

# HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE HALL WITH DR. ASPLEN

## SUMMARY OF ALL

### Common Threads

- *Rapid growth and capacity concerns*
- *Teacher support and retention*
- *Academic rigor balanced with mental wellness*
- *Career pathways and real-world learning*
- *Open communication between schools, district, and families*

### Shared Priorities

- *Growth Management – Continue addressing facility expansion and class sizes to sustain quality education.*
- *Support for Staff – Strengthen teacher retention, professional development, and morale.*
- *Student Success – Broaden counseling, career readiness, and wellness initiatives.*
- *Communication – Foster transparent, two-way communication and parent involvement.*
- *Innovation – Embrace technology and programs that prepare students for the future.*

### Closing Message

*Across all three events, participants are proud of its schools and committed to working together. Families, educators, and district leaders share a common goal: to empower students, support teachers, and ensure that every child in St. Johns County continues to thrive.*

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*PEDRO MENENDEZ HIGH SCHOOL 9.22.25*

## Top Words

- *Excellent*
- *Innovative*
- *Quality*
- *Safe*
- *Student-centered*
- *Crowded*

## Key Needs

- *Smaller class sizes*
- *Teacher retention*
- *Work ethic and real life skills for students*
- *Career pathways*
- *Critical thinking skills*

## Community Insights

- *Proud of district success, families also raised concerns about rapid growth and space limitations.*
- *Appreciation for dedicated teachers and staff.*
- *Calls for balanced focus on academics and student well-being.*

## Takeaways

- *Families expressed pride in dedicated teachers and a caring culture.*
- *Concerns centered on classroom sizes and rapid growth.*
- *Participants encouraged continued communication and teacher support.*



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PONTE VEDRA HIGH SCHOOL 9.23.25

## Top Words

- Excellence
- Innovative
- Good
- Overcrowded
- Underfunded
- Busy

## Key Needs

- College and career counseling
- Financial literacy
- Character and confidence development
- Hands on experience
- Real life skills

## Community Insights

- High expectations with academic pressure a key topic.
- Emphasis on teacher appreciation and competitive salaries.
- Appreciation for teacher collaboration and training.
- Grateful for strong instruction.
- A need for parent voices to be heard.

## Takeaways

- High academic standards are valued but can feel overwhelming.
- Mental health and balance emerged as key needs for students.
- Families appreciate open dialogue and clear, two-way communication.
- District admin support of teachers a must.



# HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE HALL WITH DR. ASPLEN

TOCOI CREEK HIGH SCHOOL 9.24.25

## Top Words

- Excellence
- Quality
- Great
- Complex
- Crowded
- Innovative

## Key Needs

- College and career counseling
- Real life skills
- Confidence
- Organizational skills
- Financial literacy
- Social skill development
- Communication skills

## Community Insights

- Positive tone with focus on innovation and technology.
- Desire for consistent tools and teacher training.
- Families value Toco Creek's forward-thinking approach.

## Takeaways

- Positive tone highlighting innovation, technology, and new programs.
- Requests for more real-world learning and Schoology training.
- Families emphasized the value of strong district-family partnerships.