

FINAL REMINDER:

November 18, 2009 is the date of the annual Leonard Miller Principal Leadership Award luncheon. The Keynote Speaker for this prestigious event will be announced at a later date.

Attention Principal Leaders! Apply now for the Seventh Annual Leonard Miller Principal Leadership Award. The application is now live on the Council's website: <http://www.changeeducation.org>. If you are a Principal who is currently or has formerly participated in any Council program/activity you may be a winner. The Gold Medallion Winner receives \$10,000 and the two other Gold Medallion Finalists each receive \$5,000 with all monies for personal use. Last year's winner, Miami-Dade Principal **Douglas Rodriguez**, received his award from special guest **Gloria Estefan**. The 2009 event is planned for Nov. 18th, and will be hosted by Council Educational Advancement Chair, **Sue Miller**, at her Star Island home. This year's Award program and event sponsors are: **Akerman Senterfitt, Baptist Health South Florida, Carnival Cruise Lines, Cobb Family Foundation, Edward W. Easton, Richard and Susan Finkelstein** and the **Lennar Foundation**.

WAL-MART FOUNDATION DONATES \$100,000

Seventeen new teachers from Orange and Osceola Counties are benefiting from the generosity of the **Wal-Mart Foundation/State Giving Council** as it funds the TEAM (Teacher Empowerment and Mentoring) initiative. This program was created by the Council for Educational Change to develop the skills of new teachers and retain them as quality professionals. In addition to workshops, online resources and other professional development activities, an important component is the one-to-one mentor support and training at the school site. These

experienced mentors receive special training and are knowledgeable about best practices to raise student achievement and contribute to a positive school culture.

"Thanks to the **Wal-Mart Foundation**," said Council President, **Dr. Elaine Liftin**, "17 novice teachers will be given significant help to succeed during the challenging early stages of their careers. TEAM is also designed to develop and empower the leadership potential of the eight mentor teachers. We are very appreciative of this partnership and the Foundation's generosity."

TEAM was launched on Aug. 17 at **Wal-Mart Supercenter** Store #3235 in North Miami Beach, with representatives from the Foundation and Council participating. On Aug. 22 an orientation was held for the mentors at the Rosen Centre in Orlando. The most recent activity, a joint workshop for mentors and mentees was also held at the Rosen Center on Sept. 26th.

Other Council initiatives to help and retain new and beginning teachers include:

- **Teachers Initiative** – funded by the **Helios Education Foundation** with the goal of developing and retaining secondary math and science teachers in Tampa Bay Schools.
- **Teachers Initiative** - funded by the **JP Morgan Chase** with the goal of developing and retaining teachers at **Sulphur Springs Elementary** in Hillsborough.
- **Teachers and Teaching Initiative** – a program funded by **Wachovia Foundation** which upon conclusion attained a 97% retention rate of new and beginning teachers in select districts statewide.

PASS and Executive PASS News:



- On September 17th Hialeah Mayor **Julio Robaina** sponsored his annual Principal Leadership Conference. Principals and business partners were treated to dinner and cocktails.

- Gibsonton Elementary celebrated its 50th Anniversary on September 12th. PASS[®] Business Partner **Chuck Blumenkamp** and PASS Coach **Joyce Haines** attended and were recognized by Principal **Donna Marra** for their support. Gibsonton continues to make achievement gains and is celebrating its “B” grade.



- Thanks to **Akerman Senterfitt** for sponsoring the September 29th Executive PASS networking session. Approximately 60 Principals and Business Partners spent the morning sharing ideas on ways to enhance student achievement through this partnership program.
- Welcome to the new Executive PASS partnerships sponsored by **Bank Atlantic**:
 - Coral Gables Sr. High - **Ned Shandloff**, SVP, External Affairs, **Adolfo Acosta**, Principal
 - Hialeah Sr. High - **Marianella Solis**, SVP, Regional Manager, **Dr. Verna Cabrera**, Principal
 - Jose De Diego Middle - **Santiago Quintana**, SVP, Regional Executive Business Banking, **Jerry Clay, Jr.** Principal
 - North Miami Middle School - **Ashaki Bronson**, VP, Store Manager, **Melanie Megias**, Principal
 - Lauderhill Middle School - **David Palmer**, SVP Regional Manager, **Jeannie Floyd**, Principal
 - Plantation High School - **Dorie Vega**, SVP, Regional Manager, **Susan Bruining**, Principal



- Students and staff at S. A. Hull Elementary celebrated their “A” grade on September 4th with an event supported by their PASS partnership. **Russell Newton**, CEO of **Timucuan Asset** is the business mentor for Principal, **Angela Lott**. **Frances Gupton** is the PASS Coach.

- **Felipe Madrigal** and **Paul Loch** of the **Doral Rotary Club** have been assisting Doral Middle School Principal, **Tatiana de Miranda** to provide repairs and improvements to the school’s Agriscience animal area. **Tom Ericksen** at **Veolia Environmental Services** has also provided assistance.



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