

Robert Avossa, was named School Superintendent of Palm Beach County in June of 2015. The Palm Beach County School District is the 11th largest district in the country with a student enrollment of more than 183,000 students. The annual budget exceeds \$2.3 billion and the District is the largest employer in Palm Beach County with over 21,000 employees.

Prior to joining the School District of Palm Beach County, Avossa served as Superintendent of the Fulton County from June 2011 - June 2015. Avossa was responsible for 96,000 students, 101 schools, 14,000 employees, and a \$1.4 billion dollar budget.

Under Avossa's 4 yrs at the helm, Fulton County Schools achieved dramatic academic gains, earning the District the highest graduation rate of Georgia's large school systems. Additionally, their students scored the second highest average SAT score in the state, with 85% of seniors taking the test, which is twice the national average.

*Grad rate increased from 70.1% to 78.7%, dropouts decreased from 24.3% to 11.9%.

*African-American grad rate increased from 58.2% to 67.7%, dropouts decreased from 34.1% to 17.3%.

*Hispanic grad rate increased from 54.3% to 62.1%, dropouts decreased from 36.8% to 24.8%.

*Caucasian grad rate increased from 86.6% to 92.2%, dropouts decreased from 10.5% to 4.3%.

Other achievements a model that decentralized certain aspects of district management and provided higher levels of service to schools. Created a new approach to talent acquisition and management, particularly how teachers, school leaders and other staff are supported throughout their careers. Helped pass 2011 eSPLOST referendum (a One Cent Sales tax that will fund nearly \$1 billion in school improvements). Avossa served 5 years as an executive for Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools in North Carolina - 10 years as a teacher and principal in Florida.