

**Nguyen, Julie**

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**From:** Jennifer McCoy <jmccoy@igniteacademy.education>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 17, 2025 9:29 AM  
**To:** Scherer, Chris; Scott, Brian; Nowicki, Vince; Eggers, Dave; Latvala, Christopher; Peters, Kathleen; Robinson-Flowers, Rene; Swearengen, Scott M; Schoderbock, Michael; Cord, Molly  
**Cc:** Justin Gingerich  
**Subject:** Rezoning Support for Ignite Academy

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14433 Sassandra Dr  
Odessa FL 33556  
November 17th, 2025

Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners  
315 Court Street  
Clearwater, FL 33756

Dear Chairman Scott and the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners,

I am a Teacher at Ignite Academy, a Christian kindergarten through 8- grade private school located at 1350 East Lake Road North, Tarpon Springs, Florida 34688. Ignite Academy is in need of a new forever home in light of the landlord, Radiant Church's decision not to renew the lease in 2026. Thankfully, Ignite Academy has found a permanent home at 2271 Keystone Road, Tarpon Springs, Florida 34688. I adamantly support the school's decision to move to this new location.

This is the best school to be a part of. I have been a teacher for many years and I hope to retire from Ignite Academy. This school is like family as we support one another in wins and hardships. Our staff and development team have determined this parcel to be the best place for Ignite Academy because the site frontage along Keystone Road is appropriate for a school, the proposal is consistent with existing surrounding uses, and it is large enough to hold 133 students and a small number of staff members. After reviewing the proposed site plans, I am excited to see Ignite Academy expand and thrive as a valued part of this community.

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Sincerely, Jennifer McCoy

Mrs. McCoy  
Ignite Academy  
727.505.6976  
jmccoy@igniteacademy.education  
Office hours 8a-4p

**Nguyen, Julie**

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**From:** cameron fisk <cameronsfisk@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 17, 2025 9:45 AM  
**To:** Scherer, Chris; Scott, Brian; Nowicki, Vince; Eggers, Dave; Latvala, Christopher; Peters, Kathleen; Robinson-Flowers, Rene; Swearengen, Scott M; Schoderbock, Michael; Cord, Molly  
**Cc:** Justin Gingerich  
**Subject:** Rezoning Request - 2271 Keystone Rd Tarpon Springs

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Dear Chairman Scott and the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners,

I am a parent to 3 children (with a 4<sup>th</sup> who will begin kindergarten in 2027) who attend Ignite Academy, a Christian kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade private school located at 1350 East Lake Road North, Tarpon Springs, Florida 34688. Ignite Academy is in need of a new forever home in light of the Landlord, Radiant Church's decision not to renew the lease in 2026. Thankfully, Ignite Academy has found a permanent home at 2271 Keystone Road, Tarpon Springs, Florida 34688. I adamantly support the school's decision to move to this new location.

Ignite Academy not only provides exceptional curriculum and instruction for my children, but it also provides a small-knit community for its families. Ignite Academy currently has 133 students enrolled with 75 families, along with a small number of staff members. We have been a part of Ignite Academy since 2020, and have loved watching our children thrive as part of the community. While academic excellence is important to our family, the emphasis on community building and encouragement in our kids' faith is of even greater importance. We cannot imagine our kids attending a different learning environment and are so looking forward to the stability that will come from having a permanent home to call our own.

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Sincerely,

Cameron & Stephanie Fisk,

Parents to: Emerson, Hudson, Finley, & Sawyer

The Zuzak Family  
1699 Elm Place  
Clearwater, FL 33755  
November 17, 2025

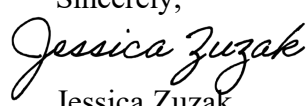
Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners  
315 Court Street  
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Sincerely,  
  
Jessica Zuzak

**Nguyen, Julie**

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**From:** Mariah Trask <mtrask@igniteacademy.education>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 17, 2025 9:57 AM  
**To:** Scherer, Chris; Scott, Brian; Nowicki, Vince; Eggers, Dave; Latvala, Christopher; Peters, Kathleen; Robinson-Flowers, Rene; Swearingen, Scott M; Schoderbock, Michael; Cord, Molly  
**Cc:** Justin Gingerich  
**Subject:** To Whom It May Concern In Regards to Ignite Academy Relocation

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November 17, 2025

Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners  
315 Court Street  
Clearwater, FL 33756

Dear Chairman Scott and the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners,

I am the 3rd grade teacher here at Ignite Academy, a Christian kindergarten through 8 th grade private school located at 1350 East Lake Road North, Tarpon Springs, Florida 34688. Ignite Academy is in need of a new forever home in light of the Landlord, Radiant Church's decision not to renew the lease in 2026. Thankfully, Ignite Academy has found a permanent home at 2271 Keystone Road, Tarpon Springs, Florida 34688. I adamantly support the school's decision to move to this new location.

I have now worked at Ignite Academy for two years. It has been a blessing to myself and to my family. Having a close location to our home, the community that is never ending and constantly being nurtured here is a beautiful one to be a part of. Our staff and development team have determined this parcel to be the best place for Ignite Academy because the site frontage along Keystone Road is appropriate for a school, the proposal is consistent with existing surrounding uses, and it is large enough to hold our 133 students and our small number of staff members. We are so excited for the coming years ahead and the potential of having our own plot of land to call our final Ignite Academy home.

After reviewing the proposed site plans, I am excited to see Ignite Academy expand and thrive as a valued part of this community. Ignite Academy is unable to move without your approval due to a minor acreage excess. While the current zoning and future land use permits kindergarten through 8th grade schools, the property, at 5.23-acres, narrowly exceeds the 5-acre limit for institutional uses. Thus, an application to amend the zoning and future land use designations is required.

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With gratitude,

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Mariah Trask



**Nguyen, Julie**

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**From:** Erika van Doorn <erika.c.vandoorn@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 17, 2025 10:06 AM  
**To:** Scherer, Chris; Scott, Brian; Nowicki, Vince; Eggers, Dave; Latvala, Christopher; Peters, Kathleen; Robinson-Flowers, Rene; Swearengen, Scott M; Schoderbock, Michael; Cord, Molly  
**Cc:** Justin Gingerich  
**Subject:** Help Ignite academy

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Dear Chairman Scott and the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners,

I am a parent to 2 children who attend(s) Ignite Academy, a Christian kindergarten through 8 th grade private school located at 1350 East Lake Road North, Tarpon Springs, Florida 34688. Ignite Academy is in need of a new forever home in light of the Landlord, Radiant Church #39's decision not to renew the lease in 2026. Thankfully, Ignite Academy has found a permanent home at 2271 Keystone Road, Tarpon Springs, Florida 34688. I adamantly support the school's decision to move to this new location.

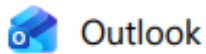
Ignite Academy not only provides exceptional curriculum and instruction for my child(ren), but it also provides a small-knit community for its families. Ignite Academy currently has 133 students enrolled with 75 families, along with a small number of staff members. My boys have been at ignite academy for 3 and 1/2 years and have gone from bottom 30 % academically to one of them to Top 90% and the other top 60-70%. My children are not only learning but also are happy to be at school. The proposed property will give children the opportunity to continue to enjoy the outdoors like every kid in Florida should get.

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Sincerely,  
Erika van Doorn and Patrick Sturdivant

Please call or email for more information or to discuss further  
832-671-6019



**From:** Eli Chamoun <eli.chamoun@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, November 11, 2025 12:42 PM

**To:** Scherer, Chris <cscherer@pinellas.gov>; Scott, Brian <brscott@pinellas.gov>; Nowicki, Vince <vnowicki@pinellas.gov>; Eggers, Dave <deggers@pinellas.gov>; Latvala, Christopher <clatvala@pinellas.gov>; Peters, Kathleen <kpeters@pinellas.gov>; Robinson-Flowers, Rene <rflowers@pinellas.gov>; Swearengen, Scott M <sswearengen@pinellas.gov>; Schoderbock, Michael <MSchoderbock@pinellas.gov>; Cord, Molly <mcord@pinellas.gov>

**Cc:** Justin Gingerich <jgingerich@igniteacademy.education>

**Subject:**

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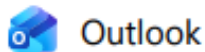
Our family has been blessed to be a part of Ignite Academy in Tarpon Springs, and we believe strongly in the value this school brings to our children and our community. Ignite Academy provides an exceptional educational environment where our children are challenged academically, supported personally, and encouraged to grow into thoughtful and confident young leaders. What makes the school especially meaningful to us is its strong foundation in faith-based values—an environment where our children not only learn math, reading, and science, but also learn how to treat others with kindness, respect, and purpose. Having a religious-based institution like Ignite Academy is deeply important to our family, as it reinforces the values we work to instill at home and helps shape our children into well-rounded individuals. We are supportive of the school's efforts to expand, as it will allow more families to benefit from the same nurturing and impactful educational experience that ours has received.

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Eli and Rose Chamoun



**From:** Cherise Katsaros <katfam4@icloud.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, November 11, 2025 12:49 PM

**To:** Scherer, Chris <cscherer@pinellas.gov>; Scott, Brian <brscott@pinellas.gov>; Nowicki, Vince <vnowicki@pinellas.gov>; Eggers, Dave <deggers@pinellas.gov>; Latvala, Christopher <clatvala@pinellas.gov>; Peters, Kathleen <kpeters@pinellas.gov>; Robinson-Flowers, Rene <rflowers@pinellas.gov>; Swearengen, Scott M <sswearengen@pinellas.gov>; Schoderbock, Michael <MSchoderbock@pinellas.gov>; Cord, Molly <mcord@pinellas.gov>

**Cc:** Justin Gingerich <jgingerich@igniteacademy.education>

**Subject:** Ignite Academy

1610 Pennsylvania Ave,  
Palm Harbor, FL 34683

November 1, 2025

Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners 315 Court Street  
Clearwater, FL 33756

Dear Chairman Scott and the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners,

I am a parent to a child who attends Ignite Academy, a Christian kindergarten through 8th grade private school located at 1350 East Lake Road North, Tarpon Springs, Florida 34688. Ignite Academy is in need of a new forever home in light of the Landlord, Radiant Church's decision not to renew the lease in 2026. Thankfully, Ignite Academy has found a permanent home at 2271 Keystone Road, Tarpon Springs, Florida 34688. I adamantly support the school's decision to move to this new location.

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Sincerely,

Cherise Katsaros

Sent from my iPad

Jennifer D Godwin  
11585 Crestridge Loop  
Trinity, FL 34655  
November 11, 2025

Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners  
315 Court Street  
Clearwater, FL 33756

Dear Chairman Scott and the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners,

I am a parent to 1 child who attends Ignite Academy, a Christian kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade private school located at 1350 East Lake Road North, Tarpon Springs, Florida 34688. Ignite Academy is in need of a new forever home in light of the Landlord, Radiant Church's decision not to renew the lease in 2026. Thankfully, Ignite Academy has found a permanent home at 2271 Keystone Road, Tarpon Springs, Florida 34688. I adamantly support the school's decision to move to this new location.

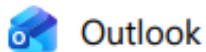
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Sincerely,

Jennifer Godwin



**From:** Jeannie Miller <chefjeannie@me.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 11, 2025 4:34 PM  
**To:** Schoderbock, Michael <MSchoderbock@pinellas.gov>  
**Subject:** Ignite Academy Rezoning

3602 Monte Rio St.  
New Port Richey, FL 34655  
November 11, 2025  
Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners 315 Court Street  
Clearwater, FL 33756

Dear Chairman Scott and the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners,  
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Sincerely,

Jeannie Miller

2011 Shadow Walk  
Palm Harbor, FL 34685  
November 11, 2025

Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners  
315 Court Street  
Clearwater, FL 33756

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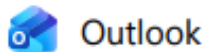
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Sincerely,

Tiffany Loomis



**From:** Justin & Stephanie Jones <justinstephaniejonesinc@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, November 11, 2025 9:20 PM

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**Subject:** Parent Support for Ignite Academy's New Campus – 2271 Keystone Road

## Stephanie Jones

322 Sheffield Cir E  
Palm Harbor, FL 34683

November 11, 2025

Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners  
315 Court Street  
Clearwater, FL 33756

## Dear Chairman Scott and Members of the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners,

I am a parent of two children who attend Ignite Academy One is in 2nd grade and one in 1st. Both of my children have been part of Ignite since kindergarten, and it has been an incredible place for my kids to learn and grow.

Ignite Academy is a private Christian K–8 school located at 1350 East Lake Road North in Tarpon Springs. Beyond its strong academic foundation, Ignite provides a close-knit community that truly feels like family. The school places great emphasis on health, character, and the growth and development of the *whole child* — not just academically, but emotionally, physically, and spiritually. It also instills in students the importance of community and giving back, which are values that deeply align with our family's priorities.

Due to Radiant Church's decision not to renew the school's lease in 2026, Ignite Academy has been searching for a permanent home. Thankfully, they have found the perfect location at **2271 Keystone Road, Tarpon Springs, FL 34688**, and I wholeheartedly support this move.

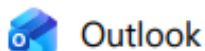
Ignite currently serves 133 students from 75 families, with a small but dedicated staff who pour into each child daily. The only obstacle standing in the way of this relocation is the need for your approval of a small zoning amendment. The new property totals 5.23 acres—just slightly over the 5-acre limit for institutional use. Although the current zoning and land use already allow for K–8 schools, this minor excess requires an amendment to change the zoning from **Residential Agriculture (R-A)** to **Limited Institutional (LI)** and the future land use from **Residential Rural (RR)** to **Institutional (I)**.

This request is reasonable and will ensure the school has the proper space for safe and effective learning while maintaining ample distance from neighboring properties. Comparable nearby schools, such as Solid Rock and Plato Academy, operate successfully on larger lots, showing that this use is appropriate and consistent with the surrounding area.

I respectfully ask that you approve these changes so Ignite Academy can build its forever home and continue serving Pinellas County families like ours for generations to come.

**Sincerely,**

Justin & Stephanie Jones



**From:** Sarah Stephenson <sarahgracefitness@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Wednesday, November 12, 2025 9:00 AM

**To:** Scherer, Chris <cscherer@pinellas.gov>; Scott, Brian <brscott@pinellas.gov>; Nowicki, Vince <vnowicki@pinellas.gov>; Eggers, Dave <deggers@pinellas.gov>; Latvala, Christopher <clatvala@pinellas.gov>; Robinson-Flowers, Rene <rflowers@pinellas.gov>; Swearengen, Scott M <sswearengen@pinellas.gov>; Schoderbock, Michael <MSchoderbock@pinellas.gov>; Cord, Molly <mcord@pinellas.gov>

**Subject:** Upcoming Hearing for Rezoning

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Sincerely,

Travis and Sarah Stephenson

Matt Steve  
3505 Tarpon Woods  
Blvd, G410  
Palm Harbor, FL  
34688

November 03, 2025

Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners  
315 Court Street  
Clearwater, FL 33756

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Ignite Academy not only provides exceptional curriculum and instruction for my child(ren), but it also provides a small-knit community for its families. Ignite Academy currently has 133 students enrolled with 75 families, along with a small number of staff members. Both of my children, Aiden and Madison Steve, have attended Ignite Academy for the past 5 years, and I have been blessed and impressed with Ignite's staff and the development of my children.

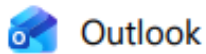
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Sincerely,

Matthew A.

Steve



**From:** Rachel Fawaz <rachelwscfl@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Thursday, October 30, 2025 2:20 PM

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**Cc:** Justin Gingerich <jgingerich@igniteacademy.education>

**Subject:** Ignite Academy Zoning

Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners  
315 Court Street  
Clearwater, FL 33756

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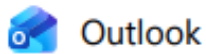
I adamantly support the school's decision to move to this new location. Ignite Academy not only provides exceptional curriculum and instruction for my child, but it also provides a small-knit community for its families. Ignite Academy currently has 133 students enrolled with 75 families, along with a small number of staff members.

**My daughter has been attending for 1 year, and I cannot imagine her attending anywhere else. There is truly no other school in this area that has the set up that Ignite has with its small class sizes and emphasis on instilling compassion and empathy into children as well as academics. In a world where children grow up too fast, and are exposed to material far beyond what they should be exposed to, Ignite makes a difference to keep children, as children. They also teach the foundations of Christianity and apply them to my child's daily life in a way that I could not do on my own. Please do not make so many families have to look elsewhere for such amazing guidance for their children. This is an amazing opportunity for our community and is truly unlike any other school in the area.**

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Sincerely,  
Rachel Fawaz, WSC  
Choices For You, Inc  
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Palm Harbor, FL 34682  
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**From:** Matthew Housh <MHoush@arrysroofing.com>

**Sent:** Friday, October 31, 2025 2:56 PM

**To:** Scherer, Chris <cscherer@pinellas.gov>; Scott, Brian <brscott@pinellas.gov>; Nowicki, Vince <vnowicki@pinellas.gov>; Eggers, Dave <deggers@pinellas.gov>; Latvala, Christopher <clatvala@pinellas.gov>; Peters, Kathleen <kpeters@pinellas.gov>; Robinson-Flowers, Rene <rflowers@pinellas.gov>; Swearengen, Scott M <sswearengen@pinellas.gov>; Schoderbock, Michael <MSchoderbock@pinellas.gov>; Cord, Molly <mcord@pinellas.gov>

**Cc:** Justin Gingerich (jgingerich@igniteacademy.education) <jgingerich@igniteacademy.education>

**Subject:** Ignite Academy New Location

Matthew Housh  
1555 E Lake Drive  
Tarpon Springs, FL 34690

October 31, 2025

Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners  
315 Court Street  
Clearwater, FL 33756

Dear Chairman Scott and the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners,

I am a parent to four children who attend Ignite Academy, a Christian kindergarten through 8th grade private school located at 1350 East Lake Road North, Tarpon Springs, Florida 34688. Ignite Academy is in need of a new forever home in light of the landlord, Radiant Church's, decision not to renew the lease in 2026. Thankfully, Ignite Academy has found a permanent home at 2271 Keystone Road, Tarpon Springs, Florida 34688. I fully and passionately support the school's decision to move to this new location.

Ignite Academy not only provides exceptional curriculum and instruction for my children, but it also offers a close-knit and welcoming community for its families. My children have been attending Ignite Academy for the last 5 years. Over the years, our family has come to cherish the school's inclusive environment. Many of my friends' children also attend, and those we did not know before have since become part of our circle. This sense of unity and belonging stems directly from Ignite's ability to create an environment where learning, faith, compassion, and inclusiveness coexist seamlessly. In today's world, where division can often feel overwhelming, it is powerful to have all four of my children in a school that reflects such essential and unifying values.

Ignite Academy is unable to move without your approval due to a minor acreage excess. While the current zoning and future land use permit kindergarten through 8th grade schools, the property, at 5.23 acres, narrowly exceeds the 5-acre limit for institutional uses. Thus, an application to amend the zoning and future land use designations is required. I believe this is a reasonable and necessary request by the school, allowing for appropriate classroom space while maintaining ample buffers between the campus and neighboring properties. Moreover, this proposed use aligns with other nearby schools, such as Solid Rock and Plato Academy, both of which operate on larger properties.

I respectfully urge you to approve Ignite Academy's request to change the current zoning from Residential Agriculture (R-A) to Limited Institutional (LI), and the future land use from Residential Rural

(RR) to Institutional (I). We are encouraged to have support from the Pinellas County Local Planning Agency and county staff in this endeavor. Your approval will allow Ignite Academy to establish its permanent home and continue serving Pinellas County families like ours with quality education grounded in faith, compassion, and community.

**Thank you,**

**Matthew Housh [ VP & Owner ]**

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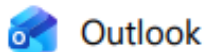
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**From:** Heather Gingerich <heathergingerich8@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, November 4, 2025 9:49 AM

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**Cc:** Justin Gingerich <jgingerich@igniteacademy.education>

**Subject:** Support for Ignite Academy's Forever Home

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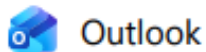
Ignite Academy not only provides exceptional curriculum and instruction for my children, but it also provides a small-knit community for its families. Ignite Academy currently has 133 students enrolled with 75 families, along with a small number of staff members. Our family has been part of the Ignite Academy community since its start in 2018. Ignite Academy is not just a school. It's a community that is strengthening families and marriages, instilling a faith-based foundation for the students and parents alike, and teaching the next generation how to be productive, conscientious citizens. The relocation of the school to 2271 Keystone Road will ensure that the current students and families served will continue to reap the benefits of this amazing school and will also allow Ignite Academy the ability to reach more students and families.

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Sincerely,

Heather Gingerich 556 Austin Drive Tarpon Springs, FL 34688



**From:** Meghan Purvis <mpurvis1012@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, November 4, 2025 7:02 PM

**To:** Scherer, Chris <cscherer@pinellas.gov>; Nowicki, Vince <vnowicki@pinellas.gov>; Scott, Brian <brscott@pinellas.gov>; Eggers, Dave <deggers@pinellas.gov>; Latvala, Christopher <clatvala@pinellas.gov>; Peters, Kathleen <kpeters@pinellas.gov>; Robinson-Flowers, Rene <rflowers@pinellas.gov>; Swearengen, Scott M <sswearengen@pinellas.gov>; Schoderbock, Michael <MSchoderbock@pinellas.gov>; Cord, Molly <mcord@pinellas.gov>

**Subject:** Ignite Academy Rezoning

Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners 315 Court Street  
Clearwater, FL 33756

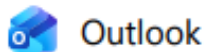
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Sincerely,  
Meghan Purvis



**From:** Libet Garber <libetgarber@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Thursday, October 30, 2025 2:23 PM

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**Subject:** Rezoning Support for Ignite Academy

Dear Chairman Scott and the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners,

Hope each of you is doing really well. My name is Libet Garber, mom of two precious elementary school kids and I hope you have a few minutes to read the email below for our dear school who needs your support for the school to have a permanent home.

My children attend Ignite Academy, a Christian kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade private school located at 1350 East Lake Road North, Tarpon Springs, Florida 34688. Ignite Academy is in need of a new forever home in light of the Landlord, Radiant Church's decision not to renew the lease in 2026. Thankfully, Ignite Academy has found a permanent home at 2271 Keystone Road, Tarpon Springs, Florida 34688. I adamantly support the school's decision to move to this new location.

Ignite Academy not only provides exceptional curriculum and instruction for my child(ren), but it also provides a small-knit community for its families. Ignite Academy currently has 133 students enrolled with 75 families, along with a small number of staff members. This is the third year our children have attended the school after having tried two other different schools that did not fit our family religious values. I can not emphasize the strong academic, thriving environment this school has been for our two children. From the teachers, to the administration everyone is well trained to do an excellent job and are children are healthier, happier and being excellently educated thanks to the school great work, community and support.

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Libet Garber

[libetgarber@gmail.com](mailto:libetgarber@gmail.com)

6308 Apple Snail  
Ave.  
New Port Richey, FL  
34653

November 11, 2025

Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners  
315 Court Street  
Clearwater, FL 33756

Dear Chairman Scott and the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners,

We are parents to a child who attends Ignite Academy, a Christian kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade private school located at 1350 East Lake Road North, Tarpon Springs, Florida 34688. Ignite Academy is in need of a new forever home in light of the Landlord, Radiant Church's decision not to renew the lease in 2026. Thankfully, Ignite Academy has found a permanent home at 2271 Keystone Road, Tarpon Springs, Florida 34688. I adamantly support the school's decision to move to this new location.

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Sincerely,

Jamie & Danielle Clay

November 13, 2025

Jeremy Sierra  
160 Grace Street  
Crystal Beach, FL 34681

Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners  
315 Court Street  
Clearwater, FL 33756

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Sincerely,

*Jeremy Sierra*

4340 Northampton Dr.  
New Port Richey, FL 34653  
November 13, 2025

Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners  
315 Court Street  
Clearwater, FL 33756

Dear Chairman Scott and the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners,

I am the Assistant Principal at Ignite Academy, a Christian kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade private school located at 1350 East Lake Road North, Tarpon Springs, Florida 34688. Ignite Academy is in need of a new forever home in light of the Landlord, Radiant Church's decision not to renew the lease in 2026. Thankfully, Ignite Academy has found a permanent home at 2271 Keystone Road, Tarpon Springs, Florida 34688. I adamantly support the school's decision to move to this new location.

This is my fifth year working at Ignite Academy and my coworkers, along with the community of families we serve, have become extended family to me. This school deeply cares about not only kids, but the entire family unit. I've seen lives transformed and families supported and cared for through different seasons of grief and struggle. I've also had the privilege to be part of many community events and celebrations. Now I get to raise my own kids in a community where they are loved and looked after by my fellow staff members and the community of families they see every day. This community is special and a blessing to anyone who has the opportunity to be part of it. This new location would bless our entire community of staff and families when we can finally call it our "Forever Home". Its central location would truly be perfect for the community we serve. We hope to make a lasting impact in the lives of our students and their families, as well as our neighbors in Tarpon Springs and beyond. Our staff and development team have determined this parcel to be the best place for Ignite Academy because the site frontage along Keystone Road is appropriate for a school, the proposal is consistent with existing surrounding uses, and it is large enough to hold our 133 students and small number of staff members. After reviewing the proposed site plans, I could not be more excited to see Ignite Academy find a forever home and be a place where families can come to feel supported and safe.

Ignite Academy is unable to move without your approval due to a minor acreage excess. While the current zoning and future land use permits kindergarten through 8th grade schools, the property, at 5.23-acres, narrowly exceeds the 5-acre limit for institutional uses. Thus, an application to amend the zoning and future land use designations is required.

Thus, I hope that you and the other Pinellas County Board of Commissioners will consider the request by Ignite Academy to change the current zoning from Residential Agriculture (R-A) to Limited Institutional (LI) and change the future land use from Residential Rural (RR) to Institutional (I). We are excited to have support from the Pinellas County Local Planning Agency and county staff in this endeavor. The Board's approval of these changes will allow Ignite Academy to build their forever home and continue providing an essential service to Pinellas County families.

Sincerely,

Marina Gillum

## Nguyen, Julie

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**From:** Lucas Spoerl <lucas@tuscanosuncoast.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 14, 2025 1:06 PM  
**To:** Scherer, Chris; Scott, Brian; Nowicki, Vince; Eggers, Dave; Latvala, Christopher; Peters, Kathleen; Robinson-Flowers, Rene; Swearengen, Scott M; Schoderbock, Michael; Cord, Molly  
**Cc:** Justin Gingerich  
**Subject:** Ignite Academy Parent

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Lucas Spoerl  
929 Lora Ln  
Tarpon Springs, FL 34688  
November 14, 2025

Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners 315 Court  
Street  
Clearwater, FL 33756

Dear Chairman Scott and the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners,

I am a parent to a child who attends Ignite Academy, a Christian kindergarten through 8th grade private school located at 1350 East Lake Road North, Tarpon Springs, Florida 34688. Ignite Academy is in need of a new forever home in light of the Landlord, Radiant Church's decision not to renew the lease in 2026. Thankfully, Ignite Academy has found a permanent home at 2271 Keystone Road, Tarpon Springs, Florida 34688. I adamantly support the school's decision to move to this new location.

Ignite Academy not only provides exceptional curriculum and instruction for my child, but it also provides a small-knit community for its families. Ignite Academy currently has 133 students enrolled with 75 families, along with a small number of staff members. For our family, Ignite Academy has truly been a blessing. Our daughter has attended Ignite Academy for the last three years. We have watched her grow exponentially in three key areas: academically, socially, and spiritually. There are numerous schools where we felt confident one or two of those areas would be satisfactory for our child, but it is incredibly hard to find a school that excels at all three the way Ignite Academy does. From the top down, Ignite is filled with leaders and families who love their students and love their community. We cannot imagine life without Ignite, and having the new location be so close to home (we live off of Keystone) will help our family immensely.

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Lucas Spoerl

## Nguyen, Julie

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**From:** Pinellas County Clerk of Court <noreply@mypinellasclerk.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 17, 2025 11:40 AM  
**To:** BCC Agenda Comments  
**Subject:** NEW BCC AGENDA COMMENT

Topic Ignite Academy

BCC Agenda Date 11-18-2025

Agenda Item Number 25-1676A

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Comments I am commenting today to urge the commissioners to vote in support of both the motion to amend zoning to LI and update FLU to Institutional. I currently have 3 children who attend Ignite and have greatly benefited from both the academic excellence AND spiritual emphasis Ignite Academy promotes. The proposed land use is consistent with other nearby institutions on Keystone Rd. Thank you for your consideration.

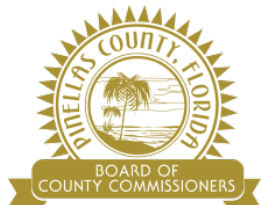
Your Stand on the Issue Support

**Nguyen, Julie**

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**From:** O'Donnell, Stacy  
**Sent:** Monday, November 17, 2025 4:35 PM  
**To:** BCC Agenda Comments  
**Cc:** Revie, Derelynn H  
**Subject:** FW: Ignite Academy

Item 60 & 61 tomorrow's meeting. Thank you!!!!



**Stacy O'Donnell**  
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2816 Prairie Iris Drive  
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November 17, 2025

Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners 315  
Court Street  
Clearwater, FL 33756

Dear Chairman Scott and the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners,

I am a parent to 2 children who attend Ignite Academy, a Christian kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade private school located at 1350 East Lake Road North, Tarpon Springs, Florida 34688. Ignite Academy is in need of a new forever home in light of the Landlord, Radiant Church's decision not to renew the lease in 2026. Thankfully, Ignite Academy has found a permanent home at 2271 Keystone Road, Tarpon Springs, Florida 34688. I adamantly support the school's decision to move to this new location.

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Sincerely,

Rachel Brokaw

## Nguyen, Julie

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**From:** Jonathan Yost <mrjonathanyost@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 17, 2025 1:29 PM  
**To:** Scott, Brian; Scherer, Chris; Nowicki, Vince; Eggers, Dave; Latvala, Christopher; Peters, Kathleen; Robinson-Flowers, Rene; Swarengen, Scott M; Schoderbock, Michael; Cord, Molly  
**Subject:** Email of Support for Ignite Academy Re-Zoning Application

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Good afternoon,

I am a parent of one child that currently attends Ignite Academy. While I only have one child at the school this year there is a very strong possibility my second child will join their school next year.

My son has been at Ignite Academy for the past 2 years and the education he has received there far exceeds the education he was receiving in public schools. The main reason we moved my son to the school was because living in the East Lake corridor and having a middle school for the children of the East Lake corridor is apparently something Pinellas County does not feel there is a need for. There is a small magnet Middle School in Eastlake that only accepts 132 children per class and via lottery selection only. The reason given to parents wondering why no middle school has been built for the East Lake corridor, which happens to house two large elementary schools and one large high school, is the increased use of the state Voucher Program.

While Pinellas County Schools has no plans to build any schools for the children of Northern Pinellas County, Ignite Academy would like to do just that for us. Nothing would serve the East Lake corridor better than having schools for the children of the families that live here.

While the East Lake corridor has grown, the education system in Pinellas County unfortunately has not grown with it. Just a few miles north of us in Pasco County, schools of all capacities were built to accommodate the new neighborhoods that were also built when Trinity and Odessa were "commercialized".

So, while Pinellas County Schools doesn't see the need for more seats for the future generations of this area to be educated in, our private industry, led by educational professionals from many diverse backgrounds, has found the exact opposite calling. They are hoping to expand our educational opportunities within our local community. They are hoping to help build and mold the future of this area and invest in the community by investing in our children.

The current school location is just north of the East Lake Road/Trinity Road intersection. This area is backed up every morning, not from school traffic, but because while the area and the traffic count has grown, the same number of lanes exist. Pinellas County is now doing a study, that we as residents would love to fast track, to expand the roads in this area. Keeping up with our infrastructure as a growing community and area is paramount to growth, and schools are the infrastructure of our future. We don't need more car wash places. We don't need more bars and restaurants. We don't need more shopping.

What we do need, are more schools.

Jonathan Yost  
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