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Tax Collector Mike Fasano's Five Offices Delivered Checks to Local Schools in Support of the ABC Program

This summer Tax Collector Mike Fasano's five offices collected funds and distributed checks to five schools identified as high need for their respective ABC (Assist, Believe & Care) Programs. The ABC Program was created to provide financial assistance to students and their families who are experiencing economic hardship, especially when those needs interfere with the student's ability to be academically successful. The cash donated goes into a fund that teachers can use when they see or learn of a need a child may have. In past years, this office has donated thousands of dollars to Pasco schools to support this important program.

"Life in general, the uncertainty that COVID brought to so many families and other factors have put economic pressure on many Pasco residents," comments Tax Collector Mike Fasano. "The strain can be enormous, especially when a parent loses a job, or a single parent is struggling to raise children while doing all they can to make ends meet. Children without food, adequate clothing or other unmet needs often suffer academically. The ABC Program was designed to help students and their families who are experiencing hardship or crisis. The assistance provided helps students get back on track and stay on track."

Managers and staff from all five tax collector locations in Pasco County delivered \$1,000 checks to a school identified as high need in the surrounding community. The five schools that benefited from the program this year (and the tax office that assisted them) are: Rodney B. Cox Elementary (Dade City Office); West Zephyrhills Elementary (Wesley Chapel Office); Denham Oaks Elementary (Land O' Lakes); Chasco Elementary (New Port Richey) and Sunray Elementary (Gulf Harbors). Photos attached in order.

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