

## **Overview**

The Jacksonville Public Education Fund (JPEF) serves as a catalyst to promote academic and personal growth for students in Duval County Public Schools. To meet the needs of the community, JPEF proposes to conduct 1) a systematic review of national literacy efforts to identify the benchmarks, best practices, components, and lessons learned of successful efforts in districts in other states serving similar populations to Duval County Public Schools and 2) a historic landscape analysis of previous reading efforts in Duval County to identify historic efforts and related pitfalls, gaps in resources and structures, and overall readiness to replicate a national model.

The UF Lastinger Center (UFLC) will support this initiative by serving in a consultative role to help JPEF achieve these objectives. The UFLC team will provide guidance and expertise in analyzing national and local literacy benchmarks and best practices, as well as in how to conduct a comprehensive review of previous literacy efforts within Duval County. By collaborating with JPEF, the UFLC aims to support the identification of effective strategies and potential challenges, ensuring a well-informed foundation for advancing literacy outcomes in Duval County Public Schools.