

## **Vinik Early Learning Initiative**

This second investment by the Vinik Family Foundation will result in a comprehensive approach that includes strategic programmatic, system, and policy activities to ensure successful outcomes and prepare for full scaling. We are eager to advance this important work and our local partners have indicated their desire to continue working together in order to achieve maximum impact for teachers and children. By solidifying this approach to early childhood professional development, the UF Lastinger Center will begin to move forward with our long-term vision of measuring the collective impact that our overall theory of change around teaching and learning supports has on child outcomes around three critical milestones: kindergarten readiness, reading proficiency by third grade, and algebra mastery by ninth grade. Research clearly shows that when children successfully meet these milestones, they have a greater chance of success in school, work, and life. Upon successful refinement of our respective models, we desire to conduct a longitudinal study within one community to fully understand what happens when we bring these powerful approaches together. We believe that Hillsborough County is the prime setting to show the world just what it takes to change the lives of our children, through intentional and meaningful investments in those who have tremendous impact on their learning — educators.