

August 3, 2007

The Council conducted two highly successful **Florida Leadership Academies**, June 24 – 29 and July 15 – 20 for 256 educators— Principals, AP's and teacher leaders. The Academies are a **FLDOE William C. Golden Program for School Leaders** activity with generous support from these sponsors: **Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Florida, Inc., Darden Restaurants Foundation, Publix Super Markets Charities, Inc., Washington Mutual and The Lennar Foundation.** The **Breakers** in Palm Beach, **Water Color Inn** in Santa Rosa Beach and the **Colony Beach and Tennis Resort** in Longboat Key gave luxurious getaway packages to fortunate Academy participants. Council Vice Chair **Gene Marshall** attended the Academies which were held in Tampa.

Council President and Executive Director, **Dr. Elaine Liftin** was invited to join and participate in the **FCAT Assessment and Accountability Review Committee**, formed by **FLDOE** Commissioner of Education **Jeanine Blomberg.** The next meeting for the group, which includes prominent district and state education leaders and government leaders, is slated for Aug. 8 in Orlando.

Are you an outstanding Principal who raised student achievement....empowered staff....engaged the community...participated in a Council activity? Then you may apply for the **\$10,000 Leonard Miller Principal Leadership Award.** The Award is for the winner's personal use. More information follows.

The **Deborah L. Natansohn Foundation** announced it will support the Council's Executive PASS program with a generous annual donation to assist an Executive PASS principal at a South Florida school. The program's goal is increased student achievement. Formed in February 2007, The Deborah L. Natansohn Foundation promotes the advancement of women in society and business through mentoring programs, educational partnerships, scholarships and community outreach. Before her untimely death in Oct. 2006, **Ms. Natansohn**--then President and Chief Operating Officer of Seabourn Cruise Line--had been working with her Executive PASS school. The program pairs local business leaders with Principals, and infuses business strategies into improvement efforts. The Principal selected for this grant will be recognized at the Deborah L. Natansohn Foundation gala in Ft. Lauderdale, Nov. 8th. For information on supporting this initiative, please contact Dawn Wilson at the Council, 954.727.9909.

On Aug. 17 at 1:00 p.m., the Hialeah Municipal PASS® partnership at James Bright Elementary will be launched. Thanks to the leadership of **Hialeah Mayor Julio Robaina** who has prioritized education in his administration, local business leaders were recruited to fund PASS and serve as CEO's in local schools. The entire school, district, parent, city and area community, together with Council representatives will attend the kick-off event. The Bright PASS model is generously supported by **Waste Management of Florida, Inc. General Manager J.R. Romero** will be the PASS CEO mentor working with Principal **Maritza Garcia.** PASS is partnered by **MDCPS** and also funded statewide by the **Florida legislature** and by **Raymond James Financial.**

Two Assistant Principal Leadership Forums will be conducted by the Council this Fall on Sept. 26-27 in Tampa, and on Oct. 24-25 in Orlando. The Forums are sponsored by the **FLDOE** through the **William Cecil Golden School Leaders Program** and through generous corporate sponsorship from: **Carnival Cruise Lines, JP Morgan Chase Foundation, and Lennar Foundation.** The Forums are designed to increase the instructional leadership skills of all participants.

**We are moving.....
 Please note new address!**

The Council is moving to a new location, effective **Aug. 27, 2007:**

**Meridian Business Campus
 3265 Meridian Parkway
 Suite 130
 Weston, Florida 33331**

Our phone and fax numbers remain the same:
Phone: 954.727.9909 Fax: 954.727.0990

The Council's lease at our current office is expiring and the complex where we are located is slated for repurposing. Relocating at this time helps us continue serving our partners, delivering programs, and running the organization in an efficient and cost effective manner. The Council's uses only 6% of its funding for administrative costs, well below the industry standard of 18-20% for non-profits.

This move would not have been possible without the generous support of **Steven Caster, Principal, Banyan Street Partners and Mark Somerstein, Partner, Ruden McClosky.** We thank them for all their assistance in finding our new home.

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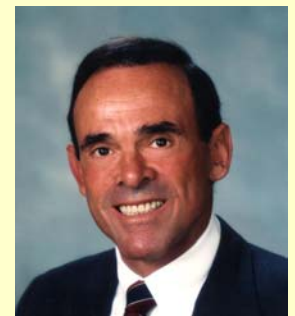
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Apply TODAY for the Fifth Annual \$10,000 Leonard Miller Principal Leadership Award 2007

PRINCIPALS currently or formerly in a **Council for Educational Change** program will receive an application for the fifth annual, statewide \$10,000 **Leonard Miller Principal Leadership Award**. The \$10,000 award is for the winner's personal use. Semifinalists will also receive a monetary award — last year's 2 semi-finalists received a \$5,000 award. A special event in November will celebrate the winners' achievements.

ABOUT THE AWARD

It commemorates the legacy of Council founder, Leonard Miller. He believed that outstanding Principal Leadership is the catalyst to increase student achievement. He believed that excellence and exemplary performance should be rewarded.



Mr. Leonard Miller

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The Award recognizes a Principal who has:

- ❖ raised student achievement
- ❖ empowered staff
- ❖ partnered with business and community

APPLICATION

Available online for download at our website, www.changeeducation.org, the form is brief and requires evidence of assertions. Applications will also be mailed to eligible candidates. If you wish to receive Award email notices, please forward an email address, and include contact information, to thastings@changeeducation.org. Applications will be accepted from July 2, 2007 and no later than September 7, 2007 for inclusion of 2007 achievement gains and growth.

The Award program and event has benefited from the generous sponsorship of:
Cobb Family Foundation, John & Selene Devaney, Edward W. Easton, Richard & Susan Finkelstein and Lennar Foundation

2006 Winner Linda V. Geller
Principal of West Tampa Elementary,
Hillsborough County

"Mrs. Geller cultivates an environment where faculty, staff, parents and students participate in a common goal of developing successful students-- no barriers."
Joan Altshuler, Reading Coach



2006 Principal Leadership Award Winner
Linda V. Geller, West Tampa Elementary, Hillsborough

2006 Principal Leadership Award Finalists
Alejandro Perez, Comstock Elementary, Miami-Dade
Nongongoma Majova-Seane, Eugene Butler Middle, Duval

2005 Principal Leadership Award Winner
Jacqueline Byrd, Reynolds Lane Elementary, Duval

2004 Principal Leadership Award Winner
Patricia Penn Dixon, Dillard Elementary, Broward

2003 Principal Leadership Award Winner
Bart Christie, Bent Tree Elementary, Miami-Dade

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