



# Quarterly

The Latest from District 3



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### **District 3 Update and Resources during the Pandemic**

As we enter the final weeks of school and the countdown to summer, schools across District 3 are finding unique and creative ways to recognize student accomplishments and host virtual celebrations and send-offs.

From 5<sup>th</sup> grade transitions to middle school, to 8<sup>th</sup> grade transitions to high school, to this year's graduating seniors, there is so much student success to celebrate.

Although we are not able to hold traditional celebrations we are celebrating, nonetheless. Administrators and teachers have been working with District staff to create meaningful virtual graduations for the Class of 2020. I look forward to congratulating this year's graduates and invite you to join in the virtual celebrations.

Here are the dates for District 3 graduations:

- Stranahan High School - Wednesday, June 17<sup>th</sup> 1pm
- Northeast High School - Wednesday, June 17<sup>th</sup> 4pm
- Seagull School – Monday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> 10am
- Sheridan Technical High School - Monday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> 1pm
- Fort Lauderdale High School - Monday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> 4pm
- Whiddon Rogers Education Center - Thursday, June 25<sup>th</sup> 4pm

Schedules for all graduations are currently available at:  
<https://www.browardschools.com/graduationschedule>

Each ceremony will air on BECON-TV on the date and time shown above. In addition, each graduating senior will receive a school-specific link to access their event on YouTube. They will be able to share the link with friends and family to join the interactive YouTube commencement. To watch BECON's live feed in the tri-county area, simply go to Channel 63 (Broadcast, ATT and Satellite), Channel 19 for Xfinity or Channel 488 for high-definition viewing.



It was my honor and privilege to attend the virtual Outstanding Senior Leaders Banquet on May 6<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to the seniors recognized across Broward County and a special shout-out to District 3 Award Recipients:

#### **Fort Lauderdale High School**



- Pukdeetam Pukdetho, NJROTC Administrative Officer
- Ruth Saint Julien-Bloom, President
- Raeven Smith, Student Government President

#### **Northeast High School**



- Roodnia Diogene, Broward County Association of Student Councils President
- Kaitlyn Hebb, Senior Class President
- Kecelaine Joseph, Key Club Treasurer
- Receba Rodriguez, Student Government President

#### **Sheridan Technical High School**



- Lorena Manasturean, Speech & Debate Team President
- Jorge Miranda, National Honor Society President
- Erin Oswald, Student Government President
- Yvette Ricketts, Senior Class Vice President

## Stranahan High School



- Alex Akkaoui, Peer Forward Co-Captain
- Maciel Castellano, Latinos in Action President
- Touri-Ann Collins, Mentoring Tomorrow's Leaders President
- Nishal Narain, National Honor Society President



As a former reading teacher in Broward County Public Schools, I understand the role access to books plays in achieving reading proficiency and building a lifelong love of reading. I am excited to share that the School Board of Broward County in **partnership with Scholastic** is sending book packs to the homes of 48,000 PreK through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students at Title I schools across the District.



The books are expected to arrive just as we transition to summer. District 3 Title I elementary schools include:

**Bennett, Croissant Park, Cypress, Floranada, Lloyd Estates, McNab, Meadowbrook, North Andrews Gardens, Northside, Oakland Park, Riverland, Stephen Foster, Wilton Manors, and Westwood Heights.**

Visit this link for more details and don't forget to read, read, read! <https://bit.ly/2Lle0N1>



Thank you to the Broward Education Foundation (BEF) and partner Office Depot for recognizing our amazing teachers during National Teacher Appreciation Week.

I was privileged to join members of the BEF team in the drive-by recognition of District 3 social studies teacher Jerry Jiampetti, from **Fort Lauderdale High School**. As part of the shared campaign to recognize teachers, each educator selected received school supplies valued at over \$250. Congratulations to each teacher recognized and thank you again to all our educators for your dedication to our students!



**Broward County Public Schools has distributed more than 1 million meals**, and the need continues to grow. Making sure our students and families in need receive meals during this difficult time has been important to me. Thank you to the Food and Nutrition Services Department and supporting staff members for your continued efforts to provide for our community.



Many across the community have rolled up their sleeves and personally donated their time to assist with feeding efforts across our community. I am thankful for the opportunity to serve and want to extend my gratitude to all those in our community who have supported efforts to feed our community during this difficult time.



Special thanks to Representative Chip LaMarca and Danielle Rosse of the Epic Restaurant Group for bringing to my attention a partnership opportunity to support both local restaurants and our families in need. Through this introduction, I am pleased to share the District has partnered with the Epic Restaurant Group at 3 pilot locations to provide grab-and-go meals for families and is looking to expand the opportunity based on need. More information is forthcoming.



Thank you to our students and staff members who exhibit the District's 8 character traits throughout the year. At the annual Kids of Character Awards, we recognize and honor Responsibility, Citizenship, Kindness, Respect, Honesty, Self-Control, Tolerance and Cooperation. Although we could

not celebrate in person, I want to extend my congratulations to all those recognized.

I am happy to share this year's District 3 awardees.

**Congratulations to our Kids of Character award recipients:**

**Bayview Elementary, Reese Ford  
Cypress Elementary, Ricardo Benitez  
Fort Lauderdale High School, Sadie Kopelman  
Oakland Park Elementary, Keith Clarke  
Westwood Heights Elementary, Stephanie Orozco-Morales**

**Congratulations to our Staff of Character award recipients:**

**Bayview Elementary, Robbin Michaels  
New River Middle School, Kimberly Youngblood  
Riverland Elementary, Marie St. Julien  
Westwood Heights Elementary, Rotarsha King Alvarado**

District 3 SMART renovations continue while schools are not occupied. I am hopeful that a silver lining of empty school buildings will accelerate progress on construction projects. For SMART updates, visit <https://bcpsmartfutures.com/>.

Staff has already reported progress on this front and I want to include updates on two high profile projects in District 3. According to the latest update from Superintendent Runcie, renovation construction at **Northeast High School** is expected to begin in June and the new 24-classroom addition and practical lab building design is nearing completion with construction documents ready for review by the building department. For more on plans at Northeast High, please visit <https://www.smore.com/dagq7>.

Renovations on the **Stranahan High School** campus continue to progress. Preparations for Stranahan High's media center renovation have begun, and the work is scheduled to be completed and ready for students to utilize in the fall. For updates on all District 3 schools, click the image below:

**SMART PROGRAM**

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The transition from the 2019/20 school year to summer will look very different this year due to the pandemic. The Broward County Commission has announced plans for a phased reopening to begin, and municipal leaders across Broward are planning. Please know that Broward County Public Schools district staff is planning too. School administrators and teachers are working to create

appropriate plans for facilitating pick up of personal items that students and staff may have left at schools.

I have heard many of your concerns about childcare. At our most recent workshop, I asked the Superintendent to work with municipal leaders and partnering agencies to ensure childcare is part of the plan. Although we do not yet have guidance from the Florida Department of Education for reopening schools, and CDC guidelines were just issued on May 15, the School Board of Broward County has been working to formulate plans for several scenarios.

As the parent of two students in Broward County Public Schools myself, I know how difficult it is to answer questions your students have, or even begin to imagine what the next school year may bring. Patience through this uncharted landscape will be required from all of us. I will continue to use this newsletter to serve as a conduit of information and encourage you to reach out to me with questions, suggestions, and concerns.

I encourage everyone to stay up-to-date on the latest news related to the BCPS response to the Coronavirus pandemic by regularly visiting [www.browardschools.com/coronavirus](http://www.browardschools.com/coronavirus).

As always it is both my honor and privilege to serve as your District 3 School Board Member, and I am happy to receive your questions, concerns and feedback so we can continue to work productively together. My e-mail address is [heather.brinkworth@browardschools.com](mailto:heather.brinkworth@browardschools.com) or please feel free to leave a message on our office line at 754-321-2003.

Stay safe and be well!

Heather

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## SMART Update for District 3

### SMART PROGRAM

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Please click on image to the left for the April 2020 Smart Program Update for District 3

**SAFETY**  
**MUSIC & ART**  
**ATHLETICS**  
**RENOVATION**  
**TECHNOLOGY**

For a 2020 Plan Update please visit:

<https://www.smore.com/2smwp>