

VILLAGE OF ROYAL PALM BEACH

Agenda Item Summary

AGENDA ITEM:

Workshop for Council action regarding Strategic Planning initiative for Village Support for Schools: Desired Outcomes, Village Role, Best Practices, Direction and Funding.

ISSUE: Strategic Planning 2025 Village Council discussed and prioritized support for our local schools. The workshop is to discuss council desired school support, discuss best practices, provide staff direction and potential funding to include in the 2026 budget.

The Village currently provides financial, personnel, and shared facility use support in the following ways;

Financially, the Village funds ten (10) \$1,000 college scholarships. The students must live in Royal Palm Beach and at least four (4) recipients are required to attend Royal Palm Beach High School. Additionally, the Village funds five (5) \$200 donations to Royal Palm Beach Public schools supporting Arbor Day and the Village's efforts to remain a Tree City USA city.

Personnel commitment to the local schools comes in the form of an active Educational Advisory Board, "EAB". The "EAB" meets once a month with the exception of the summer break. The "EAB" provides a platform with the following purpose and mission:

The purpose and mission of the Education Advisory Board is to:

(a) serve as a liaison group between the Village of Royal Palm Beach, the Palm Beach County School District (the "School District"), and all public and charter schools which are located within the Village in order to improve and enhance communication between all parties; (b) to promote and provide public awareness for programs, opportunities, and initiatives of public and charter schools located within the Village; (c) to recognize and promote accomplishments of students, educators, public schools and charter schools located within the Village; and (d) monitor School District activities and report on those impacting the Village as needed. Schools located outside of the Village of Royal Palm Beach shall not be within the Education Advisory Board's scope or purview.

The Village and the School Boards have entered into a facility shared use agreement, where either party will allow the use of their public facilities for the use of the other party. The agreement does require reimbursement of any needed staff to facilitate the use. The Village also allows School use of Commons Stage and great lawn for large school performances. The agreement has been in place for more than 25 years with the exception of Commons Park Stage, and has benefited both entities. The Village has used school indoor basketball courts and outdoor sports fields for several youth sports activities. The Schools have used Commons Park, and the Cultural Center for performances,

Recommendation: After reviewing the current best practices between the Village of Royal Palm Beach and Palm Beach County Local Schools, staff would need direction regarding additional funding opportunities or changes going forward.

Initiator: Council	Village Manager	Agenda Date	Village
Village Manager	Approval	5/8/25	Action