

From 71 in 2016-17 to 30 in 2018-19

Fights at high school fell by more than half

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said. "The number of referrals may seem to be high, but there were 1,048 major incidents worthy of suspensions the year before the current administration came in. We have reduced that by 700 incidents over a two-year period and only had 345 this past school year."

Total incidents on campus with consequences beyond a conference or warning also dropped significantly, according to data presented by Finley.

"I have been a part of

several turnarounds, like Nims Middle from an 'F' to a 'C' and TCES from a 'D' to a 'C', and when it comes to discipline, I have not seen numbers improve this much in my entire career anywhere else I have been, and I have been around some challenging schools," Finley said. "This proves our kids do respond to high expectations, and they do meet those expectations, and we are very proud of them," Finley said.

Altercations (fights or batteries) dropped from 71 three years ago to 31 in the 2017-18 school year and only 30 in 2018-19.

"There is nothing more disruptive than fighting, which we reduced from 71 the year before we came in to just 30 last year. Actually that number was just 19 with two weeks left in the school year before an incident just before the end of the year," Finley said.

According to data presented by Finley, the school has reduced the number of referrals across

the board.

Another significant improvement cited by Finley was the high school's daily average attendance rate jumped from 87.3% in 2016-17 to 88.43% in 2017-18 and 92.21% last year.

"We've seen an increase in attendance of 5%, which is a huge, huge leap in average daily attendance rate. We are very proud of this," Finley added.

"We are off to a great

start this year, as I was able to get into each classroom three different times in the past week. I am seeing some of the best instruction

I have ever seen the first week of school. I am so proud of them. They are doing a great job," Finley said.

TCHS Discipline Data			
Discipline	16-17	17-18	18-19
ISS/OSS	1,048	651	345
Work Detail	520	557	394
Total	1,568	1,208	739

TCHS Student Infractions			
Infraction	16-17	17-18	18-19
Skipping School/Leaving Class	581	183	91
Tardy to Class	278	1,217	721
Cell Phone Infraction	248	147	12
Class Disruption	268	115	105
Defiance/Insubordination	298	319	169
Fights (altercations/batteries)	71	31	30

TCHS Grade Components				
Years 2016-17 to 2018-19				
Category	16-17	17-18	18-19	Difference
ELA	33	32	40	+8
ELA LGs*	34	39	48	+9
ELA LGs BQ**	26	32	32	+9
Math	42	30	21	-9
Math LGs	44	28	23	-3
Math LGs BQ	33	29	19	-10
Science	48	49	74	+25
Social Studies	58	72	64	-8
Graduation	81	80	96	+16
Acceleration	47	53	66	+13

FFA President: 'We appreciate him for who he is'

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sponsored for many years. But, that is really just the tip of the iceberg," Jones added.

Jones said the annual Timber Topper Golf Tournament has been Faircloth's "baby" for many years, adding that he has been a core member of the annual meeting planning team as well, not only hosting meetings, but also providing new ideas for speakers and entertainers.

"These are just two examples of Bump's behind-the-scenes leadership contributions. Bump is the kind of member every association wants to have. He is eager to step in wherever needed, gladly offering support, advice and help whenever he can," Jones stated.

"He has been the

association's boots on the ground and its eyes and ears, always making sure to alert us to any situation or development on the horizon," Jones said.

"But, we don't just appreciate Bump for what he does. We appreciate him for who he is. For always being quick with a smile and a kind word of encouragement, for not knowing the meaning of the word 'can't' and for being the first to raise his hand to volunteer and the last to sit down when the work is finished," Jones said.

"In short, for always going above and beyond," Jones said.

After receiving the award, Faircloth offered a few comments, stating, "I humbly accept this award on behalf of all members of the Florida Forestry Association, because it would not have been possible

without each and every one of them."

"I also have to thank all the employees of Faircloth Ford and Suwanee Lumber, who worked and kept the business running during the times I was off volunteering," he said.

"I came to the association's annual meeting in 1976 just to play golf with some Buckeye people. I hung around and attended the general assembly meeting, where I heard what it was all about and was so impressed with the direction and vision of the organization that I decided to join," Faircloth added.

"Some years later, M.A. Rigoni and I became friends, and then he became president of the association. Well, we had breakfast every morning, and you can't be friends with the president of an organization

without becoming volunteered for a number of things," he joked.

"He had a lot of good ideas that we worked on, including the Master Logger program and weight limits, that really benefited the health and safety of all those in the industry," Faircloth said.

"We helped develop legislation creating the Florida Greenbelt Law, as well as recognizing tree farming as an agricultural product," Faircloth added.

"Another good friend of mine, Lynetta Usher Griner, later served as president of the FFA in 2008, when we went through a very difficult economic period. She volunteered me to take over the golf tournament, which had dwindled down to approximately 30 people," he said.

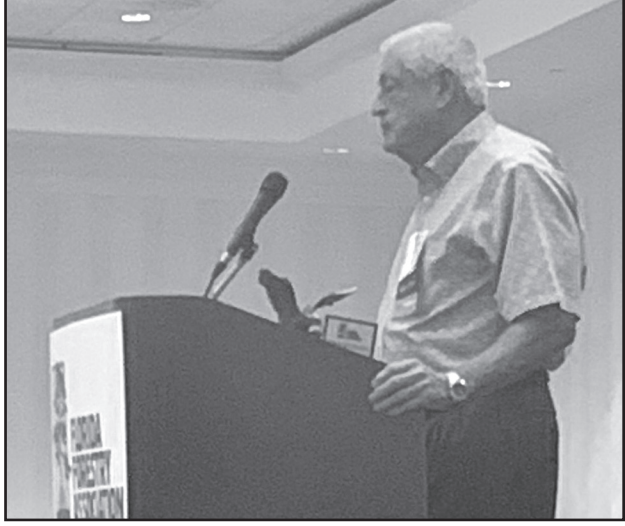
Faircloth mentioned the association agreed to

alternate golf tournament locations between the east and west coast of Florida each year to help promote maximum attendance.

"I am pleased to report that we routinely now have over 100 golfers participate

in this major FFA fundraiser each year," he said.

"Once again, I want to thank everyone for their support over the years, and I am honored to have been named a recipient of this award," he concluded.



Frank "Bump" Faircloth thanked his former employees and FFA staff during his acceptance speech.

'Dogs will hit the road Friday to face Florida High

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catches for net total of no gain.

Buddy McGrew finished with 7 carries 50 yards, while Thomas scrambled 4 times for 25 yards.

Zoe Roberts had 2 receptions for 50 yards, Stephens finished with 3 catches for 36 yards and a TD, while Ty Clayton had 1 reception for a 2-yard gain.

The major turning point in the game came at the start of the third quarter, as the Bears took the opening possession of the second half 53 yards in 11 plays (10 runs and one incomplete

pass) and capped it off with a two-yard touchdown run to go ahead 28-14.

Dixie then stole another possession when they recovered an onside kick that numerous Bulldogs failed to even attempt to fall on just across midfield.

Less than three minutes remained in the third quarter before the Bulldog offense ever took the field.

Glanton completed a 32-yard pass to Zoe Roberts on first down, followed by a 15-yard run by Thomas. However, the Bulldogs were shut down on the next four consecutive plays and turned the ball over on downs with just over a minute left in the

third quarter.

Dixie responded by running the ball eight plays in a row to pick up 40 yards, topped off by a 10-yard touchdown pass to go ahead 34-16 with eight minutes left in the fourth quarter.

The Bulldogs had one memorable highlight with under eight minutes left in the first quarter,

Robert Glanton fielded a punt, was almost brought down by multiple Bear players before emerging from a pile of defenders without his helmet and racing 81 yards for a touchdown.

However, the score was

called back, as officials cited one of football's newer rules that a play is blown dead when the ball carrier loses his helmet.

Instead of a 14-0 Bulldog lead, the score remained 7-0 and Dixie proceeded to outscore the Bulldogs 40-7 the rest of the game.

Glanton was Taylor County's top defensive performer on the night, recording 11 tackles in the first half alone and played quarterback with what little time the Bulldog offense had the ball in the second half.

Also having a big impact defensively was Kobe

Flowers, disrupting runs up the middle with regularity and finishing the night with eight solo tackles.

Tahj Clark, Casen Heartsfield, JW Hudson and Nathen Heartsfield made some big plays defensively for the Bulldogs as well.

The Bulldogs had some limited success moving the ball on offense, picking up a total of 17 first downs (including some by penalty), but Dixie County managed to record 26 first downs and controlled the clock the entire game.

Taylor County committed six penalties for 50 yards - including a number of

flags for illegal substitution and having 12 men on the field -- while Dixie was penalized 19 times for 160 yards.

Dixie struggled with a multitude of pre-snap false start and illegal motion penalties -- including as many as five in a row before a play was ran.

The Bulldogs will look to fix some of their week one mistakes and improve on their shaky start this upcoming Friday on the road against Florida High at 7:30 p.m. in Tallahassee.

Florida High defeated FAMU High in their season opener 41-0.

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War Eagles take on Thomasville Sept. 7

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The last game of the day featured the talented and well-rounded 12U War Eagles.

On the opening snap of the game, War Eagles fullback Nickigel Freeman took the ball 60 yards for a War Eagle touchdown in what would be his first of two end zone visits on the day.

After getting the ball back on a fumble recovery

on the kickoff, tailback Caden Collier rushed for a 70-yard touchdown, which he later topped off with another touchdown scamper from 40 yards out.

Brooks County was clearly out-manned and out-gunned, as the War Eagles had a strong performance from fullback Rhyhan Hamilton as well, who also had two rushing touchdowns on the day.

Wingback Chedrick Ellis Jr. had a 45-yard rushing touchdown, while blocking

back DeAndre Flowers successfully converted five extra points for the War Eagles.

Head Coach Paulvos Fuller and the 12U War Eagles went on to defeat the Hammers, 48-0.

The War Eagles' defense dominated Brooks County, as the Hammers finished the game with negative yards of total offense.

War Eagles President Shanton Edwards said, "We would like to thank Superintendent Danny

Glover and Taylor County High School Principal Chuck Finley for allowing the War Eagles to call Dorsett Stadium their home stadium this year. These kids are the future of Taylor County football, and it made them feel really good to get to play at Dorsett Stadium."

The War Eagles will have a bye this week before hitting the road against the Thomasville Legends the following weekend on Sept. 7.

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of a Qualifying Improvement. The non-ad valorem assessments contemplated by this notice are voluntary and are only imposed by the Agency with the prior written consent authorized by or on behalf of affected property owners who determine to obtain financing for Qualifying Improvements from the Agency. The Agency is authorized by law to fund and finance Qualifying

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