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County Public Schools



# **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AWARDS**

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# PROGRAM



<b>Presentation of Colors .....</b>	<b>Everglades High School</b>
<b>Pledge of Allegiance</b>	Army JROTC
<b>National Anthem</b>	Chief Nicholas Porter, Senior Army Instructor
	Legacy Chamber Choir
	Natalie Francisco, Director
	Sean Curran, Principal
<b>Welcome .....</b>	<b>James Griffin, II</b> , Master of Ceremonies
	Principal, Boyd H. Anderson High School
<b>Band of Pride .....</b>	<b>Piper High School</b>
	Kervens Jackson, Director
	Marie Hautigan, Principal
<b>Greetings .....</b>	<b>Debra Hixon</b> , Vice Chair
	The School Board of Broward County, Florida
<b>Remarks .....</b>	<b>Dr. Earlean C. Smiley</b>
	Interim Superintendent of Schools
<b>Fort Lauderdale High Cheerleaders .....</b>	<b>Fort Lauderdale High School</b>
	Kelly Panza, Coach
	Erin Brown, Principal
<b>District Partner Award .....</b>	<b>Dr. Valerie S. Wanza</b> , Acting Chief of Staff
<b>School-Based Partner Awards .....</b>	<b>John Sullivan</b>
	Chief Communications and Legislative Affairs Officer
<b>Dillard Elementary Chorus .....</b>	<b>Dillard Elementary School</b>
	David Morrison, Director
	Lavina Robinson, Principal
<b>Years of Service Awards .....</b>	<b>Dr. Valerie S. Wanza</b>
<b>Men of Impact Step Squad.....</b>	<b>Piper High School</b>
	Frank Pinkney, Director
	Marie Hautigan, Principal

# PROGRAM



<b>Superintendent's Student Award .....</b>	<b>Dr. Earlean C. Smiley</b>
<b>Mentor Award .....</b>	<b>Shavonda Mitchum</b> , Coordinator BCPS Office of Student Services
<b>Family and Community Engagement Awards .....</b>	<b>Nadia Bryan Clarke</b> , Assistant Director BCPS Office of Family and Community Engagement
<b>Legacy Chamber Choir .....</b>	<b>Everglades High School</b>
<b>Outstanding Volunteer Awards .....</b>	<b>Haley Shurack</b> 2023 BCPS Teacher of the Year Tropical Elementary School  <b>Marie Hautigan</b> 2023 BCPS Principal of the Year Piper High School  <b>Timothy Winburn</b> 2023 BCPS Assistant Principal of the Year South Broward High School  <b>Nicole Willis</b> 2023 BCPS School-Related Employee of the Year Atlantic Technical College and High School
<b>WPE Jammers .....</b>	<b>Winston Park Elementary School</b> Julie Prock, Director Carolyn Eggelletion, Principal

# COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AWARDS

## MASTER OF CEREMONIES



### **James F. Griffin, II**

*Principal, Boyd H. Anderson High School*



James F. Griffin, II is a native of Fort Lauderdale, Florida. He graduated from Dillard High School in 1989, before matriculating to the home of the Wildcats, Bethune-Cookman University. At Bethune-Cookman, he earned dual degrees in Elementary Education and Specific Learning Disabilities. Mr. Griffin later attended Nova Southeastern University where he earned a Master's Degree in TESOL and a certificate in Educational Leadership.

Mr. Griffin joined Broward County Public Schools in 1993. He has taught grades K–5, as well as Adult Basic Education, General Education and English to second language learner adults from Haiti, Peru, Russia, Cuba, Brazil and China. He was appointed as an Assistant Principal at North Fork Elementary School in 2003. During his tenure at North Fork Elementary, Mr. Griffin was recognized as a 2007 finalist for Assistant Principal of the Year. Mr. Griffin received international recognition as an Elluminate Hero and Promethean Torchlight. He was appointed principal of

Rock Island Elementary School in 2007 and his accomplishments garnered him the esteemed privilege of being named Broward County's and Florida's Principal of the Year for 2010. He then went on to serve as the Principal of Lauderdale Lakes Middle School from 2010 until 2019. During his tenure at Lauderdale Lakes Middle School, Mr. Griffin was honored to serve as a member of the Florida Department of Education Commissioner's Superintendent Committee. Currently, he serves as Principal of Boyd H. Anderson High School.

Mr. Griffin is emerging as a global steward. He was invited by the Bahamian Ministry of Education to assist with the government's largest technology initiative in schools. He also funded the construction of a classroom through Free the Children in an underprivileged and underserved community in India. Some of Mr. Griffin's latest accolades and accomplishments include an honorary doctorate degree from Nova Southeastern University in 2022, graduating from the National Superintendent's Academy in 2019, an internship for Broward County's Public Information Office in 2018, induction into the Broward Education Hall of Fame in 2017, being honored by Legacy South Florida magazine as one of the "50 Most Powerful and Influential Leaders" of 2016, and being named a 2014 JM Lexus African American Achiever.

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# SPECIAL THANKS



## **Dillard Elementary School Chorus**

Dillard Elementary School's Chorus is an exceptional group of young singers who are passionate about music and dedicated to delivering outstanding performances. Led by our director, Mr. Morrison, our chorus has been recognized for their exceptional vocal skills and their ability to captivate audiences with their heartfelt performances. Whether singing traditional holiday classics or modern pop hits, our elementary chorus never fails to impress. With a commitment to excellence and a love for music, our chorus is sure to leave you feeling uplifted and inspired.



## **Everglades High School's Army JROTC**

Everglades High School's Army JROTC is a highly rated program which teaches the essential skills needed to maximize learning potential and future success. Cadets apply learning theory and techniques to improve study, communication, and planning skills, as well as explore social responsibility, conflict resolution, and service-learning opportunities. Additionally, the program introduces leadership - its definition, importance and how to apply basic skills and principles. At the end of the program, every cadet acquires the broad, life-long skills needed for success in all career and life roles.



## **Everglades High School's Legacy Chamber Choir**

Meet the Legacy Chamber Choir, under the direction of Natalie Francisco. They are the shining star of the Legacy Choir Program at Everglades High School. This talented group of young singers has earned a reputation for excellence in the world of choral music. With a passion for performing in the community, the Legacy Chamber Choir has become a fixture at local events and venues. Their hard work and dedication have also paid off in the form of awards and recognition. The Legacy Chamber Choir recently earned a Superior rating at the Florida Vocal Association (FVA) District Music Performance Assessment, and they will be advancing to the FVA State Music Performance Assessment. This achievement is a testament to their talent and dedication to their craft. Their dedication and talent are truly a sight to behold, and they are sure to leave audiences spellbound with their moving performances.

# SPECIAL THANKS



## **J.P. Taravella High School ProStart**

The ProStart class at J.P. Taravella High School hosts one of the premiere culinary programs in Broward County. These talented and dedicated students win statewide recognition yearly by competing against all the schools in the state culinary competition. They were also the inaugural winners of the \$50,000 kitchen makeover grant from the Florida Restaurant & Lodging Association Educational Foundation or FRLAEF. Their success allowed them to compete nationally and each year, they remain on top as one of the most decorated programs in Broward County Public Schools.



## **Piper High School Band of Pride**

The Piper High School Marching Band known as "The Band of Pride" is one of the top premier groups at Piper High School. This ensemble consists of instrumentalists and the Ladies of Sequin auxiliary group. This performance ensemble provides a "family" to which all band students can belong. It is a well-established program where students learn values and standards, and can hold each other accountable in Leadership, Musicianship and Academic Excellence. Since 2005, the "Band of Pride" has been under the direction of Mr. Kervens Jackson, his first career appointment. During Mr. Jackson's tenure as Director, the program has earned numerous concert and marching "Superior" ratings, performed at the 2016 Sugar Bowl Halftime show, selected to perform at The Florida Classic Battle of the Bands and most recently, performed at the "Lizzo" Concert. This exciting ensemble is staffed by Mrs. Walette Jackson - Auxiliary Coordinator/Flag Clinician, Ms. Brittany Wade McCoy - Dance Clinician, Mr. Roderick Melvin - Marching Clinician, Mr. Charles McKay - Percussion Instructor and Mr. Frank Pinkney - Band Announcer.



## **Fort Lauderdale High School Cheerleaders**

Fort Lauderdale High School is the oldest high school in South Florida and are known for their mascot, the Flying L. The cheerleaders have been a foundation for the school for decades now promoting school spirit at school, on the sidelines, and competitions.

# SPECIAL THANKS



## **Sawgrass Springs Middle School Chamber Strings Ensemble**

The Sawgrass Springs Chamber Strings Ensemble is a very unique group of students. These young musicians began their musical career online during the 2020-2021 school year. These students stuck through the difficulties of learning an instrument virtually and have made incredible strides since. The orchestra is comprised of several students that have participated in the Florida Orchestra Association (FOA) District Solo and Ensemble, many of them receiving the highest rating, Superior, All County Honors Orchestra and the Florida Music Educators Association Middle School Honors Orchestra at the All-State Conference in Tampa. This past February, the group performed at the FOA Concert Music Performance Assessment held at Plantation High School and received a Superior rating on stage and in Sight-Reading.



## **Winston Park Elementary School Steel Drum Band**

The Winston Park Elementary School "WPE Jammers" was founded 23 years ago by Music Director, Ms. Julie Prock. The WPE Jammers are a group of unique talented musicians who rehearse one to two days a week before school begins. They performed last month at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts for the 24th Annual "Stars on Parade." They also performed at the Island SPACE Caribbean Museum Grand-Reopening ribbon-cutting ceremony and performed for DARE graduation last month. Ms. Prock is very fortunate to have Mrs. Carolyn Eggelletion as her principal who is an avid supporter of the Arts. These Winston Park Elementary students are dedicated and Ms. Prock is passionate about challenging and stimulating students and audiences alike. These students have been given the opportunity to explore and experience steel drums, keyboards, drum set and percussion instruments by being a part of the "WPE Jammers." They are one of the only steel bands in Broward County and perform in the tri-County area for special events and frequently in the community.



## **Men of Impact Step Squad**

The Men of Impact Step Squad is the official all male competitive and performance-based step team of Piper High School. Established in the spring of 2019, the Men of Impact was founded on the fundamentals of Academics, Leadership, and Discipline. As official student leader ambassadors of Piper High, these young men serve as model students in and out of the classroom. The purpose of the team is to reclaim our young men and provide a structured positive outlet. They are afforded leadership opportunities, self-care & empowerment workshops, college tours, and more! Men of Impact is highly respected, highly sought after and a force to be reckoned with!

# DISTRICT PARTNER OF THE YEAR



## CAREERSOURCE BROWARD

CareerSource Broward (CSBD) is celebrating its 50th year of providing services to the community as well as 50 years of partnership with the Broward County Public Schools (BCPS).

The 50-year partnership between CSBD and BCPS impacts thousands of students and families annually and provides opportunities for individuals across District schools and colleges. Some of the joint projects that have come about as a result of this partnership are:



- Paid internship programs for BCPS students with barriers to graduation or employment, in high school, the Technical Colleges and Adult Literacy Programs aligned with their career interests.
- After-school programs for high school juniors and seniors who need extra assistance to graduate.
- Provision of scholarships and supporting the cost of counseling and supportive services for economically disadvantaged youth and adults enrolled in the Technical Colleges and giving them the skills to assure a good quality of life for themselves and their families.
- Assistance with the cost of field trips so that youth could visit college campuses in the state and be motivated to continue their education.
- Funding of wrap-around services and internships for youth who have dropped out of High School and enroll in GED programs.
- Collaboration with other local agencies to deliver free resume writing, career exploration and mock interview workshops.
- Employability skills workshops and summer employment paid work experiences at District schools, giving students hands-on, real-world work in an education environment.

Broward County Public Schools is thankful for the partnership with CareerSource Broward as they help us stay true to our commitment to ensure that all students receive the necessary knowledge, skills and support needed to succeed in tomorrow's world.



### **Schools We Proudly Serve**

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Oriole Elementary  
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Palm Cove Elementary  
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Park Trails Elementary  
Peters Elementary  
Pembroke Pines  
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Quest Center  
Sheridan Hills Elementary  
Tradewinds Elementary  
Tamarac Elementary  
Watkins Elementary  
Winston Park Elementary

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# OUTSTANDING FAMILY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



The Office of Family and Community Engagement (FACE) supports the District's vision for improving the achievement levels of ALL children. Our goal is for families to be full partners with school staff and members of the community in the work of supporting and sustaining excellence in Broward County Public Schools. Parents are a child's first and most important teacher. Whether children are in preschool, elementary, middle or high school, parent/family engagement plays a crucial role in students' academic success. FACE works to strengthen the home-family-school connection and create new ways to educate parents about how they can help their children achieve.

## Family and Community Engagement Award

The Family and Community Engagement award recognizes schools that develop successful programs to promote parent, family and community engagement. Nominee submissions reflect innovative practices for recruitment, training and recognition of parents and families at the school level. These efforts may focus on removing barriers, communicating, volunteering, training, mentoring, decision-making and collaborating with the community. The school-level nominee selected as the District winner is eligible to compete for state recognition.

## Online Resources for Family and Community Engagement

The District's website, [browardschools.com](http://browardschools.com), includes a variety of resources for parents and families. Parents can access information and resources to help them stay informed about their child's academic progress, educational digital learning resources, details on how to get engaged in their child's school and much more. This "one-stop shop" has everything families need to engage in their children's education. Take a look! Visit [browardschools.com](http://browardschools.com), and click the "Parents" tab.

The Office of Family and Community Engagement's website, [browardschools.com/face](http://browardschools.com/face), provides resources and information that support BCPS families in becoming full partners in their children's education, while improving access to learning opportunities across Broward County via Community Connections.

## Parents' Guide to Broward Schools

The Parents' Guide to Broward Schools is a handy online resource that serves as a parent's roadmap to the District. The website contains a comprehensive listing of topics of interest for parents. Detailed information ranges from ways to stay connected with BCPS, academics, resources for families new to Broward Schools to Wellness and Student Support Services. The online guide is designed to foster a strong relationship between families and schools in an ongoing effort to increase student achievement. Visit [www.browardschools.com/parents](http://www.browardschools.com/parents) to access online resources for parents.

**For more information about Family and Community Engagement programs, please contact the Office of Family and Community Engagement at 754-323-4716.**

# **OUTSTANDING FAMILY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OF THE YEAR NOMINEES**



## **GROUP NOMINATIONS**

### **Art Prevails Project**

Hollywood Hills High School

### **Lighthouse 4 Students and Hollywood Community Church**

Hollywood Hills High School

### **Moss Construction**

Thurgood Marshall Elementary School

### **Parent Teacher Association**

Griffin Elementary School

### **Parent Teacher Organization**

Silver Ridge Elementary School

### **Parent Teacher Student Association**

Glades Middle School

### **Parent Teacher Student Organization: Olga Boudreau**

J. P. Taravella High School

### **The Castro Family**

Equity, Diversity and School Climate Department

### **The Home Depot**

Monarch High School

# OUTSTANDING FAMILY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OF THE YEAR NOMINEES



## INDIVIDUAL NOMINATIONS

**Brad and Brent Brewster**  
Larkdale Elementary School

**Brandon Graham**  
Hollywood Hills High School

**Brittany Johnson**  
Sunland Park Academy

**Brittney Thomas**  
Nova High School

**Christina Linn**  
Quiet Waters Elementary School

**Edward Peddell**  
Lauderdale Lakes Middle School

**Nancy Kenney**  
Coral Springs High School

**Rachel Razor**  
South Broward High School

**Robens Chery**  
Lauderdale Lakes Middle School

**Robert Horton**  
McNab Elementary School

# OUTSTANDING FAMILY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OF THE YEAR - INDIVIDUAL AWARD AND GROUP AWARD



## Rachel Mazor



Rachel Mazor was instrumental in building the South Broward High PTSO from the ground up. As President of PTSO, her strategy to engage families is simple: make parents feel welcome and comfortable on campus and help them to connect with one another to form a network of support for all families. She has created numerous events to bring families together, encouraging parents to build relationships with one another to support their students and South Broward High School. As president of PTSO, Ms. Mazor contributes to high-quality Instruction by funding classroom requests for supplemental programs and material, as well as promoting for tutoring and volunteering in the community. She is maintaining a strong presence on social media to announce upcoming events, share information about District initiatives and strengthen the communication between families and the school.

## The Castro Family



The Castro Family has been very involved with the department of Equity, Diversity & School Climate and the schools their children attended. The Castro Family assists, organizes, volunteers and recruits other members of the community to attend substance and violence prevention events. The Castro Family has developed initiatives to bring more parents out during parent nights and school events. Ms. Dunia Castro has been very active in many schools PTSO/PTSA holding the president position. She volunteers for field trips, field days and pro-social clubs such as SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions), MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving), No Place for Hate, Choose Peace/Stop Violence, etc. The Castro Family's energy and enthusiasm are contagious and everyone wants to be near them. In addition, the Castro Family tries to pass on their love for giving back by always bringing others with them to participate and volunteer in school events.

# MENTORING ACROSS BROWARD



Mentoring is nationally recognized as an effective intervention strategy and students who meet regularly with mentors are much more likely to be successful in school and beyond.

Mentoring Across Broward, which operates within the Broward County Public Schools (BCPS) Department of Equity, Diversity and School Climate, utilizes a multi-tiered approach to leverage school and community-based mentoring resources to better serve the needs of students.

The District's Community Involvement Awards provides an opportunity for schools to highlight their mentoring efforts by nominating a Mentor of the Year and Outstanding Mentoring Programs for consideration.

Mentoring Across Broward combines school-based mentoring, peer mentoring and community-based mentoring opportunities to ensure every student who can benefit from a mentoring relationship has access to a caring and supportive mentor whether in school or in the student's home community. In addition, BCPS is mobilizing District staff to serve as mentors to some of our most fragile students including those at risk of dropping out of school and students who are enrolled in Department of Juvenile Justice educational programs.

Among the school-based mentoring programs providing mentoring services, support and in some cases, scholarship opportunities are:

## **5000 Role Models**

5000 Role models is a civic engagement program in which young males in elementary, middle and high school are paired with mentors from the community under the guidance and primary supervision of a school-based director. The site director, student and mentor focus on three general principles throughout the school year: progressive and successful men in the community to emulate; positive alternatives to self-destructive behaviors and societal pitfalls; everyone must assume responsibility for preparing our youth to successfully face the challenges and struggles in today's society.

## **Big Brothers – Big Sisters**

Big Brothers Big Sisters - Bigs in Schools is a one-on-one mentoring opportunity for adults and college students to meet with a child for one hour a week during school hours or during aftercare hours. Mentors may help with homework, play games, have fun and be a friend. Big Brothers Big Sisters also operates mentoring programs in select schools that target specific populations of students such as Mujeres Latinas at Indian Ridge Middle School, which pairs professional immigrant women with young girls with similar cultural backgrounds, as well as peer mentoring programs, in selected schools.

## **Latinos in Action**

Latinos in Action is a part of the District's ongoing commitment to meeting the needs of Broward's growing Latino community. This program focuses on providing Latino students with increased opportunities for educational, service, cultural and leadership experiences, while empowering them to complete their high school education and attend a college or university after graduation.

# MENTORING ACROSS BROWARD



## **Mental Health Association Listen to Children**

Mental Health Association Listen to Children (LTC) mentoring program promotes mental health through active listening and prevention. LTC mentors serve as non-judgmental adult friends during weekly one-on-one meetings where they engage children through play and conversation. This program model helps enhance children's self-esteem, improve their communication skills and assist in teaching other skills such as decision-making and problem-solving.

## **Mentoring Tomorrow's Leaders**

Mentoring Tomorrow's Leaders (MTL) is a peer-to-peer mentoring and student leadership program that serves youth that are at-risk for not graduating and/or remaining in school. MTL aims to decrease dropout rates, particularly among minority males, to ensure successful school graduation based on the following five Pillars for Success: Academic Achievement, Mentoring, Family Involvement, Community Support and Student Incentives.

## **Take Stock in Children Mentor and Scholarship Program**

Take Stock in Children's (TSIC) mission is to break the cycle of poverty for low income, academically qualified students by providing opportunities for post-secondary education. TSIC offers college scholarships to students who are matched with adult mentors who meet one-on-one with students in middle and high school. The mentors provide support and guidance to students further preparing them for academic and personal success.

## **Women of Tomorrow Mentor and Scholarship Program**

Women of Tomorrow is about women helping women. The program model is unique and effective. Highly accomplished professional women meet with small groups of at-risk girls in public high schools once a month to discuss ways to overcome obstacles and provide skills for success. Participating students are encouraged to apply for scholarships provided through Women of Tomorrow.

Broward County Public Schools is committed to providing youth with access to quality mentoring programs, both in school and in the community.



# OUTSTANDING MENTORING NOMINEES



**Mentoring Tomorrow's Leaders**  
Bair Middle School

**Deputy Robert Gorman**  
Charles S. Drew Elementary School

**Tamarios Pierce**  
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Montessori Academy

**Women of Tomorrow**

## OUTSTANDING MENTOR PROGRAM OF THE YEAR

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**WOMEN OF TOMORROW®**

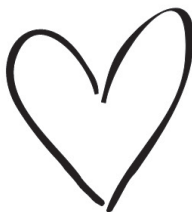


**MENTOR & SCHOLARSHIP  
PROGRAM**

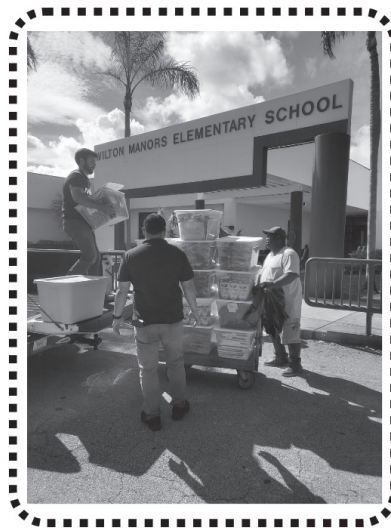
Established in Miami in 1997, the Women of Tomorrow Mentor & Scholarship Program was born out of the belief that caring professional women sharing their knowledge, expertise and support with at-risk and disadvantaged girls can be the catalyst for success by inspiring them to aim higher, by providing them with the skills necessary for personal and professional success – allowing them to find the strength and determination to transform their lives despite the obstacles stacked against them. Women of tomorrow organization partners with local schools to provide mentees with small group monthly mentoring sessions by highly accomplished professionals, field trip opportunities that may include college visits, and tours of local public service and governmental agencies.



# Wilton Manors IB World School



# Moss



# OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARDS



## Volunteer Services

### **Broward County Public Schools**

Volunteer Services, a function within the Office of Communications and Legislative Affairs, supports and assists school volunteer programs throughout Broward County. From the many outstanding volunteer nominations received from schools, outstanding volunteers were selected in the categories of Outstanding Adult Volunteer, Outstanding Youth Volunteer, and Outstanding Senior Volunteer.

In selecting the Volunteers of the Year, the selection panel considers individuals who have made valuable contributions toward the growth and development of BCPS students and have shown outstanding dedication and commitment toward the enrichment of the quality of education offered at our District schools and the furtherance of the District's Strategic Plan.

The following Districtwide volunteer initiatives are a few of the programs managed by Volunteer Services.

- Commissioner's Business Recognition Awards
- Golden and Silver School Awards
- Hours of Service Award
- Outstanding Volunteer Awards

**For more information about school volunteer programs, contact:  
Office of Communications and Legislative Affairs at 754-321-2300 or  
visit [browardschools.com/volunteer](http://browardschools.com/volunteer).**

# OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR NOMINEES



## OUTSTANDING ADULT VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR NOMINEES

Banyan Elementary School.....	Andrew Clarke
Beachside Montessori Village.....	Rachel Clementi
Boulevard Heights Elementary School.....	Louise Simpson
Central Park Elementary School.....	Jennifer Simon
Central Park Elementary School.....	Corey Zeskind
Challenger Elementary School.....	Jennifer Fowler
Charles W. Flanagan High School.....	Christine Gottlieb
Coconut Creek Elementary School.....	Zsuzsanna Bencsik
Cooper City High School.....	Jena McClure
Coral Glades High School.....	Nicole Morst
Coral Glades High School.....	Jessica Rachbind
Dania Elementary School.....	Ketty Diaz
Dolphin Bay Elementary School.....	Maroa Bierschenk-Urdua
Dolphin Bay Elementary School.....	Suhaiti Suarez
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Montessori Academy.....	Iris Connery
Eagle Point Elementary School.....	Mia Quintana
Eagle Ridge Elementary School.....	Melanie Borisoff
Embassy Creek Elementary School.....	Shari Saideman
Everglades High School.....	Vuliette Denis
Falcon Cove Middle School.....	Lilian Yonamine
Falcon Cove Middle School.....	Kathleen Phillips
Forest Glen Middle School.....	Trang Tran
Harbordale Elementary School.....	Eva Shoop-Shafor
Hollywood Hills Elementary School.....	Arielle Kraus
Hollywood Hills High School.....	Michele Singer
Hollywood Park Elementary School.....	Ginnelle Gerald
Indian Trace Elementary School.....	Melissa Scher
Lakeside Elementary School.....	Mary Chacin
Lakeside Elementary School.....	Alexandria Chavez
Lakeside Elementary School.....	Jennifer Lopez
Lauderhill Paul Turner Elementary School.....	Danielle Grant
Liberty Elementary School.....	Angelica Dubanewicz
Liberty Elementary School.....	Ana Rosa Ortiz
Lyons Creek Middle School.....	Saba Aamir
Manatee Bay Elementary School.....	Melissa Archibald
Maplewood Elementary School.....	Sabrina Metayer
Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School.....	Pammy Katz
Miramar High School.....	Claudia Scott

# OUTSTANDING ADULT VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR NOMINEES (Continued)

Morrow Elementary School.....	Alisha Moriceau
New River Middle School .....	Carla Wong
North Lauderdale Elementary School .....	Kelly Henke
Nova High School .....	Joel Mendez
Nova High School .....	Julie Rollins
Panther Run Elementary School.....	Yashira Perez
Park Springs Elementary School.....	Reyna Ucros Torres
Parkside Elementary School.....	Margarita Fernandez
Parkside Elementary School.....	Vicky Osario
Parkside Elementary School.....	Erika Rivera
Parkside Elementary School.....	Patricia Tumbarello
Pembroke Lakes Elementary School .....	Stephanie Sedell
Pembroke Lakes Elementary School .....	Kerri Teramo
Peters Elementary School.....	Kristine Cartagena
Pinewood Elementary School .....	Breezy Ellis
Pioneer Middle School .....	Janie Jenkins
Plantation Park Elementary School.....	Amanda Castilla
Pompano Beach Elementary School .....	Karin Martinez
Pompano Beach Elementary School .....	Trish Spear
Ramblewood Middle School.....	Vanessa Lindeman
Riverglades Elementary School.....	Danielle Hoffman
Riverside Elementary School.....	DeAnn Robertson
Sandpiper Elementary School.....	Joan Sturgess
Seminole Middle School.....	Kim Van Sant
Sheridan Park Elementary School .....	Louisa Pino
Silver Lakes Elementary School.....	Mariela Mendiondo
Silver Palms Elementary School .....	Krissy Camacho
Silver Trail Middle School.....	Danielle Delgado
Silver Trail Middle School.....	Gajalakshmi "Gigi" Gnansekaran
South Broward High School.....	Frank Martin
South Plantation High School .....	Dr. Alice Culpepper
Stirling Elementary School .....	Evelyn Guttman
Stirling Elementary School .....	Lorelei Olsen
Sunland Park Academy .....	Justin Lebron
Sunrise Middle School.....	Kevin Bell
Sunset Lakes Elementary School .....	Migdalia Jachter
Sunset Lakes Elementary School .....	Johanna Moas
Tradewinds Elementary School .....	Carol Albano
Virginia S. Young Montessori Elementary School.....	Karina Esser
Walter C. Young Middle School.....	Karen Hugh Sam
Westchester Elementary School.....	Deborah Ferrara
Winston Park Elementary School.....	Stephanie West

## OUTSTANDING SENIOR VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR NOMINEES

Bayview Elementary School.....	Patty Robinson
Challenger Elementary School.....	David Browder
Coconut Creek Elementary School.....	Joanne Cairone White
Country Hills Elementary School .....	Joan Blum
Country Hills Elementary School .....	Joyce Wirch
Cypress Elementary School.....	Katrina Moore
Discovery Elementary School .....	Antonia Ignaccolo
Discovery Elementary School .....	Paulette Jones
Discovery Elementary School .....	Edna Morris
Eagle Ridge Elementary School .....	Catherine Mayberry
Forest Hills Elementary School.....	Susan Kunkle
Harbordale Elementary School .....	Susan Anderson
Indian Trace Elementary School.....	Norma Llorca
North Lauderdale Elementary School .....	Frayda Methal
Parkside Elementary School.....	Sharon Wiggins
Pembroke Lakes Elementary School .....	Kevin Gleason
Peters Elementary School.....	Elizabeth Gonya
Ramblewood Middle School .....	Barbara Kosela
Riverglades Elementary School.....	Benton Ryle
Seminole Middle School.....	John Douglas
Sheridan Park Elementary School .....	Bonnie Johnston
South Plantation High School .....	Jerry Holt
The Quest Center .....	Winsome Bright
Virginia S. Young Montessori Elementary School.....	Richard Reiss
Westchester Elementary School.....	Alyse Thompson

## OUTSTANDING YOUTH VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR NOMINEES

Hollywood Hills High School .....	Kyanne Anderson
North Lauderdale Elementary School .....	Amari Williams
Nova High School .....	Corbin Dean
Ramblewood Middle School.....	Maxx Wolff
South Broward High School.....	Kenza Elmoutawakel
Winston Park Elementary School.....	Jarel Toledo

## OUTSTANDING DISTRICT ADVISORY/COMMITTEE VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR NOMINEES

Broward County Council of PTAs and PTSAs .....	Ashley Atkinson
District Advisory Council .....	Linda Ferrara
District Advisory Council .....	Malicah Maydene Isaac
District Advisory Council - North Region .....	Cynthia Dominique
District Advisory Council - North Region .....	Karla Figueroa
Diversity Committee .....	Narnike Pierre Grant
Human Relations Committee .....	Naima Khan-Ghany
Small Business Advisory .....	Carol Jones

# OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR



## ADULT VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR



**Rachel Clementi**

*Beachside Montessori Village*

Rachel Clementi's dedication and diligence have made Beachside Montessori Village a stronger and more vibrant school. Through weekly volunteering and a willingness to go beyond the scope of her volunteer position, Ms. Clementi's true presence can be felt through what she inspires in the students, staff and physical campus. One of Ms. Clementi's most significant contributions is the successful re-installation of the school's solar-powered hydroponics system. Through Ms. Clementi's assiduous efforts, the station was relocated to optimize performance and it is now fully operational, providing fresh produce for the school community year-round. Another initiative of which Ms. Clementi is an instrumental member is Beachside Montessori's Garden Club. Her weekly sessions with students focus on basic gardening, soil health, hydroponic maintenance, planting, harvesting, composting and the interconnectivity of all living things. The Garden Club has contributed to the beautification of the school campus' green spaces, transforming the garden into a bonified outdoor classroom. Ms. Clementi's passion for the school, students and community can be felt in the garden, on the sports field, in the classroom and throughout the halls. The Beachside Montessori Village family believes it takes a village to raise a child, and Ms. Clementi is certainly a significant part of this village.

## SENIOR VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR



**Benton Ryle**

*Riverglades Elementary School*

Benton Ryle has been actively involved with Riverglades Elementary School for the past three years. He has spent many hours supporting the school through volunteerism and participation in school activities. Described as a kind, hardworking, open-minded and passionate volunteer, Mr. Ryle genuinely cares about the students and staff of Riverglades Elementary. He takes great pride in being a volunteer and is always willing to give back. His volunteer career started many years before at another elementary school and after the pandemic, he began serving at Riverglades Elementary. The pandemic never slowed him down. Once schools were open, he returned to school and started serving. He has served more than 400 hours at Riverglades Elementary and volunteers during the summer at other school locations, such as Park Trails Elementary School. He truly cares about the community, school, staff and students, and is a true advocate who believes in using his actions and voice to make a positive difference in the lives of today's youth.

## **YOUTH VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR**



**Kenza Elmoutawakel**

*South Broward High School*

Kenza Elmoutawakel takes advantage of every opportunity to grow and serve as a leader. Her desire to impact the lives of everyone around her makes her a natural force to be reckoned with in all aspects of her life. Since her freshman year, she has consistently volunteered and served in various leadership roles. She is currently a member of the South Broward High School's Athletic Advisory Committee. This Committee assists the school's Athletic Director with various activities including event set-up. She is also a part of the athletics fundraising committee and in this role has raised monies that impact several hundred students. Additionally, through Ms. Elmoutawakel's fundraising efforts, each year the school is able to provide uniforms for athletes who do not have the financial resources to purchase one. Known to be a studious, conscientious and competent individual, Ms. Elmoutawakel is recognized by students and staff alike for her friendly attitude, outgoing personality and desire to effectively collaborate with others. Thanks to her hard work, Ms. Elmoutawakel is consistently viewed as employable and a strong asset to her community.

## **DISTRICT ADVISORY/COMMITTEE VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR**



**Linda Ferrara**

*District Advisory Council*

Linda Ferrara has been a volunteer with Broward County Public Schools for the last 25 years with a weekly average of 30 hours of community service. She serves on four (4) Committees: District Advisory Committee (DAC), Technology Advisory Committee, Facilities Task Force and the South Area Advisory. Her role as a member of the DAC is imperative to the functionality of the committees by keeping them progressive, organized on task and knowledgeable on district policies, Statutes and the Sunshine Law to ensure compliance. Over the last 25 years, a plethora of volunteers have been trained by Linda who can attest to becoming better active members and Committee chairs. Her partnership and influence has positively impacted development and efficiency of volunteer groups for decades. For instance, she played an intricate role in organizing and conducting training seminars to become School Advisory Forum Chairs and taking leadership roles at their individual school's district-wide. Linda also played a valuable role in developing the district's first "School Board Advisory Council Training" manual in 2000. Most recently, in conjunction with the Budget office, Ms. Ferrara helped produce the districts first "School Board Budget Seminar" centered around informing School Advisory Council members on how to interpret and understand their school's budget. Lastly, Ms. Ferrara was a key participant in the updating of School Board Policy 1070 (District Committees and Their Membership) by rewriting crucial language to align the document with other District policies.

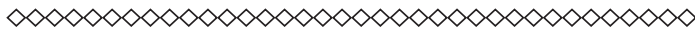
# SUPERINTENDENT'S STUDENT AWARD



**Lexi Fractenberg**

*South Plantation High School*

Throughout her high school career, Lexi Fractenberg has volunteered with several clubs and organizations and currently has 4,684 documented service-learning hours. As early as her freshman year, she became involved with the Mu Alpha Theta, Environmental Ambassadors, the Animal Science program, Aquarium Club and Student Government. Her volunteerism extended outside of school, as she served many community-based clubs and organizations, such as her Temple, the Humane Society of Broward County, Relay for Life/American Cancer Society and the Teen Court of Broward County BBYO (B'nai B'rith Youth Organization). During the COVID-19 pandemic, it was harder to volunteer as many places closed; however, determined to serve her community, Ms. Fractenberg continued to assist with her school's Animal Science program and Aquarium Club, and served several community organizations. Ms. Fractenberg believes that service is important and positively impacts her school and community at large. As a senior, she continues to volunteer and help her community as she believes, "It is this work, that has shaped me into who I am today."



*"Life's most persistent and urgent question is,  
What are you doing for others?"  
— Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.*

# YEARS OF SERVICE AWARDS



## FIVE YEARS

Central Park Elementary School.....	Kim Spennato
Country Hills Elementary School .....	Mary Sullivan
Embassy Creek Elementary School.....	Lilith Krasnor
Gator Run Elementary School .....	Valeria Ben-David
Gator Run Elementary School .....	Aura Catalina Castro
Gator Run Elementary School .....	Betsy Chibbaro
Gator Run Elementary School .....	Joanne Crimmins
Gator Run Elementary School .....	Maria Katrina Gamez
Gator Run Elementary School .....	Mary Grossman
Gator Run Elementary School .....	Lindsay Hincapie
Gator Run Elementary School .....	Maria Huey
Gator Run Elementary School .....	Erin Monaghan
Heron Heights Elementary School.....	Cheryl Banham
Heron Heights Elementary School.....	Kristin Barbagallo
Heron Heights Elementary School.....	Rita Berger
Heron Heights Elementary School.....	Jyll Bratter
Heron Heights Elementary School.....	Erica Davis
Heron Heights Elementary School.....	Callie Dietrich
Heron Heights Elementary School.....	Katerina Ehrlich
Heron Heights Elementary School.....	Julie Frachtman
Heron Heights Elementary School.....	Jaime Friedland
Heron Heights Elementary School.....	Kathleen Furbino
Heron Heights Elementary School.....	Lauren Generoso
Heron Heights Elementary School.....	Jenn Hammel
Heron Heights Elementary School.....	Amy Hopkins
Heron Heights Elementary School.....	Mohika Khullar
Heron Heights Elementary School.....	Lorainy Lapierre
Heron Heights Elementary School.....	Layli Mayster
Heron Heights Elementary School.....	Beth McCarthy
Heron Heights Elementary School.....	Hayley Mooney
Heron Heights Elementary School.....	Silvia Ochoa
Heron Heights Elementary School.....	Michelle Ramer
Heron Heights Elementary School.....	Jessica Ross
Heron Heights Elementary School.....	Jenny Shane
Heron Heights Elementary School.....	Sara Silverman
Heron Heights Elementary School.....	Amanda Singer
Heron Heights Elementary School.....	Erica Snyder
Heron Heights Elementary School.....	Nicole Stender
Heron Heights Elementary School.....	Elizabeth Szatkiewicz

## **FIVE YEARS (Continued)**

Heron Heights Elementary School.....	Miranda Taft
Heron Heights Elementary School.....	Stacie Weisbrot
Hollywood Hills High School .....	Jossy Aguilar
Hollywood Hills High School .....	Halina Ayache
Hollywood Hills High School .....	Ruth Barthelemy
Hollywood Hills High School .....	Lisa Schaller
Pembroke Lakes Elementary School .....	Sharon Karch
Sheridan Park Elementary School .....	Jennifer Gray
Sunset Lakes Elementary School .....	Shanna Gildersleeve
Sunset Lakes Elementary School .....	Tsega Mulu
Sunset Lakes Elementary School .....	Paloma Santana

## **TEN YEARS**

Country Hills Elementary School .....	Michael Dym
Heron Heights Elementary School.....	Nicole Boothe
Hollywood Hills High School .....	Juan Briceno
Hollywood Hills High School .....	Heather Herrmann
Hollywood Hills High School .....	Heather Hofmann
Hollywood Hills High School .....	Stacey Mandaro-Wyckoff
Hollywood Hills High School .....	Mircea Onesemiuc
Hollywood Hills High School .....	Michele Singer
Hollywood Hills High School .....	Harlan Singer, Jr.
Hollywood Hills High School .....	Ronee Stratman
Hollywood Hills High School .....	Charlene Wingett
North Lauderdale Elementary School .....	Frayda Methal
Sunset Lakes Elementary School .....	Johanna Moas
Sunset Lakes Elementary School .....	Nicholas Vermont

## **FIFTEEN YEARS**

Discovery Elementary School .....	Antonia Ignaccolo
Hollywood Hills High School .....	Trinette Hampton
Ramblewood Middle School .....	Vanessa Lindeman
Ramblewood Middle School .....	Kara Rodman
Silver Palms Elementary School .....	Laura Burgos
Sunset Lakes Elementary School .....	Migdalia Jachter

## **TWENTY YEARS**

Hollywood Hills High School .....	Magalli Arita
Hollywood Hills High School .....	Jonathan Bernardoni
Hollywood Hills High School .....	Dunia Castro
Hollywood Hills High School .....	Jairo Castro
Plantation Elementary School .....	Yvonne Simpson

## **THIRTY-FIVE YEARS**

Harbordale Elementary School .....	Maryann Cockerille
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# OUTSTANDING SCHOOL-BASED PARTNER OF THE YEAR AWARDS



Throughout the academic year, generous business and community partners across Broward provide much-needed financial and material resources, as well as their valuable time, energy and expertise in support of quality education. These business and community partners are independently nominated by the schools they help to receive Broward County Public Schools School-Based Partner of the Year Award.

A screening panel reviews and scores all qualified nominations across a set of criteria developed around level of commitment, demonstrated support for school improvement and student achievement, and the effective use of resources in providing meaningful experiences to our students.

The descriptions in this booklet give only a small glimpse into the innovative and generous ways that our partners support Broward County Public Schools. We are deeply grateful for their support!



*"Coming together is a beginning.*

*Keeping together is progress.*

*Working together is success."*

*— Henry Ford*

# OUTSTANDING SCHOOL-BASED PARTNER OF THE YEAR NOMINEES



Bennett Elementary School .....	Carry Out Weekend Food Program
Broward Estates Elementary School.....	Only the Beginning, Inc.
Charles S. Drew Elementary School .....	Men of Class
Charles W. Flanagan High School .....	Aflac Closet of Care
Cooper City High School.....	Partners in Education
Coral Springs PreK-8 School .....	Park Ridge Church
Country Hills Elementary School .....	Enrichment Masters
Country Hills Elementary School .....	Huntington Learning Center
Country Hills Elementary School .....	Manhattan Bagel
Country Hills Elementary School .....	Sam's Club
Country Hills Elementary School .....	Dunkin' Donuts
Cypress Run Education Center .....	Learning for Success, Inc.
Dave Thomas Education Center.....	Feed the Need Organization: Campus Food Pantry
Dillard Elementary School .....	Good Works
Discovery Elementary School .....	Team Hit/Fight Lyfe
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Montessori Academy .....	Dream Girls Club
Falcon Cove Middle School .....	Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital
Gulfstream Early Learning Center .....	Jay's Clothing Bank
James S. Rickards Middle School .....	Harmony Development Center
James S. Rickards Middle School .....	Aerospace Dimensions
Lyons Creek Middle School.....	TLC4teachers.org
Meadowbrook Elementary School .....	Community After School
Monarch High School.....	Bar Louie, Coconut Creek
Monarch High School.....	Keys Grocery - Coral Springs
Morrow Elementary School.....	Boise, Schiller and Flexner, LLP
Morrow Elementary School.....	Calvary Chapel Fort Lauderdale
Nob Hill Elementary School .....	Mathnasium
North Side Elementary School .....	Children's Aid Club
Oriole Elementary School.....	Jingle Bell Event
Park Springs Elementary School .....	Starbucks
Park Trails Elementary School.....	After School Programs, Inc.
Riverland Elementary School.....	Riverland's It Takes a Village Literacy Initiative
Seagull Alternative High School .....	My Safe Harbor, Inc.
Sunland Park Academy .....	Community-Based Connections, Inc.
West Hollywood Elementary School .....	The Local Church: Acts of Love
William T. McFatter College and High School.....	Read Squad
Wilton Manors Elementary School.....	Moss Construction Foundation

# OUTSTANDING SCHOOL-BASED PARTNER OF THE YEAR



## ***ELEMENTARY LEVEL***

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### **Broward Estates Elementary School with Only the Beginning, Inc.**

Only the Beginning, Inc. serves the Broward Estates Elementary School community faithfully with the goals of increasing student attendance and academic achievement, improving student behavior and parent involvement, boosting staff morale, increasing parent involvement, and connecting scholars and families to much needed resources. The Only the Beginning team visited Broward Estates Elementary and met with the school administration and other stakeholders, such as parents and community members, about challenges in the learning environment. They learned that the administrators were seeking a creative way to improve attendance and curb behaviors that distracted students from making gains. The solution – the “BEE” Incentivized Program.

The “BEE” Incentivized Program motivates students to consistently demonstrate an understanding of schoolwide expectations through positive classroom behavior, academic progress, daily attendance, and a daily display of good character. Students work hard to earn “BEE” bucks so that we can visit the game room or the school store! The school store is called “BEES R US” and has toys, games, DIY kits and trinkets from which the students can choose. Students are inspired to create, paint, inventory and organize the school store and game room which has board games, a pool table, basketball hoops, Play Station and Nintendo game consoles. There is also virtual reality and a cool “chill out” corner for anyone who just wants to read or relax.

The “BEE” Incentivized program has major benefits for both scholars and staff. It empowers staff to acknowledge and reward positive behavior, which motivates students to meet the expectations set by leadership, teachers and staff. The program also helps to improve overall school culture and atmosphere, as well as build positive habits such as being kind, reporting problems and working independently. Students are now eager to arrive to school on time, are encouraging each other to do their schoolwork and are motivated to help staff so that they can earn “BEE” bucks.

Only the Beginning, Inc. created a powerful program to empower Broward Estates Elementary students and motivate them to go to school and learn. On any given day, members of the Only the Beginning team can be found on the school campus interacting with the students and staff. The relationships they have built within the school community have lasting impacts on the Broward Estates Elementary School family.

# OUTSTANDING SCHOOL-BASED PARTNER OF THE YEAR



## SECONDARY LEVEL

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### **Cypress Run Education Center with Learning for Success, Inc.**

Learning for Success, Inc. is a multifaceted program that boasts various mini programs within. Cypress Run Education Center's middle school students have benefitted from the "My Future is Now" portion of the program, a program that builds character and focuses on career building. Students are exposed to occupations and afforded the opportunity to meet representatives and CEOs from various employment fields ranging from entertainment to business franchisees.

The high school population is connected to Solutions for Change. Solutions for Change's goal is to combat racism and create equity and social justice throughout the Broward County school system. Cypress Run Education Center houses approximately 170 expulsion students. However, the principal, Dr. Gastrid Harrigan and Mr. John Casbarro of Learning for Success, have worked to create and maintain opportunities that most students in an alternative setting would never get to experience.

Mr. Casbarro aligns the My Future is Now program field trips with the school's curriculum and chaperones each event. One of the most rewarding field trips was to the Miami Heat Arena. The students learned how each career at the Arena connects to create a safe and exciting environment. The students talked about the trip for weeks. Mr. Casbarro also orchestrated a hands-on presentation from the Broward School of Nursing. Students who had never thought about the medical field, left there planning to add Nursing to their list of career choices. Another presentation that was impactful was given by Publix associates. Students were ecstatic to learn of the stock options and age requirements needed to begin a lifelong career with a company of that caliber. With every presentation, a spark is lit in a student that may have struggled to find purpose.

Solutions for Change's focus on equality and justice for all students has been enlightening and emotional for Cypress Run's high school students. Mr. Casbarro's program has allowed the students to have a voice. Through creative writing competitions, students create a Social Justice piece, which some students shared at a city commission meeting.

Through these programs, Learning for Success shows Cypress Run Education Center students the ways that they can use their strengths, skills, talents and interests to reach their highest potential.

# OUTSTANDING SCHOOL-BASED PARTNER OF THE YEAR



## SECONDARY LEVEL

### Seagull Alternative High School with My Safe Harbor, Inc.

My Safe Harbor, Inc. has been connected as a community partner with Seagull Alternative High School since 2012. The organization brings hope and encouragement by lending a helping hand to children and families in the community. "A child who is hungry cannot focus on learning and cannot function and thrive without proper sustenance and nutrition," says Marsha Tessler, the founder and Director of My Safe Harbor, Inc.

Over the past several years, My Safe Harbor, Inc. has provided food, snacks, water, juices, diapers, wipes and other baby supplies for the students and their families. For the past two years, they have provided over 40+ cans of 30–32-ounce size baby formula, 3-4 dozen jars of baby food, a dozen or more strollers, car seats, 2-3 dozen cases of diapers, wipes, pacifiers, baby bottles, sippy cups, and hundreds of bags of clothes and shoes for the children in the program. Teen parents can access the supplies as needed from a dedicated area in each childcare room.

In addition, Ms. Tessler offers her business to host Seagull Alternative High's annual toy drive and has provided toys and gifts for each child in the Child Development Center for the holidays. Another event, sponsored by My Safe Harbor, Inc., is the school's holiday party where gifts, snacks and beverages are distributed to more than 100 individuals. Lastly, My Safe Harbor, Inc. donates bags of clothes, shoes, toys, books, puzzles, stuffed animals and women's and men's clothing. During the summer when school is not in session, they continue to assist families with groceries and supplies. Seagull Alternative High School is grateful to Marsha Tessler and My Safe Harbor, Inc. for the long-standing partnership and dedication to its students and families.



*Thank you for attending the  
2023 Community Involvement Awards.  
See you next year!*

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**\$142 MILLION\***

earned in scholarships

\*Total scholarships for the Class of 2022,  
including self-reported and Bright Futures.

» **OUR VISION:** Educating today's students to succeed in tomorrow's world.

» **OUR MISSION:** Broward County Public Schools (BCPS) is committed to educating all students to reach their highest potential.



## » NUMBER OF SCHOOLS

Elementary	137
Middle	35
High	32
Combination	9
Centers	17
Colleges (Adult Enrolled)	3
ESE Contract Agency Schools	7*
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>240</b>
Charters	90
<b>TOTAL SCHOOLS</b>	<b>330</b>

\*This year's count includes 7 ESE Contract Agency Schools previously administered through Harbordale Elementary School.

Source: Demographics & Student Assignments, as of 09/12/2022.

## » STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS

### Race

White	51.7% / 131,534
Black	40.2% / 102,375
Asian	3.9% / 9,796

Native American or Native Alaskan	0.3% / 866
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.2% / 523
Multiracial	3.7% / 9,290

### Ethnicity

Hispanic	37.9% / 96,452
Non-Hispanic	62.1% / 157,932

### Other Demographic Data

ELL*	12.6% / 31,927
ESE*	14.8% / 37,573
Free or Reduced Lunch Meals	55.6% / 141,380

\*ELL - English Language Learner

\*ESE - Exceptional Student Education

Source: 09/12/2022 Benchmark Day Enrollment Report, Demographics & Enrollment Planning.



BCPS has been named Cambridge International's District of the Year twice in four years.



**BCPS is the largest employer in Broward County.**



## » OUR STAFF

Instructional staff	13,965
Clerical and support staff	10,351
Administrators	1,586

**Total number of permanent employees 25,902**

Total number of substitute and temporary employees 1,879

**TOTAL EMPLOYEES 27,781**

Source: Compensation and HR Information Systems, as of 12/13/22.



**2021 graduation rate of 93.9%\* for traditional high schools**

Source: High School Graduation Rates, 2021/22 [Memo] 1/13/2023

## » ENROLLMENT

Pre-K	5,353
K – 5	83,280
6 – 8	43,655
9 – 12	68,708
Centers	3,725
Charters	49,663
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>254,384</b>

Source: 09/12/2022 Benchmark Day Enrollment Report, Demographics & Student Assignments; includes elementary, middle, high and virtual schools



## » AVERAGE EXPENDITURES PER STUDENT

Basic K – 12	\$7,448
ESOL*	\$8,511
ESE	\$13,605
Career Ed 9 – 12	\$6,630
<b>TOTAL FOR ALL PROGRAMS</b>	<b>\$8,794</b>

\*ESOL - English for Speakers of Other Languages

Source: 2020-21 Average Per Student Expenditure, Florida Department of Education.



BCPS serves approximately **26 million meals and snacks** per year.

Source: Food & Nutrition Services, as of 11/3/21

# STUDENTS FIRST



## 2022 - 2027 STRATEGIC PLAN

The School Board of Broward County, Florida has adopted a student outcomes-focused approach to governing to improve what students know and can do with the knowledge and skills Broward County Public Schools provides to succeed in the future.

### GOALS

#### Early Literacy Proficiency

The percent of grade 3 students who demonstrate grade-level performance or above on the state English Language Arts (ELA) assessment will grow from 52% in June 2022 to 65% by June 2027.

#### Algebra Proficiency

The percent of students who met the Algebra graduation testing requirement by the end of grade 9 will grow from 53% in June 2022 to 63% by June 2027.

#### Science Proficiency

The percent of grade 8 students who demonstrate grade-level performance or above on the Florida Statewide Science Assessment or Biology EOC will grow from 47% in June 2022 to 55% by June 2027.

#### College & Career Readiness

The percent of graduates who earned any combination of two from the following list: College credit on an AP exam, IB exam, AICE exam, or dual enrollment course; Industry certification; CTACE internship; will grow from 41% in June 2022 to 51% by June 2027.

### GUARDRAILS

#### Safety

The Superintendent may not allow a breach of safety policies and procedures that result in an increase in threatening or unsafe circumstances for students and staff.

#### Equity

The Superintendent may not allow resources to be allocated without firm evidence of their equitable distribution.

#### School Support

The Superintendent may not allow classrooms in C, D, F or Unsatisfactory rated schools to go without essential material and human resources.

#### Accountability

The Superintendent may not allow the District to operate without an accountability system for policy implementation that includes expectations, evaluation, transparency and continuous improvement.

#### Wellness Support

The Superintendent may not make decisions without ensuring students and staff are connected with necessary wellness resources.



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