

of five \$5,000 grants by simply walking or bicycling to school. The National Center for Safe Routes to School is inviting parents to sign up on line for the Walk to School Change at www.facebook.com/greenworks. The five schools with the highest participation rates will be eligible to win.

A-1 SUPERINTENDENT'S INFORMATIONAL REPORTS TO THE BOARD ON SELECTED TOPICS

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• Update on New School Year

The Superintendent provided the Board with an update on some of the innovative and transformative programs that were launched this year. He said that this happened with very little investment up front, maximizing innovation to achieve efficiency. He elaborated on the following six innovative programs:

The IPrep Academy, which currently has an enrollment of 40-something students with an expected growth of approximately 75 students this year. The goal is to transform that administrative office site into the first B-20 school in the country. "B" stands for Baby; 20 is for 12th grade plus 8 years. The IPREP Academy is an innovative, integrated, interactive instructional model using knowledge facilitators, teachers, as well as virtual and digital learning in an environment that is inciting, inviting, and meets students where they are based on the communication methodology they use today.

The ISPA (International Studies Preparatory Academy) at Gables, was opened this year at the John Koubek Memorial Center through the kind contributions of the University of Miami, which allowed the district to use the space without any compensation whatsoever. Students in this school will be able to earn diplomas both from the School Board of Miami-Dade as well as through a dual language program from the countries of Spain, Italy, and France.

The MAST at Homestead, which is being temporarily housed at Gateway K-8 Center. It opened this year with about 70 students, and students have already picked academies in the fields of physical therapy, pharmaceutical sciences, and biomedical sciences.

Coral Gables K-8 Preparatory Academy at Merrick, which is a demand-driven reform initiative by parents who wanted to keep their children in a K-8 environment. The Coral Gables Elementary School site did not have the space. The K-8 Preparatory Academy is currently housed on property the district currently owns at the Merrick Center.

The Blue Lakes Autism Center is currently in operation at two additional centers--one at Gratigny Elementary School; and the other at Redondo Elementary. These centers have opened this year with 157 students, and provides much needed care and education to this very special group of students.

The Primary Learning Center at the Martin Luther King complex, where there are currently 84 students enrolled in grades Pre-K through 1, with over 100 students on the waitlist.

The Secondary Students Success Center, which are academies that were opened this year with 83 students with a goal of 180. They are being filled by referrals and by marketing over to parents. These academies address the academic and social needs of children who are overage in the middle school environment, and provides them an opportunity to go into a high school setting. It also allows for acceleration of their own achievement in graduation out of middle school into the high school that they will be attending.

Ms. Milagros Fornell provided a PowerPoint presentation to the Board to demonstrate what the students have experienced in the above-mentioned centers that were delineated by the Superintendent.

Next, Superintendent Carvalho recognized the principals of the schools where these programs were launched this year.

- Recognition of Selected Schools

Mr. Nikolai Vitti, Assistant Superintendent, Education Transformation Office, recognized principals from the following five schools who successfully led their schools and faculties to exit state designated intervene status under Differentiated Accountability: Pine Villa Elementary, Emerson Elementary, Henry Flagler Elementary, Oliver Hoover Elementary, and Andover Middle School.

Mr. Alan Rigerman; and Ms. Karen Aronowitz, President, United Teachers of Dade, appeared before the Board to address these reports.

Dr. Feldman made supportive and congratulatory statements regarding these programs.

Dr. Perez asked staff about their efforts to provide assistance to parents who have concerns about their ability to have their children enrolled in magnet programs.

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Mr. Alberto M. Carvalho, Superintendent of Schools, recommended that The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, adopt amended School Board rules 6Gx13-8C-1.212, *Cone of Silence*; and 6Gx13-8C-1.21, *Lobbyists*, and authorize the Superintendent to file the rules with The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, to be effective September 7, 2010.

Superintendent Carvalho explained that this is the final reading of the proposed Board rule that seeks to establish a more transparent way of doing business with the school system, providing for significantly improved disclosure of actions of lobbyists and restricting the actions of lobbyists specifically around procurement items that have gone through the competitive bidding process.

Mr. Alan Rigerman appeared before the Board to address this recommendation.

Members of the Board, the School Board Attorney, and staff discussed these proposed rules at length. Following are some of the issues raised,

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