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## *Coordination in Providing Supporting Infrastructure*

As outlined in the Public Schools Interlocal Agreement (**Appendix B**), the School District and each partner local government will coordinate on issues regarding supporting infrastructure. The School District will notify each partner local government of the need for on-site or off-site improvements to support new, proposed expansion, or redevelopment of existing schools within the jurisdiction of that local government. Thereafter, representatives of the School District and the local government will meet and determine the responsibility for making such improvements and identify other agencies that should be involved. The parties will then meet with other agencies to coordinate the completion of the on-site and off-site improvements. These improvements will include, but not be limited to sidewalk construction, the supply of water and sewer infrastructure, and traffic improvements.

There are a number of public school facilities throughout Pinellas County that are located in neighborhoods with inadequate sidewalks and bike routes. This is of special concern, as those children living within a certain radius of a school are not included in the school bussing system. It may be necessary for these children to either walk or ride their bicycles to school, and the quality of surrounding infrastructure, including sidewalks, is essential in providing a continuous route for the children as they walk or ride their bikes to and from school.

In most cases, water and sewer facilities are anticipated to be adequate to service new public school facilities. As Pinellas County is reaching build-out, these infrastructure systems are already in place in most developable areas of the County. While improvements to these types of infrastructure may be needed, the basic needs of new public school facilities should be able to be met with existing utility infrastructure. The focus on infrastructure will lie upon the continued improvement and upgrading of what exists, instead of the creation of new water and sewer facilities. Any potential problems will be worked out through the coordination of supporting infrastructure outlined in the adopted Public Schools Interlocal Agreement.