



Congratulations

2017/18 Florida Outstanding Senior Volunteer

William Schwab

Lauderdale Lakes Middle School Volunteer

William "Mr. Bill" Schwab is an invaluable asset to the students, staff and families of Lauderdale Lakes Middle School! In his three years of service to the Lauderdale Lakes Middle community, it has been Mr. Schwab's goal to positively impact the attendance of students by encouraging them to attend school regularly and arrive to class on time. As Lauderdale Lakes Middle's ReServist Success Mentor, Mr. Schwab is tasked with helping some of the school's most vulnerable students improve their attendance records. His strategy for engaging the school community began with communicating with faculty and staff, then parents of students with high rates of absenteeism.

Mr. Schwab often walks the halls of Lauderdale Lakes Middle, visiting classrooms to follow up on students and confirm that they are, in fact, attending class and arriving on time! He is at the school Monday through Thursday each week, conversing with students about their attendance and other topics pertinent to them. Through these conversations, he is able to learn how the students are performing academically and with what they may need additional assistance. Through his involvement, 40% of students under his care, have improved attendance records and have made academic gain.

Mr. Schwab's sincere concern for the well-being of students, has led to his recruiting other volunteers, including his wife. In addition to his service at Lauderdale Lakes Middle, Mr. Schwab authored an orientation program for all retired volunteers that has been approved, and now utilized by the District. On October 2, he shared our best practices at the Broward County Attendance Symposium where he proclaimed his goal of attaining "100% attendance, all day, every day!"