

# SUPERINTENDENT'S BULLETIN

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Dear School Board Members and District Personnel,

February has been an exciting month already. I feel like I can't be in all the places that I want to, but I am making an effort. With that in mind, I have to say that the All-County Band Concert was absolutely wonderful. I try to attend every year, but this year was special. The musical selections were challenging and interesting and the guest clinicians were excellent. The band students really excelled. Many thanks to Gary Hernandez who coordinates this each year and also thanks to our Music Teachers throughout the district. You make a difference in the lives of students every day.

Another group who were recognized this month were our school counselors. With the number of issues facing students today, school counselors play a vital role in helping our schools serve student needs. We appreciate them.

I attended the Key West High school Showcase last week. What an amazing way to acquaint new students and their parents about the terrific offerings in our high schools. I know both Marathon and Coral Shores are hosting similar events as well. The atmosphere was so positive and both students and parents were glad to be there.

Lastly, I am meeting with Focus Groups of teachers at Horace O'Bryant. I want to thank all the teachers who have attended one of the groups so far. We have one more on Feb. 22. The ideas generated in these meetings will surely impact student and teachers in a positive way.

Thanks to everyone for your hard work and Happy Valentine's Day!

## ASSESSMENT & ACCOUNTIBILITY

Spring FSA Algebra and FSA Reading retakes will begin at the end of February for our high school students. This important testing session gives them an opportunity for seniors to meet their ELA and Algebra graduation requirements before graduation in May. Our EL students have been engaged in WIDA testing this month, a big thank you to everyone at the schools helping ensure this round of testing goes smoothly and also to our EL Coordinator, Natallie Liz, for supporting all the schools in this process.