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The summer is rapidly passing and the new school year is beginning to take shape. As a reminder, the first day of school for students is August 14<sup>th</sup>; and teachers return on August 7<sup>th</sup> to begin their planning time. There will be some changes in District 3 as three principals are moving on to different schools, and positions. At the July 23<sup>rd</sup> School Board meeting Priscilla Ribeiro, principal of Fort Lauderdale High, will be accepting a position with School Performance & Accountability as a high school cadre director. Deeply loved by her students and community, we are very sad to see Ms. Ribeiro move on, however I cannot help but be excited for this advancement in her career. We wish you much love and success in your new position, Priscilla!

Another significant change finds Mr. Bonnie Clemon has moved into the leadership position at Lanier James Ed. Center; while Ms. Lavina Robinson, AP at Westwood Heights Elementary will become principal at North Fork Elementary. Mr. Matthew Whaley, principal of Meadowbrook, has become the principal at Liberty Elementary. I am sorry to lose each of you from District 3, but wish you continued success as you proceed forward.

I would also like to take a moment to welcome two new principals to District 3, Mr. David Levine will be the new principal for Meadowbrook Elementary; and Mr. Kelvin Lee will be the new principal at Seagull Alternative. Welcome, each of you, I know you will have a very successful school year!

A Fort Lauderdale High School Community meeting will be held for the public to give input to the district as to what they will be seeking in a new principal. The meeting is scheduled for July 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00pm in the media center.

There were so many events taking place at the end of the year that I could not cover in my last newsletter. I would like to share some of these wonderful accomplishments with you as we go into the next school year.

### **District 3 Happenings**

- The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Cadre Science Brain Bowl Competition! was held on April 26<sup>th</sup> at Dillard High. Oakland Park and Westwood Heights elementary schools participated and put up a valiant battle. I attended and had an excellent time. This competition is all about generating excitement for the sciences in our students, and they love to show off what they know. I can't wait until next year's competition. Congratulations students on a job well done!
- During the May 21<sup>st</sup> School Board meeting District 3 held a significant presence during the special presentations. Along with the recognitions for Stranahan's

Boys' Basketball Team and Fort Lauderdale High's Watson Lubin and the Cambridge winners mentioned in my last newsletter, were additional presentations by other board members recognizing accomplishments. These can be accessed at the links below: *Floranada* Elementary's outstanding video, "*Hear Something, See Something, Say Something*"; located at <https://youtu.be/A6RjbASQ9UU>. Thank you, Floranada! *Ashley Bernard* of Stranahan High can be viewed as one of the scholarship winners during the *National Principal Supervisor Summit Scholarship Recognition* presented by Mrs. RichLevinson at <https://eduvision.tv/?eyARyR>. Congratulations Ashley as you begin classes at NSU; and a huge thank you to the School Performance & Accountability Team whose hard work provided 7 scholarships for deserving Broward County students! *Westwood Heights Elementary* was recognized by Ann Murray during the Special Presentation for the *Miami Heat's How Low Can You Go* competition, <https://eduvision.tv/?eyAmDe>, as the *MVP winner*. This is a new category that recognizes the school that reduced its usage the most for both Energy and Water. Begun in 2008 this partnership with the Miami Heat involved 109 Palm Beach, Broward and Miami Dade schools this year. I'm so proud of you WWHE!

- The Community Involvement Awards ceremony was held on May 9<sup>th</sup> at Bailey Hall. Seagull Center's partner *Galen Ob/Gyn* was named the *Center School-Based Partner-of-the-Year* Award. Thank you to everyone at Galen for their interest and support of our Seagull students!
- Math Teacher *Michelle Tillett*, of Rickards Middle School, was a finalist for the BCCTM Mathematics Teachers of the Year, Secondary Level. Ms. Tillett, you are #1 in our book!
- *Fort Lauderdale High School* ranked among the nation's best by *U.S. News and World Report*. Holding a national ranking of 1,073 in the Nation, and 61 in the State of Florida, is no small accomplishment in a field of 5,000 schools from across the nation. Congratulations Flying L's!
- *Floranada Elementary* was recognized during the April 23, 2019 School Board meeting by Ms. RichLevinson during the *Resolution in Support of Stem Awareness Month, STEM Awareness Month, March 1 - 30, 2019*, Placing 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Robotics VEX competition they qualified for World for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year and all four teams from Floranada qualified for states! You can view the presentation at <https://eduvision.tv/?eyDDmg>. 109 schools in Broward County competed this year. We are so proud of you Floranada!
- *Kids of Character Awards Ceremony* –took place at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts on May 6th. I am very proud that the following District 3 students were honorees: Oakland Park El-Daniel Almonte; Northeast High-Kaitlin Bakley; Fort Lauderdale High-Bianca Cirigliano; Westwood Heights El-Frederick Jackson; Bennett El-Lia Lee; New River Middle-Rachel Rubenstein; Croissant Park El- Jacqueline Segura. The following 2019 Staff of Character Honorees were: Stephen Foster El-Jeff Allagood; Westwood Heights El-Jessica Childers; New River Middle-Cynthia Rosenthal. *Thank you for the excellent example you set for your fellow students and staff.*
- *Rally to Tally 2019* - Each year Broward Schools brings a group of students from across the district to Tallahassee to view and better understand the Legislative Session. The following students from District 3 were part of my team this year: Pukdeetam Pukdeetho and Emojiah Bridges - Ft. Lauderdale High; Emerson

Aguire – Northeast High; Kennedy Johnson- Sheridan Tech High; Audene Wilkinson and Brandon McCutcheon- Stranahan High. We had a great time, and my team came in first in the scavenger hunt! This is one of the highlights of my school year.

- Last school year at Northeast High Albert Pulver and Arianna Brinson, B.R.A.C.E cadets, brought much needed information to their fellow students. Under the B.R.A.C.E. cade program, they have created the A.C.E. Program (Alternatives to College Enrichment) offering much-needed post-graduation options to students who are unsure and may not be interested in college. I applaud you both for thinking outside of the box and addressing a serious need. I hope the program is able to continue in the coming school year.
- At Fort Lauderdale High Riley Casson was awarded a *National Merit University of Florida Scholarship!* Only 17 Broward students were among the National Merit College Sponsored Scholarship Winners, and I know Riley worked very hard to achieve this distinction. The *BrightCasters* of Fort Lauderdale High won a \$10,000 grant in the Lead4Change Challenge. Focusing on mindfulness and spreading positivity, these students saw a need and moved to fill it. *Congratulations to each of you.* For more information on the Brightcasters contact Mallory Malman, Chairman of the Board at BrightCasters@gmail.com.
- *Finally, I offer congratulations* to the following *former* students who were named the top students in their respective schools: Mark Kalaj, Valedictorian and Sophia Clemmensen, Salutatorian for Fort Lauderdale High; Kaitlin Bakley, Valedictorian and Nina Mihajlov, Salutatorian for Northeast High; Angie Benitez-Garcia, Valedictorian and Alisa Melchanova, Salutatorian for Sheridan Technical High; Audene Wilkinson, Valedictorian and Adrian Pacheco, Salutatorian for Stranahan High. You are all amazing and I wish you continued success as you pursue your post-secondary school careers.

*My job as your elected school board member is exciting and fulfilling. Each year brings new students, programs, challenges; and it is my pleasure to serve our students and their respective communities. I look forward to the new school year with anticipation and can't wait to see you on campus!*

*Please remember, if you have any questions or concerns call my office at 754-321-2003, and I will do my best to assist you.*

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