



Title I, Migrant Education and Special Programs October 2020 Newsletter

The Director's Message



1 - Ms. Luwando Wright, Director

Title I, Migrant and Special Programs

The Title I, Migrant Education and Special Programs Department is “Fully Charged: Energizing Parents, Families & Students in Every School.” We are excited to share these new experiences with our staff, teachers, parents, and families.

To kick-off the year, we held our first virtual staff meeting to provide training and resources for our staff. The Title I School Liaisons joined us in a large scale back-to-school training lead by the Title I Grant Facilitators. We have been working on initiatives with our community partners and other District Departments to continue to support our students. Our schools have been hosting parent events and trainings in their own virtual styles.

In this newsletter, we are pleased to share with you some of the trainings and initiatives as well as school spotlights and other exciting staff and community activities. I hope you enjoy it!

Upcoming Events

[REGISTER HERE!](#)

Title I Migrant Education & Special Programs
 **Parent Training Academy**
Thursday, October 15, 2020
7:00 p.m.
Guest Speakers

Monique W. Morris, Ed.D.



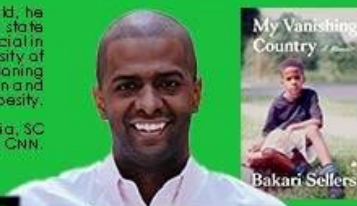
Monique W. Morris, Ed.D. is an award-winning author and social justice scholar with three decades of experience in the areas of education, civil rights, juvenile and social justice. Dr. Morris is the Executive Producer and co-writer of the 2019 documentary film, PUSHOUT: The Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools, based upon her two books Sing A Rhythm, Dance A Blues: Education for the Liberation of Black and Brown Girls (The New Press, 2019) and Pushout: The Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools (The New Press, 2016).

Dr. Morris is the Founder and President of the National Black Women's Justice Institute.

Bakari Sellers

Bakari Sellers made history in 2006 when, at just 22 years old, he became the youngest African American elected official in the nation. He is a graduate of Morehouse College and University of South Carolina School of Law. Sellers is committed to championing progressive policies to address issues ranging from education and poverty to preventing domestic violence and childhood obesity.

Sellers practices law with the Stram Law Firm, LLC in Columbia, SC and is a Political Commentator at CNN.



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 ENERGIZING
 PARENTS, FAMILIES & STUDENTS
 IN EVERY SCHOOL**

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In this Month's Issue

In this October Newsletter, you will find updates for the following initiatives and programs in our department:

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- School Spotlight: Franklin Academy Sunrise Campus by Mildred Watson
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- Professional Learning 'Virtual' Workshop for Title I Liaisons by Michael Shorter
- Helping to Fight Hunger During the Pandemic by Linda Howard

The Time Has Come!

On August 28, the Title I Staff and friends from Martin Luther King Montessori Academy bade a fond farewell to Felix McGowan. Mr. McGowan has given more than 35 years to Broward County Public Schools, with 29 of those years to the Title I Office. He has spent many years cleaning and repairing a myriad of items within the Title I building. Felix has seen many staff members come and go, but now it is his time. Special thanks go out to the city of Lauderhill Fire Rescue and Police Department for providing a flashing light and siren filled escort for the “Felix McGowan Drive-By Farewell Parade.” Felix will be missed but we wish him the very best in his next chapter in life. Enjoy your retirement Felix McGowan!

























Title I Schools Spotlight

Meadowbrook Elementary

Thank you to the Title I Department for all their continued support and customer-friendly assistance.

We are working diligently to comply with all the documentation needed. During our SAC meeting in August, we discussed and reviewed our School/Parent Compact form, Parent Family Engagement Plan, Title I Addendum, the allocation of Title I refreshment funds, the Dissemination letter (A4, E1 & E3), and the Right to Know letter. Parents had an opportunity to review said documents and provide input. This SAC meeting served as one form of proof on how the documents were shared with parents. We also uploaded documents on our web page and sent a parent link notifying parents where to find these documents.



Calvary Christian Academy-Hollywood





2 - Donna Anderson, Title I Liaison

Title I, Part A has the pleasure of serving private school students eligible to receive supplemental academic support services. These students attend one of our 70 participating private schools in the 2020-2021 school year.

This month, we are honored to highlight Calvary Christian Academy-Hollywood (CCA-H) as one of our exemplary private schools finding great success with our academic support services which requires active participation in the consultation process with our department. Ms. Donna Anderson, Title I Contact, is a valuable conduit in bridging students, CCA-H, Title I, and their third-party vendor.

Ms. Anderson has served as a Guidance Counselor for the past two years at CCA-H and held the same position at Hollywood Christian School (which became CCA-H) for 25 years! She has been overseeing the implementation of the Title I program for the last eight years. When sharing her perspective on Title I supplemental academic support services at CCA-H, she stated:

“Seeing students gain confidence due to them being more successful in the classroom is a wonderful experience to behold. Another observation that I have taken note of is that our students love their Title I teachers and the relationships that are built between them, it’s great to see when students are making such great academic gains that they are no longer in need of these services. We are excited to have 120 students qualify academically to receive Title I support this year. Last year 100 students received academic support services. Our parents are equally as pleased.”

Here is some of the feedback we have received from parents:

“I am pleased with seeing my children growing academically!” “We are happy that our child's grades are going up.” Parents have expressed that their students’ confidence went up because they are taking the skills they learn in Title I sessions back to the classroom.

Another asset of the CCA-H Title I Program is the Title I teacher, Ms. Dina Guecia. Ms. Anderson considers it a blessing to have Ms. Dina as their Title I teacher, “Ms. Dina's sole goal is to help the students grow academically. She is very flexible when it comes to different events that take place at school that can disrupt a daily schedule. She is always friendly and extremely professional. The students love her. Many of her students have grown academically enough that they are no longer in need of extra support. She is here for the students and no other reason.”

The Title I Private School Team implemented a new electronic database to streamline and facilitate the identification of eligible Title I students attending private schools. This eligibility considers a student's residence in a public Title I school attendance area and academic need. An allocation for equitable services to private school students, their teachers, and their parents is calculated annually. Our primary focus is to provide supportive academic services to our district's most valuable asset, our students.

Title I sends best wishes for another year of continued academic success to Calvary Christian Academy - Hollywood and all the private schools receiving Title I services in the 2020-2021 school year!

Franklin Academy Sunrise Campus



Mission Statement

Utilizing an intercultural-mindedness model and standards-based curriculum, the mission of Franklin Academy is to create compassionate, engaged, life-long learners by promoting a culture of collaboration and high expectations that emphasizes character development through active service in the local, national, and international community, while adhering to the principle that all children can learn.



Building Better People, Every Day

Franklin Academy Sunrise Campus opened its doors on August 24, 2015. We are thankful for the thousands of parents that have applied to our school. They have entrusted us to educate over 1,300

scholars in the City of Sunrise, where our prestigious campus is located. After achieving the school grade of a 'B' for the first two years, we are proud of our achievement of an 'A' school grade, for the last two years. In addition, Franklin Academy Charter schools is the only Charter organization in the nation to attain **International Baccalaureate®** in ALL our locations.

It is an honor to be the first Charter School "Spotlight" for Broward County's Title I, Migrant Education, and Special Programs. The much needed academic success, resources/supplies, social awareness, parent seminars, and community outreach will continue to be at the forefront of our goals to accommodate our Title I families.

Title 1 funds allow our scholars to receive academic assistance from:

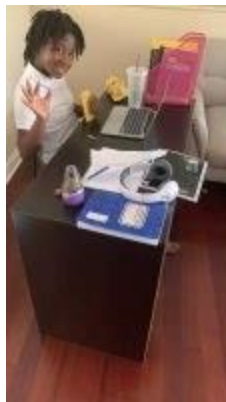
- ▶ Reading and Math Coaches
- ▶ Reading Interventionists
- ▶ Math Interventionists
- ▶ Instructional Resources
- ▶ Academic Camps
- ▶ Agendas

During our 'Franklin from Afar' model, we have continued to "Bloom Where We Are Planted." Just to name a few: distributed over 400 computers, 500 nutritious breakfasts and lunches a week, 6,000 textbooks, school supplies, and most importantly consistent communication via Google Meet and/or emails; keeping our scholars and parents informed throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. We are grateful to our parents, educators, staff, and administration for their dedication and heartfelt commitment to continue providing our future leaders the best foundation for their academic success.

"Franklin From Afar"













Welcome to the FACE/Scholastic Initiative!

The Office of Family and Community Engagement (FACE) has partnered with Scholastic Inc. to provide family engagement support to 20 Title I schools. Scholastic has partnered with nationally renowned school engagement leader Dr. Karen Mapp to create the Mapp Workshop Series.

The workshop series "supports educators by turning research into practice and providing solutions for strengthening home-school relationships. It is a hands-on interactive training that will inspire teachers to engage families in meaningful learning partnerships that enhance student performance and systemically improve schools." Participating schools will receive Scholastic Literacy Kits to jumpstart family engagement.

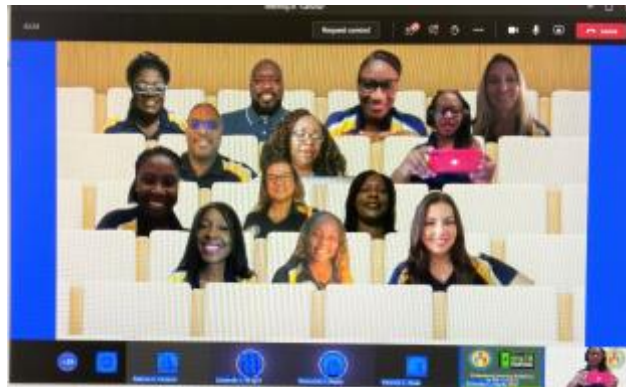
There is no cost to participating schools. Additionally, schools will receive Scholastic Literacy Kits to jumpstart family engagement!

For additional information about the FACE/Scholastic Initiative, contact Nadia Clarke, Assistant Director of Family and Community Engagement, at

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Professional Learning 'Virtual' Workshop for Title I Liaisons



The Title I Migrant and Special Programs office hosted its first virtual Professional Learning Workshop for Title I Liaisons via the TEAMS Platform. It was well attended with more than 191 participants and many more viewed the recording after the live workshop. Although there was a plethora of information presented that day, many found it to be a very rich and meaningful dialogue. Our Title I Grant Facilitators did a phenomenal job in presenting the pertinent deadlines and compliance mandates for the 2020-2021 school year.

Our department currently serves 200 Title I schools and supports 200 Title I Liaisons. Together we, the Title I personnel and the liaisons, work to ensure that we are in compliance as we engage the families, students and communities of the Title schools.

From that workshop, we have developed a Frequently Asked Questions section in the Title I Liaison SharePoint site. The recorded document has also been added as a future resource. We are FULLY CHARGED for another year of team work with our Title I Liaisons!

Helping to Fight Hunger During the Pandemic

The Title I Parent and Family Engagement Team

COVID-19 launched its invasive attack on the United States, in particular the state of Florida in mid-March. As the citizens of Broward County scrambled to prepare for this pandemic in an environment of

uncertainty, there were organizations that immediately rose to the call of duty by providing essentials that were needed to sustain life. The Mobile School Pantry along with many other organizations have and is continuing to provide weekly community food distribution programs.

The Mobile School Pantry is led by Founder/CEO Zeina Zein, also known as “Z.” The Mobile School Pantry has been in existence and serving the communities of Broward County Florida since 2013. Dr. Lori Canning, Executive Director with the Early Learning Language Acquisition division and team members have partnered with the Mobile School Pantry to provide a plethora of reading books ranging from various grade levels during the weekly food distributions. The dissemination of the books is to improve proficiency levels and build home libraries within the homes of our most fragile students. Z has strategically collaborated with several schools from the northern to southern sectors of the county to bridge the economic need for food.

Cars extending approximately a mile can be seen forming a line to receive the much-needed items. Several employees from the Title I Parent and Family Engagement Program have been volunteering their time to participate in this “Operation Feed Broward Mission.” In addition, our partners from the Bougainvillea House, Children’s Services Council, Hollywood Lions Club, Memorial Regional Hospital, and student volunteers work long hours traveling from Broward to Dade Counties to distribute fresh fruits, vegetables, and non-perishable items. Throughout the months of May through September, approximately 285,000 pounds of food have been distributed to over 7,500 families. With the aid of the Door Dash Program, the families that have limited transportation can receive essential items delivered to their front door.

The sentiments of the workers are synonymous, that although the work can be strenuous, the friendly greetings, smiles, and expressions of thanks are most rewarding. We would like to extend a hearty “Thank You” to Z and the Mobile School Pantry, Early Learning Language Acquisition, and the host of community partners for a wonderful partnership that continues to give valuable resources and their time to our students, families, and communities.























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