

Parental Engagement in Palm Beach County

FASFEP A Spring Forum

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Who are we?

- FY14 – 127 Title I Schools
 - 65 Elementary
 - 17 Middle
 - 12 High Schools
 - 25 Charter Schools
 - 2 ESE Centers
 - 6 Alternative Centers
- 5th Largest District in FL; 11th Largest in US
- Divided into 5 geographic areas



District Parent Advisory Council (DPAC)

- All parents/guardians of students in Title I schools are eligible to attend DPAC meetings
- Meets quarterly
- Provides input for the LEA/PIP and set-aside funding
- Recommends programs and activities to build parent capacity
- Engages in the annual evaluation of the LEA/PIP



Parenting Partners

- Recommended by DPAC following a presentation at the December, 2012 DPAC meeting
- Teams from 8 pilot schools were invited to two days of training in late January, 2014
- Teams consisted of school administrators, teachers, parent liaisons and parents
- Parents assume the leadership role to facilitate research-based workshops on positive parenting and leadership skills

Parenting Partners

- Participants provided positive feedback on the evaluations following the two days of training
- Most schools plan to implement the workshop series next fall





Parent Trainings to Combat the Summer Slide

- In late May and early June, we will host 5 parent training nights (1 per area)
- Parents of Title I elementary students will be invited to attend the training in their geographic area
- Parents will receive a custom-designed, grade-level specific kit of materials to help their child maintain academic focus over the summer
- Kits were designed by Lakeshore Learning
- Parents will learn how to use the materials with their students

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Parent Resource Centers (PRCs)

- 5 in District – 4 in SIG schools; 1 District PRC





Parent Resource Centers (PRCs)

- Welcoming and materials-rich environment
- Data from the Pleasant City Elementary PRC from 2012-2013
 - 8 parent trainings were held in Reading and Math
 - Parents of 65 students attended (school population 250)
 - 52 of the students whose parents attended showed learning gains from Fall to Winter Diagnostic tests (80%)
 - Parents of 37 of the 52 students who made gains checked out materials from the PRC
- Pleasant City was on the lowest 100 elementary school list in 2012-2013, but no longer on list!

Interdepartmental Parental Engagement Meetings

- Parental engagement activities occur in many departments and programs
- Two interdepartmental meetings have been held this spring to collaborate, avoid duplication, coordinate efforts, and resources
- A matrix of activities was created and shared
- Palm Beach County is developing a Parent Academy for 2014 - 2015





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