BROWARD County Public Schools



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LETTER FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

March 7, 2017

It is with great pride that I am writing to share with you two recent accomplishments for our District, which highlight the incredible work of our teachers, administrators and staff, and the high-quality educational programs in our schools.

Recently, Broward County Public Schools (BCPS) was awarded Districtwide accreditation for five more years from AdvancEd, the non-profit, non-partisan organization that conducts rigorous, on-site external reviews of schools and school systems (pre-K – 12th grade).

As part of the review process, the AdvancEd external review team visited 55 schools; conducted interviews with School Board members, students, teachers, school leaders, District administrators, staff and various community stakeholders; reviewed BCPS performance data and documentation; and observed District and school practices in action to assess the District's adherence to the AdvancEd standards for educational excellence.

BCPS is Florida's first fully accredited school system since 1962, and we are honored to have once again earned this prestigious designation.

In addition, I am excited to share that our District has just been named a Great District for Great Teachers by the National Council on Teacher Quality, a national non-profit organization committed to ensuring all children have effective teachers and every teacher has the opportunity to become effective.

The Great Districts for Great Teachers initiative recognizes school districts for exceptional success at creating and implementing policies and practices that nurture, value and support great teaching. To be named a Great District for Great Teachers, districts underwent a thorough evaluation process, which included analysis of District data, policies and programs, as well as teacher surveys, focus groups and District leadership interviews.

BCPS is one of only eight school districts nationwide selected for this honor, out of 123 that participated.

While there is always more work to be done, the prestigious AdvanceEd Districtwide accreditation and the Great Districts for Great Teachers designation are testaments to the dedication of our outstanding educators, administrators and staff, and our District's strategic focus on providing all students with a world-class educational experience.

Thank you for all that you do to support the success of our students and schools.

Sincerely,

Robert W. Runcie

Superintendent Broward County Public Schools