

TO: Juvenile Welfare Board Members

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### Requested Action

The Juvenile Welfare Board is requested to allocate up to \$15,900 to the Children's Home-The Pinellas School Support Team for expansion into South Pinellas County.

### Options

1. Approve the request.
2. Approve at a different funding level.
3. Deny the request.
4. Take any action the Board deems appropriate.

### Recommended Action

1. Allocate up to \$15,900 in one-time-only funding to the Children's Home- Pinellas School Support Team

### Source of JWB Funds

FY 1999-2000 Transitional Unallocated Funds.

### Fiscal Impact

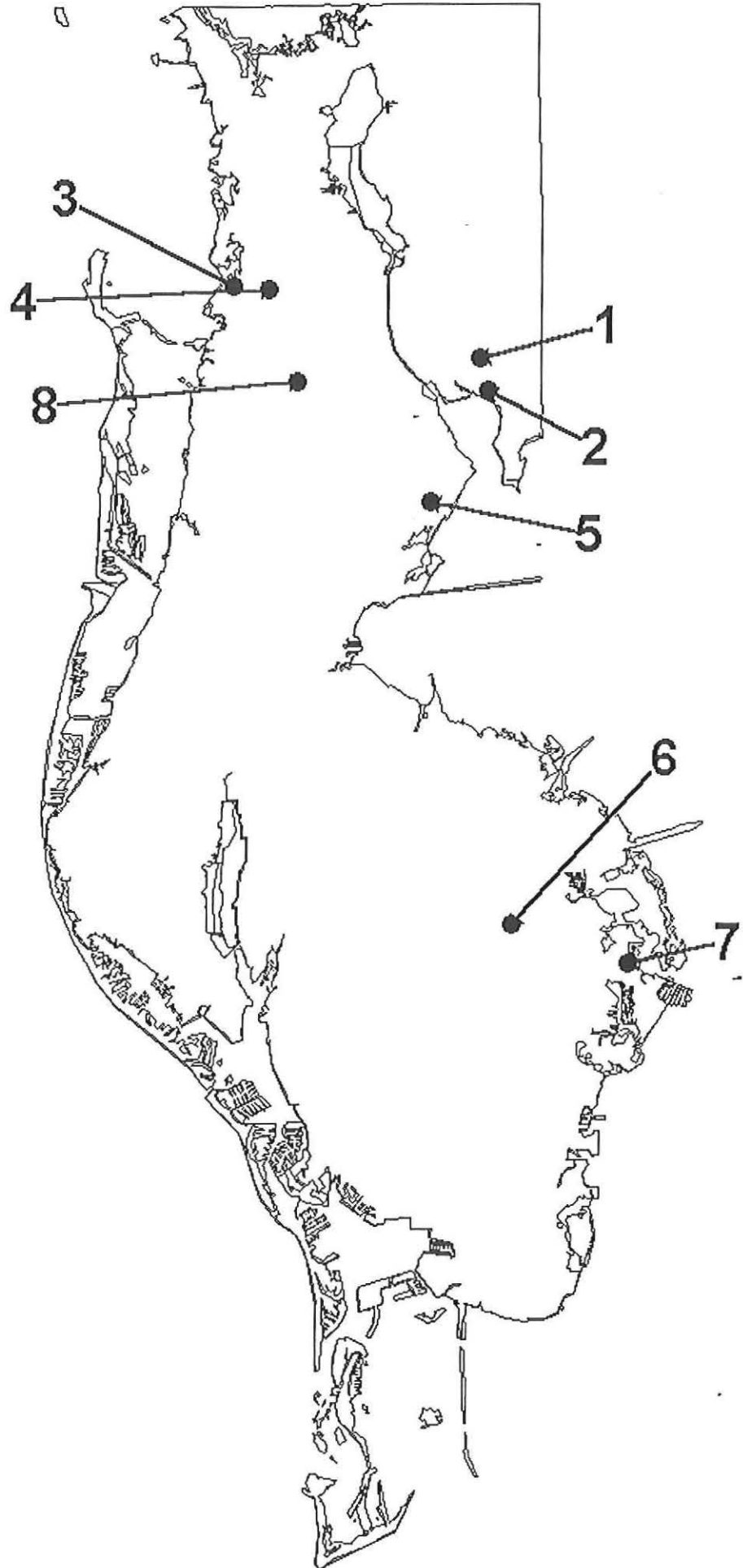
The Transitional-Unallocated Fund would be reduced from \$148,668 to \$132,768.

### Narrative

- In May of 1996, the Juvenile Welfare Board first approved a request by the Children's Home to reprogram their JWB residential treatment dollars into a community-based program known as the Pinellas School Support Team. The program included a collaborative agreement with the Pinellas County School District and was deemed to be in concert with the emerging JWB Strategic Plan. Services were initiated at three North County schools which include Oldsmar, Safety Harbor, and Palm Harbor Elementary.
- The program targets children in pre-kindergarten and elementary schools who are experiencing emotional disturbances, family problems, family violence, or who live in a high-risk environment where these factors deter school success.
- Program goals are to improve academics and classroom conduct as well as family functioning by decreasing targeted behaviors through family counseling.

- The program operates Monday - Friday from 8:00AM to 8:00PM with Ozona Elementary as the base of operations.
- With no additional JWB funding, the program has expanded to three additional schools which include Forest Lakes, Ozona, and Sutherland Elementary (also in North County).
- There is an opportunity to add at least two additional schools to the program in South County: Sawgrass Lake and Shore Acres Elementary.
- Jabil Circuit Company has raised approximately \$33,000 of the \$48,900 needed for expansion. A balance of \$15,900 is needed to complete the budget. The identified schools are adjacent to Jabil and it is anticipated that interested employees will become volunteer tutors and mentors.
- Funding will be used for contractual services (behavior management, family counseling and tutoring), and operating expenses including participant expenses.
- This program is recommended for one-time only funding at this time due to the unique opportunity to collaborate with a corporate partner. In addition, the potential exists for expanded corporate participation in future years.

# The Children's Home Pinellas School Support Team



Name
1. Forest Lakes Elementary
2. Oldsmar Elementary School*
3. Ozona Elementary School
4. Palm Harbor Elementary School*
5. Safety Harbor Elementary School*
6. Springgrass Elementary
7. Shore Acres Elementary School
8. Sutherland Elementary

\*JWB Funded