




District Update

School Board Meeting

August 18, 2009

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Back to School Preps

Students Return August 24th!

- District's Leadership Workshop held on August 5th & August 6th.
- Instructional Staff returned from Summer Break on August 17th.
- Professional Development activities & workshops began taking place at schools on August 17th.



New Teachers

- Approximately 80 new teachers hired for the 2009-2010 school year.
- New hires included beginning teachers and experienced teachers.
- Hired to fill vacancies (non-renewals, retirements, and resignations) and to fill new positions.



New Initiatives

- Florida Differentiated Accountability (DA)
- Response to Intervention (RtI)
- Florida Assessment for Instruction in Reading (FAIR)
- Martin Virtual School
- Expansion of Middle School Intervention Teams to include 6th, 7th, 8th. The district piloting this program for 9th grade students (former 8th grade students who were part of this program and who are now in 9th grade. This is a also a dropout prevention strategy).



School Bus Routes

- Now posted on the District Transportation Department's website:
www.transportation.sbmc.org.
- Bus routes printed in the Stuart News on August 15th.
- School Bus Safety information also available on the transportation website.



Cafeteria Accounts

- *MealPay Plus*
 - Expected to be available by Thursday, August 20th for parents to begin making deposits to their student's cafeteria accounts (www.sbmc.org).
 - Provides parents with detailed information on what their child is purchasing for lunch.
 - Set up “low balance” reminders.
- Parents may send cash, checks, or money orders to school.

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H1N1 (Swine Flu)

- Guidance from the CDC and Florida Department of Health:
 - Stay home if you are sick.
 - Students/staff should not return to school/work until they are fever free for 24 hours, without fever-reducing medications.
 - Cover your cough.
 - Practicing good personal hygiene.

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- School Closures are not recommended
 - Only when safety and operating capabilities are exhausted.
 - This will be a local decision.
 - Follow the direction of the Health Department.




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Proactive Measures:

- District Participated in a four county press conference on August 13th.
- Superintendents, District staff and Health Department Representatives from Martin, St. Lucie, Indian River, and Okeechobee Counties attended.

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- Joint letter between School District and Health Department home to all parents at the start of school (English and Spanish versions).
- Additional Influenza information printed on the back of the letter - *“Know when to keep a child home from school”*



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- School Nurses, working with teachers and school staff, are launching the “Protect Don’t Infect” hand washing campaign.
 - (Developed by Orange County Health Department)
- Monitoring absentee rates.
- Monitoring school clinic reports.
- Thorough daily cleaning of schools.



Questions?