.76	3.38	5.14	32 nd
Indian River	1.83	3.55	5.38	36 th

Similar Sized Districts as SLPS (approx. 50,000 students)

How Many Additional Administrators Do They Have?

0
St. Lucie



+52
Collier



+28
Lake



+33
Manatee

+28
Marion



+10
St. Johns



+38
Sarasota



What if our neighbors were the same size as SLPS?

(Approx. 50,000 Students) *Comparing Costs if Districts were Proportioned to Our Size

District	Efficiency	How many more administrators would they hire?
St. Lucie	3.52	SLPS has 190 administrators.
Broward	3.66	+8
Brevard	3.89	+20
Palm Beach	3.97	+24
Dade	4.08	+31
Martin	5.14	+89
Indian River	5.38	+101

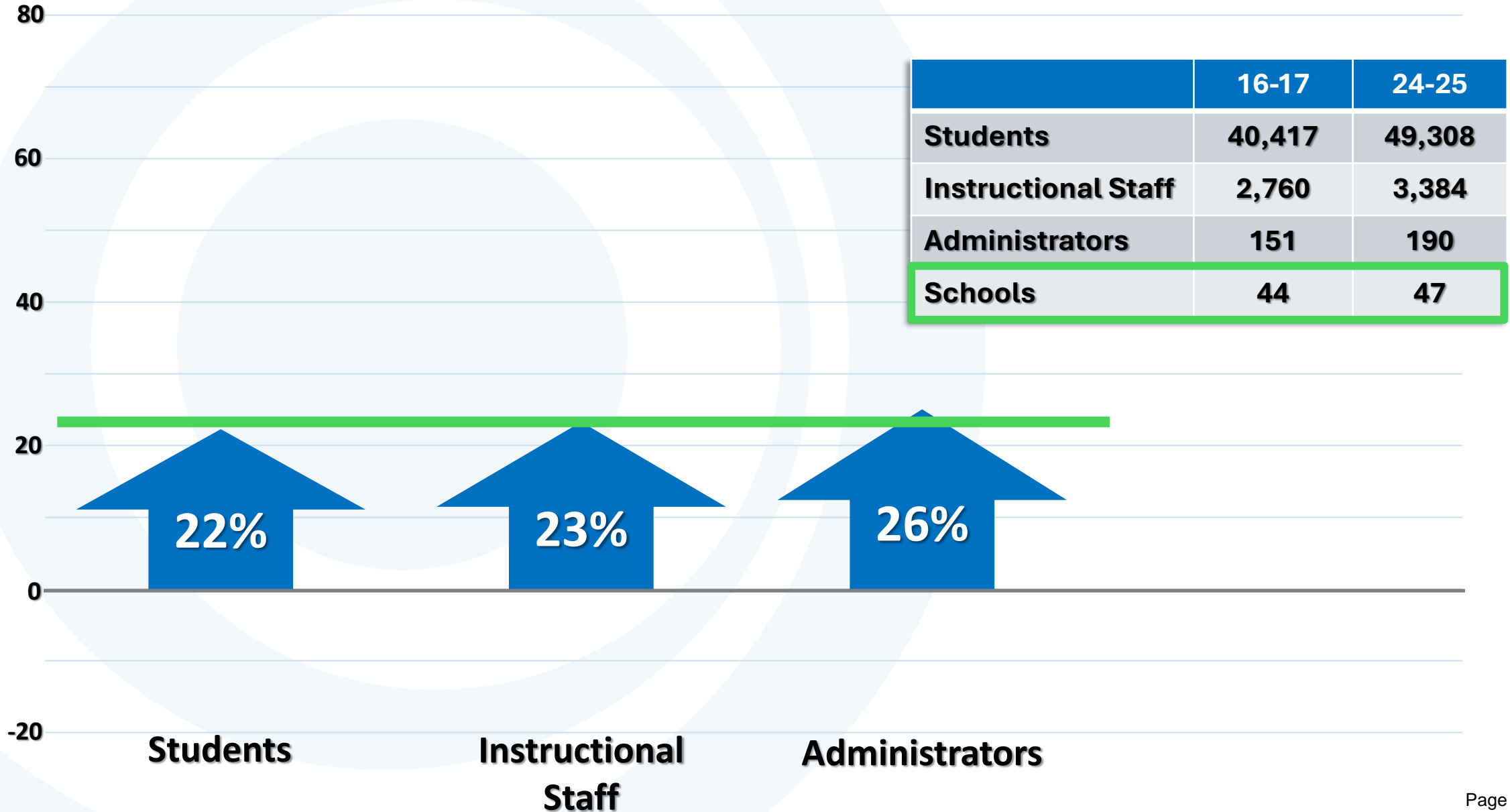


Enrollment Trends – 10 Years

- Has SLPS spending on staffing levels been aligned to enrollment trends over time?
- Staffing trends “should” be proportional to enrollment trends.

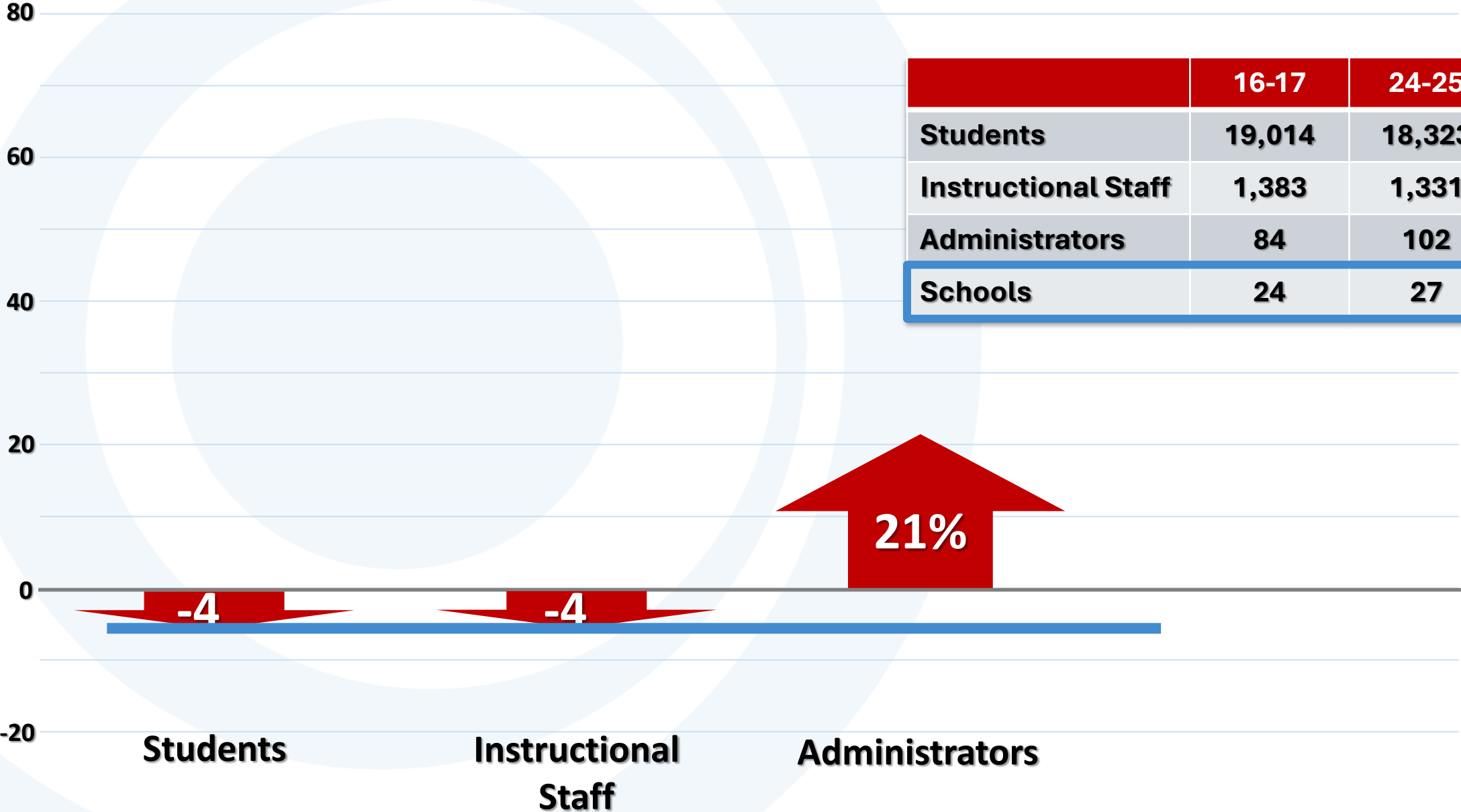
Changes in St. Lucie Public Schools

2016-17 to 2024-25



Changes in a Neighboring District

2016-17 to 2024-25





Key Takeaways: SLPS Success, Impact and Efficiency

- **SLPS Prioritizes Classroom Teachers over Administrators**

The majority of resources are directly invested where learning happens... in the classrooms.

- **Low Overhead, High Impact**

SLPS is THE MOST ACADEMICALLY IMPROVED DISTRICT with the lowest administrative costs.

- **Exceptional Return on Investment**

Resources are used wisely, producing powerful results for every dollar spent.

SLPS is a Model of Operational Efficiency

SLPS is an outlier for performance compared to challenges (student socioeconomic factors) and low administrator/teacher ratio



Questions?