

Superintendent's Weekly Update

April 9, 2010

William Dandy Middle School Receives National Recognition

Cassandra D. Robinson, Principal at William Dandy Middle School and her staff are the recipient of the 2008 National Excellence in Urban Education Award sponsored by (NCUST) National Center for Urban School Transformation of San Diego State University.

To compete as a winner for this prestigious award, the school had to demonstrate a three-year trend of making Annual Yearly Progress (AYP) in specific sub groups and outline academic strategies for sustaining an "A" in an urban/inner city school. School administrators recently accepted the award and presented at the 2010 NCUST Conference in San Diego.

Broward Education Foundation Awards Over 300 Teachers Grants

The Broward Education Foundation awarded \$160,000 in grants to 330 teachers to support their innovative projects as adapters and disseminators. The Foundation's IMPACT II Grant programs are designed to give teachers and other educators the opportunity to implement innovative programs that enhance the educational experience of students. The projects have helped to increase students' enthusiasm for learning, improve the level of students' achievement, and increase the likelihood that students will stay in school.

Twenty teachers were awarded \$20,000 in IMPACT II Disseminator grants for developing proven successful classroom projects that the IMPACT II Adapters will implement. The two initiatives are funded with grants from a variety of sources including the State Matching Grants program, the Education First Campaign, Bright Star, Wachovia, Ford Motor Company and Nova Southeastern University.

Broward County's Character Trait for April is Tolerance

Tolerance: Recognizing and respecting differences, values and beliefs of other people.