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SAVE THE DATE
BEST PRACTICES SHOWCASE
WEDNESDAY MAY 14, 2008 (4:00 – 6:00 P.M.)
STRANAHAN HIGH SCHOOL
1800 S.W. 5th Place, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33312
(754) 323-2100

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Dear Education Advocate,

The School Board of Broward County, Florida Office of Government Relations (OGR) invites you to showcase your best practices in city/school district partnerships at our Second Annual Best Practices Showcase.

The OGR, in conjunction with city staff members, elected officials, and members of Education Advisory Boards, has implemented numerous successful events. These include several workshops, summits, and other events covering diverse topics of interest within the education arena.

In addition, OGR staff members regularly attend EAB board meetings, providing legislative updates, and other pertinent information. We have also advanced concerns and issues to the school district for clarification and resolution.

Due to our regular attendance at EAB meetings, we began to realize that much of the information discussed at individual EAB meetings would be valuable to share with other city boards and committees. As a result, we convened the Consortium of Education Advisory Boards (Consortium), which regularly meets to discuss ways in which the school district and EAB boards can collaborate. As a result of our efforts, many cities without EAB boards realized the value of these committees to their city. They have either created or initiated plans to create an EAB for their municipality.

We are now ready to take our efforts to the next level. The Best Practices Showcase is a unique vehicle to bring cities and schools together to network with one another on ways to improve achievement and the quality of life for our children. With your participation, we will recognize the efforts your city puts forth to aid education. Please feel free to contact me at (954) 249-3644 or (754) 321-2190 with questions.

Sincerely,

Maggie Zalamea, Director
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