

# Doing Things!

Mentoring and Workforce Development Initiatives
January 9, 2018



## **Strategic Plan Alignment**

- Create a Quality Workforce in a Positive, Supportive Organization
  - 1.1 Recruit, select, and retain the most diverse and talented workforce
  - 1.2 Leverage, promote, and expand opportunities for workforce growth and development
- Foster Continual Economic Growth and Vitality
  - 4.2 Invest in communities that need the most
- Deliver First Class Services to the Public and Our Customers
  - 5.1 Maximize partner relationships and public outreach



# **Background**

- 90 minutes per week of paid administrative leave for staff to participate in various pre-approved programs
- Goals:
  - Promote Academic Achievement
  - Inspire Careers in Public Service
  - Offer a menu of opportunities for employees to serve our community



## **Volunteer Opportunities**

- Pinellas County Schools Mentoring Programs
  - Lunch Pals
  - Take Stock in Children
  - 5,000 Role Models of Excellence
  - Girlfriends of Pinellas County
- Community-based Mentoring Programs
  - Cooperative Extension's 4-H Youth Program
  - Big Brothers Big Sisters of Tampa Bay
  - Junior Achievement
- Annual Participation in One-Day Events
  - Great American Teach-In
  - Read Across America Day



#### **Metrics**

- Pinellas County Schools Programs
  - 120 employees volunteering over the past year
- Community-based Mentoring Programs
  - 28 Participants in Big Brothers Big Sisters
    - 18 Airport Mentors through School to Work Pipeline, and 10 Mentors through Community-based program



#### **Upcoming Mentor Workshops/Trainings**

- Pinellas County Schools has set up the following 5 onsite mentor training sessions for Pinellas County Staff:
  - January 18, 2018 (8 am 9:15 am)
    - Pinellas County Extension Magnolia Room (12520 Ulmerton Road, Largo)
  - January 23, 2018 (8:30 am; 10:30 am; 12:30 pm)
    - St. Petersburg College (SPC) Clearwater Campus Room ES104 (2465 Drew Street, Clearwater)
  - January 24, 2018 (12 pm 1:15 pm)
    - Pinellas County Utilities 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Learning Center, 14 S. Fort Harrison, Clearwater)



#### **Next Steps**

- Conduct 5 mentor training sessions during National Mentoring Month
- Invite partners to upcoming staff meetings
- Identify opportunities for program expansion
  - Additional School to Work site for 2018-2019 School Year via JWB Grant