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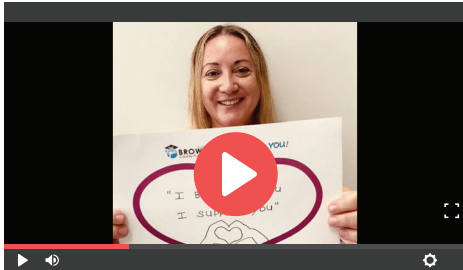
The Latest from District 4



November 2021



Lori Alhadeff
School Board Member, District 4



I am happy to share this newsletter which, includes vital District updates. For any questions, please email me at lorialhadeff@browardschools.com.

I am looking forward to a very successful 2021/2022 school year!



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SAVE THE DATE

Meet and Chat

with

Interim Superintendent Dr. Vickie L. Cartwright
Hosted by Lori Alhadeff, School Board Member,
District 4

Join me for a Meet and Chat with
Interim Superintendent
Dr. Vickie L. Cartwright

Monday, December 13, 2021

from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

J.P. Taravella High School

10600 Riverside Drive
Coral Springs, FL 33071

**You're
Invited!**

**The event begins
at 6 p.m.**

Speaker registration begins
at 5:30 p.m.

View Livestream at
becon.tv/Meetandchat

For more information visit
[browardschools.com/
MeetandChat](https://browardschools.com/MeetandChat)

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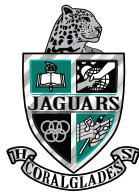
The District's Summer Experience – broke attendance records, and attracted more than 45,000 students seeking credit recovery, learning acceleration and preparation for the new school year. Thank you to all our host schools and feeder schools, parents, teachers and staff, who worked tirelessly to make sure our students were engaged and active.

READY for YOU!

On August 18, more than a quarter-million BCPS students returned to our classrooms for 100% face-to-face learning. The District's "Ready for You!" campaign rolled out in July across multiple platforms including broadcast and cable TV, radio, billboards, in theater movie previews, social media, website units, and targeted efforts to reach Broward County families through streaming, video-on demand and mobile devices.



District 4 Featured Schools:



Coral Glades High School

Coral Glades High School is now the 4th largest high school in Broward County, and in the past year received more Silver Knight Awards than any other high school in South Florida, with four winners overall. The school also earned 53 Cambridge Diplomas (which includes full Bright Futures Scholarships), and its football team made the playoffs for the first time in the school's history. Plus, a new media center opened, and the school opened "The Spot," a student services office that is available to students and parents for everything from registration to graduation and beyond! Coral Glades is also opening a new courtyard soon, creating a new usable space for students and staff.



Westglades Middle School

Westglades Middle School students who participated in the Finance Academy and Pre-Engineering program demonstrated their skills by earning industry credentials in 2021. Industry certifications are developed by trade associations or industry groups. These certifications show mastery or competency in specific knowledge, skills or processes that can be measured against a set of industry standards. During the last school year, Westglades students earned 408 industry certifications.

Additionally, 154 students received Digital Tool Certificates indicating skills and knowledge in word processing, spreadsheets, multimedia presentations, digital arts, cybersecurity, and coding. A total of 191 Westglades students also earned Microsoft Office Specialist (MOS) Certifications in Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, and Excel. The MOS certification shows mastery in some of the most widely used applications across multiple disciplines and offer a set of skills that future employers desire.

Westglades Middle School is proud to be a designated No Place for Hate school for the last 2 years and will continue to uphold these values and give our students the ability to promote these activities at our school.



North Lauderdale PreK-8

North Lauderdale PreK-8 partnered with Doing Good in the Hood to host a Back to School Drive for families in North Lauderdale. Each family received free food, uniforms, backpacks, toiletries, and more. Students were provided with haircuts and braids as well. This was an amazing event!

North Lauderdale recently launched an exciting new program. S.O.U.L (Student Organizations for Universal Learning) is specifically designed to assist students interested in discovering and learning about the arts and other vocations. Students will be exposed to different types of performing arts and vocational programs. While attending the classes, students will learn how to use their imagination skills to enhance creativity. During their open house they gave away their first bicycle! Each year North Lauderdale PreK-8 gives away at least 15 bicycles to deserving students. They are so excited to find out who the next recipient will be!



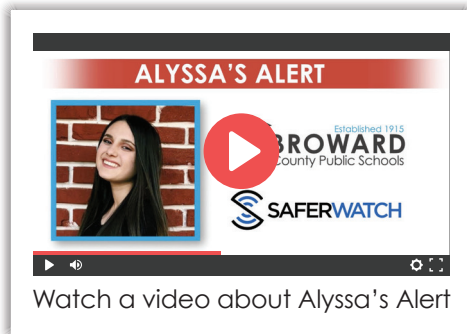
Tamarac Elementary

Tamarac Elementary School was painted on the interior and exterior. The newly painted school has given the Tamarac Elementary community school pride when they walk through the corridors. Go Tigers!

ALYSSA'S ALERT

I want to empower our teachers to push a button in a life threatening emergency situation. I strongly encourage teachers to download the Alyssa's Alert App today to help save lives.

- Lori Alhadeff, School Board Member, District 4



Watch a video about Alyssa's Alert



I am so proud to share the news that Alyssa's Alert is being rolled out across all Districts in Florida.

Alyssa's Alert is a mobile alert app that allows users to instantly report emergencies to administrators, security, and local emergency operation centers. It's part of the school district's

commitment to create a safer and more secure learning environment for all students and staff. At BCPS, the mobile duress alert app was developed in partnership with SaferWatch and Motorola. See the flyer on page 4 and video above for more information.

Alyssa's Alert has received nearly universal praise for its silent panic alert system technology and ease-of-use. Implementation is underway in Districts across the nation, and I know my daughter would be extremely grateful for the initiative that bears her name and how the technology has been embraced nationally.



ALYSSA'S ALERT

Mobile Duress Alert App

Alyssa's Alert is a mobile duress alert application that empowers staff members to immediately notify first responders in the event of an emergency. Receive potentially life-saving aid with the push of a button.

Speed Crisis Response

Upon activation*, local first responders & District personnel receive an immediate notification of the emergency.

Easy to Use

Select one of the three buttons (shown right) to activate Alyssa's Alert. Assistance will immediately be dispatched to your location.**

Stay Connected

Administrators will be able to push important updates regarding an emergency situation to anyone who has downloaded Alyssa's Alert.

**Duress buttons can only be activated while physically on school property.
**ONLY first responders may access location information upon button activation. Under no other circumstances is location information accessible.*

DOWNLOAD THE APP NOW

Scan this Code



Look for this Icon

Search for "SaferWatch"



Visit Learning Across Broward and search for "Alyssa's Alert" under the "Courses" tab to learn more about using Alyssa's Alert in the event of an emergency.





Upcoming Grant Opportunities

Attention District 4 schools. Please visit my website at browardschools.com/Page/65276 to review upcoming grant opportunities for 2021 and beyond. Deadlines for several top grants for math teachers, art and culture programs, STEM and mental health programs are coming up soon. My list also includes year-round funding opportunities from the Walmart Foundation, Aldi, and DonorsChoose, where over the past decade, BCPS teachers have raised more than \$4.1 million from over 25,000 donors.

Railroad Track Safety

Broward County Public Schools is partnering with Brightline to share its LOOK – LISTEN – LIVE campaign to help us all stay safe around trains. Whether you are a motorist or a pedestrian, remember to adhere to safety rules and use caution when approaching railroad crossings. Please read and share the attached rail safety information with your family and learn how to stay safe near train tracks and crossings.



LOOK

- Stay behind the yellow line on train station platforms
- Cross only where you see designated crossings
- Always look both ways before crossing tracks



LISTEN

- Trains are quiet, be alert!
- Never wear headphones near train tracks
- There may not always be a train horn



LIVE

- Never cross tracks when you see a moving train
- Never trespass on train tracks - it's against the law!
- Never try to chase or outrun a train
- Never walk or bike along train tracks



KNOW YOUR SIGNS AND SIGNALS

SIGNS & SIGNALS	WHAT IT'S CALLED	WHAT IT MEANS	COOL FACT
	ADVANCE WARNING Sign	Warns drivers that the road crosses railroad tracks ahead	Reminds the driver to slow down, look and listen for a train
	NO TRAIN HORN Sign	A Quiet Zone has been established and normally the train will not sound the horn	The locomotive engineer can still sound the horn in emergency situations or if workers are near the tracks
	CROSSBUCK Sign	Tells you to yield to trains at this location. Cross tracks at the crossbuck sign only, not anywhere else along the tracks	This is the ONLY PLACE where it is safe to cross the tracks
	ADVANCE WARNING Sign for side streets	Warns that a highway-rail intersection will appear immediately after making either a right or a left turn	Reminds the driver to be prepared to stop if a train is approaching

I DID IT! South Florida!

As the fight against COVID-19 continues, the District is partnering with I Did It South Florida to raise awareness and educate the community about the efficacy of available vaccines which have proved successful in lowering the rate of hospitalizations and have helped millions of Americans avoid severe symptom of the disease. Campaign materials like the flyer below are available in four languages at IdiditSFL.com.

Get the information you need to make the best decision for your family.

IT'S FREE!

And that's for everyone! Still, when you make an appointment, you may be asked to provide your health insurance card. But if you don't have insurance at all, you will still be vaccinated at no cost to you.

THE VACCINES WERE THOROUGHLY TESTED.

All the COVID-19 vaccines that are being used have gone through the same safety tests and meet the same standards as any other vaccines produced through the years. Plus, there is a system in place across the entire country that allows the Centers for Disease Control to continuously monitor for any issues and make sure the vaccines stay safe.

WHEN IN DOUBT, TALK TO A DOCTOR.

If you have specific questions about your health and whether the vaccine is right for you, ask a health professional! Even if you don't have a usual source of health care, you can find free or low-cost providers at findahealthcenter.hrsa.gov.

VACCINES ARE NOW WIDELY AVAILABLE.

All Floridians, with the exception younger children, are now eligible to receive the vaccine, which is available at most hospital systems, vaccination sites operated by the Florida Department of Health, community organizations and municipalities plus various retailers and pharmacies.

YOU DON'T NEED TO SHARE YOUR IMMIGRATION STATUS.

COVID-19 vaccines are available to all Florida resident, regardless of immigration status. Your privacy will be protected.

To find a vaccination site near you or for more information about the vaccines, go to www.IDidItSFL.com



Student Re-engagement Campaign **READY for YOU!**



The "Ready for You" enrollment and reengagement campaign is ongoing and focusing specifically on finding missing students who have not enrolled for the 2021/22 School year. Most recently, BCPS staff participated in a two-day in-person door to door canvassing effort. Over the course of a weekend, several hundred volunteers knocked on more than 8,000 doors across the District in an unprecedented partnership with the Broward Teacher's Union (BTU). These efforts to find missing students have proved effective across canvassing channels, including outbound calls, door-to-door in-person meetings and community partner engagement.



District Campaigns

The School Board of Broward County, Florida is actively recruiting Bus Operators, Attendants, Teachers and Nurses, among other instructional and non-instructional roles. If you or someone you know is interested in working for the SIXTH largest school district in the nation and being a positive force in students' lives, please visit browardschools.com/careers.



Like many Districts across the U.S., BCPS needs bus operators and attendants to join our world-class Student Transportation team. The opportunity comes with amazing benefits that include FREE employee medical, dental and vision insurance, paid days off, and participation in the Florida Retirement pension plan. To attract new drivers, the District increased base salaries to \$16.50 an hour and is now offering a \$500 sign-on bonus to new drivers who pass all requirements for the job. If you are interested, call 754-321-4400 or 4401, or learn more and apply online at browardschools.com/applytodrive.



Help Find Our New Superintendent

District Stakeholders (internal and external) are invited to complete a "31 Qualities" Survey by visiting browardschools.com/SuperSearch.

Information from the survey will be utilized in developing the profile for the next Superintendent of Schools. The survey will be available until 8 a.m. on Monday, November 15, 2021.



District 4 Facilities Update:

What SMART Means to Me

The SMART Bond is finally having an impact in neighborhoods across District 4 with nearby schools benefitting from multi-million-dollar renovations and upgrades. In addition to providing much needed supplies for learning, athletics and the arts, renovation projects at 18 District 4 schools have helped maintain – and often improve – property values for nearby homes.

What SMART Means to Me is a District campaign to highlight how SMART funds are helping to transform our communities and enabling District 4 neighborhoods to attract businesses and new homeowners. Check out the first in a series of videos at bcpsmartfutures.com/introducing-wsmtm/.

Visit SMART for District 4 SMART AT A GLANCE

For an update on SMART program initiatives across District 4 schools, click on the image below to view Smart at a Glance.



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN DISTRICT 4 Primary Renovations Snapshot



Visit bcpsmartfutures.com/district4 to review SMART SPACE and scroll down to find your specific school. Renovation progress is provided for each District 4 school when you navigate to the school's page at the bottom of the SMART SPACE section.