



A VISION FOR REDESIGNED HIGH SCHOOLS

Miami, Florida
October 18-19, 2007

Wednesday, October 17, 2007

Marriott at Biscayne Bay

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Thursday, October 18, 2007

7:30 – 8:30 am Opening and Orientation

Marriott Biscayne Bay, Dodge Island Room
Breakfast buffet

8:30 – 8:45 am Break

8:45 am Board bus to Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) Office

9:00 – 10:00 am Meeting with Dr. Rudy Crew, Superintendent of Schools

Location: Miami-Dade Public Schools Office, Rm 916 SBAB
1450 NE Second Avenue : Miami, FL 33132

Dr. Rudy Crew became Superintendent of Miami-Dade County Public Schools on July 1, 2004, following a nationwide search by the fourth-largest school district in the nation. Dr. Crew has defined three priorities for the school district: eliminating low-performing schools, increasing academic achievement for all students, and bringing cost-efficiency to the district's construction and business practices.

In 2006 and 2007, Miami-Dade County Public Schools was selected as a finalist for the Broad Prize for Urban Education for the following reasons: Miami-Dade outperformed other Florida districts serving students with similar income levels in reading and math at all grade levels; Miami-Dade's low-income, African-American and Hispanic student subgroups outperformed their peers in similar districts in reading and math at all levels; and Miami-Dade has reduced achievement gaps between African-American and Hispanic students and their White peers in math at all levels.

Thursday, October 18, 2007 (cont.)

10:00 – 11:00 am Florida Statewide High School Reform and Career Majors

Speakers: Lillian Finn, Director of Secondary School Reform, Florida Department of Education (and others); Brewser Brown, Governor's Education Policy Advisor; 1-2 state legislators

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11:00 am Board bus for Site Visit

11:30 – 2:00 pm Site Visit to Miami Edison Senior High School

Location: 6161 NW 5TH Court, Miami, FL 33127 (305) 751-7337

Miami Edison Senior is part of the High Schools that Work (HSTW) network, a set of schools in 32 states that are using the framework of HSTW Goals and Key Practices to raise student achievement. The school has four career academies: Academy of Business and Finance, Academy of Communication and Digital Technology, Academy of Law Studies and Public Service, and Academy of Medicine and Health. In two years, Miami Edison Senior, a School Improvement Zone member, has completely altered its culture and learning environment. This was exemplified in 2006-07, when the school got off the "F-list" for the first time in six years. Strong leadership has taken one of Miami's darkest corners and turned it into a shining star.

2:00 pm Board bus to Miami-Dade County Public Schools Office

2:15 – 4:00 pm Secondary School Reform in Miami-Dade

Speakers: Ms. Antoinette Dunbar, Deputy Superintendent, Curriculum and Instruction; Dr. Geneva Woodard, Associate Superintendent, School Improvement Zone; Mr. Michael Bell, Assistant Superintendent, Specialized Programs, Curriculum & Instruction; and Ms. Millie Fornell, Assistant Superintendent, Secondary Education, Curriculum & Instruction

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Accountability and Use of Data

Speaker: Ms. Debbie Karcher, Executive Officer, Information Technology Services

4:00 – 5:00 pm Peer to Peer Learning

Rm 916 SBAB

Thursday, October 18, 2007 (cont.)

- 5:30 – 7:00 pm Reception: Exploring Business and Community Partnerships**
Hosted by BNY Mellon Bank
 Speaker: Mr. Alberto Carvalho, Associate Superintendent, Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, Grants, Marketing, and Community Services
 Location: Mellon Financial Center - 1111 Brickell Avenue, 30th Floor, Miami
- 7:00 pm Board bus to hotel and dinner on own**

Friday, October 19, 2007

- 7:30 am Depart hotel for Site Visit**
- 8:30 – 11:00 am Site Visit to MacArthur South Senior High School**
 Location: 11035 SW 84th Street
 Miami, FL 33173
MacArthur South Senior High School (Mac South) originated in 1973 as an alternative high school to assist students who experience difficulties in the traditional school environment. Over the past few years, Mac South has undergone considerable change and reconfiguration to provide a more effective and comprehensive educational program for the children of Miami Dade County. The school's success over the past several years is the cornerstone of the district's new alternative education program, Highways to Success, and the school has recently transitioned into a 6th-grade-to-12th-grade (6-12), single-gender model to serve young men. Mac South was the first alternative school to vote with overwhelming majority to become one of the first 11 high schools to institute the Secondary School Reform plan.
- 11:00 am Board bus for Site Visit**
- 11:30 – 2:00 Site Visit to Robert Morgan Educational Center**
 Location: 18180 SW 122nd Avenue
 Miami, FL 33177
Robert Morgan Educational Center has eight career academies: Academy of Hospitality & Tourism; Design Arts & Entertainment; Engineering; Health Sciences; Information Technology and Business Services; Performing, Recording, and Visual Arts; Specialty Service Industry; and Technical Career Services. There are two parts to the success story at the Robert Morgan Educational Center: 1) the high school has a "wall-to-wall" academy model, which offers students academic preparation and vocational hands-on experience; and 2) the acclaimed adult/vocational, technical school prepares students, and up to 1,500 registered adults, for new careers and technical training.
- 2:00 – 2:30 Debrief and Adjourn (return trip to Miami International Airport)**