

## *Happy New Year!*

As a New Year begins, we want to thank all of our partners—businesses, philanthropists, districts, schools, the **Florida Department of Education**, the **Florida Council of 100**, **Florida TaxWatch**, the **Florida Legislature** and everyone who helped to make 2011 such a meaningful and productive year for educational improvement through Council programs in Florida.

### **PASS<sup>®</sup> and Executive PASS<sup>®</sup>:**



- **Patrick Galatowitsch**, Principal of Fern Creek Elementary and his staff and community members ended 2011 with an outstanding partnership celebration and opening of their “*Community Closet*” filled with items donated for students. **Sherry Clarke** represented CEC and **Tocarra Mallard** represented Executive PASS partner, **Rollins College**.

- On December 6<sup>th</sup>, over 70 participants in the Miami-Dade Executive PASS program participated in the Semi-Annual Networking Session held at **Akerman Senterfitt**. Ideas concerning the fantastic initiatives and programs that are underway in schools as a result of these partnerships were shared. Thanks to Akerman Senterfitt for hosting the event and providing a great breakfast.
- Hillsborough Superintendent **MaryEllen Elia** and the School Board members of **Hillsborough County Public Schools** honored the Cypress Creek Elementary PASS model at the November 2011 special recognition program. The model is sponsored by the **Hazel P. Brynson Fund within the Community Foundation of Greater Sun City Center**, a division of the **Community Foundation of Tampa Bay**. CEC Board Chair **Gene Marshall**, Business Mentor **Evelyn Lunsford**, Principal **Roy Moral**, Assistant Principal **Michelle McBride**, PASS Coach **Dr. Mary Knox**, PASS Consultant **Dr. Joyce Haines**, PASS Coordinator **Sherry Clarke**, and **Sherry Ogden**, District Elementary Specialist participated in the celebration.
- Welcome to the new Executive PASS partnership at **John A. Ferguson Senior High** in Miami-Dade. **Dr. Lisa Robertson** is the school’s Principal and **Bernard Adrover** of **BankUnited** will serve as the Executive PASS business partner.

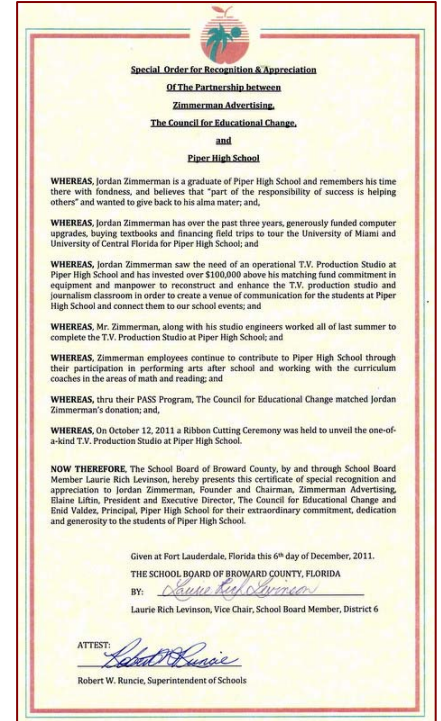


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## Congratulations:

- The **Council for Educational Change** was honored by the **School Board of Broward County** at its Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. **Dr. Elaine Liftin**, President and Executive Director of the Council and **Jordan Zimmerman**, Founder and Chairman of **Zimmerman Advertising** were each presented with proclamations by School Board Member **Laurie Rich Levinson**. The proclamations recognized them for their extraordinary commitment, dedication, and generosity to the students of Piper High School. Mr. Zimmerman is the PASS business partner for the school and **Enid Valdez** is the principal. Enid Valdez is the winner of the **2011 Leonard Miller Principal Leadership Award**.
- CEC Development Chair, **Sue Miller**, has been named to the Board of Directors of the **Great Artists Series**. The group brings outstanding musicians to Miami-Dade. The appointment was announced in December by veteran arts presenter **Judy Drucker**.
- Broadmoor Elementary Principal **Linda Klein** has begun a health and wellness initiative sponsored by the **Deborah L. Natansohn Foundation** and its President, **Rena Epstein**. As a part of this program, the school received a grant from **The Education Fund** and **Plant a Thousand Gardens Collaborative Nutrition Initiative** and now has two gardens growing on the west side of the school. The gardens will produce vegetables and herbs which will be utilized by **Chef Michael D'Alesandro** in a cooking demonstration for parents and children when they are ready in the spring. Chef D'Alesandro, a new partner from **Florida International University**, has previously done a presentation on preparing healthy snacks as a part of the school's ongoing career days.



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