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## **VALIC CELEBRATES 45 YEARS WITH PINELLAS COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD**

*Group Remains Enthusiastic About On-Site Financial Planning and Overall Customer Service*

HOUSTON, September 20, 2012 —VALIC, a leading retirement plan provider for K-12 schools and school districts, higher education, healthcare, government and other not-for-profit institutions, celebrates 45 years of exceptional customer service with Pinellas County School Board in Florida. VALIC currently serves as a 403(b), 457(b) and Roth 403(b) provider for the group's over 3,000 plan participants.

"VALIC has been delighted to provide our retirement planning services to Pinellas County School Board for the past 45 years," said Bruce Abrams, President and CEO of VALIC. "VALIC's aim is to provide long-term customized retirement planning solutions to the people we serve and has maintained decades long relationships with a number of groups. We are thrilled to have the privilege to serve the Pinellas County School Board for 45 years and look forward to our future together.

Pinellas County School Board currently has access to multiple VALIC investment platforms utilizing both proprietary and non-proprietary options. Eight VALIC financial advisors assist employees on-site with a wide range of retirement and financial planning issues. Plan participants will also have access to a complete suite of Internet support services and financial planning tools, including VALIC's Guided Portfolio Services®, online support from VALIC's website and access to account information and financial planning tools through VALIC's mobile application for the iPhone and Android phones.

Ted Pafundi, Director of Risk Management & Insurance, Pinellas County School Board, emphasizes the value of VALIC's services over the past 45 years saying, "VALIC has been a great partner to Pinellas County Schools for many years. We value their expertise and commitment to helping employees plan for and enjoy a secure retirement."

The mission of the Pinellas County School Board is to provide the best opportunities for all students to succeed by adopting policies that ensure continual improvement of highest student achievement, safe learning environment and effective efficient operation. As the governing body of the Pinellas County school district, the school board is responsible for the control, operation, organization, management and administration of schools in Pinellas County "pursuant to the provisions and minimum standards prescribed by Florida Statutes and the State Board of Education Rules." The Pinellas County School Board is the 24th largest public school system in the country with 105,238 students in 141 schools and educational centers.

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For more than half a century, VALIC has served as a leading retirement plan provider for K-12 schools and school districts, as well as for higher education, healthcare, government and other and not-for-profit institutions. VALIC has more than \$67 billion in total assets under management and manages plans for nearly 25,000 groups serving nearly 2 million plan participants. VALIC represents The Variable Annuity Life Insurance Company and its subsidiaries, VALIC Financial Advisors, Inc. and VALIC Retirement Services Company.

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