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ACTION BY:
October 1, 2012

TO: Secondary School Principals

FROM: Janis Andrews, Ed.D. *J.A.*
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SUBJECT: REALIZING THE COLLEGE DREAM AND PERSIST

In support of the School District's goal to graduate all students college- and/or career-ready, Single School Culture © Initiatives, in collaboration with the Educational Credit Management Corporation (ECMC) Foundation, is sponsoring two one-day trainings, *Realizing the College Dream* and *PERSIST (A Comprehensive Guide for Student Success in Higher Education)*.

Realizing the College Dream and *PERSIST* were developed by the University of California, Berkley for the ECMC Foundation through a federal grant. It supports teachers, counselors and community-based organizations in their work to increase the expectations of attending and remaining in college by prospective low-income, first-generation college students.

The curriculum supports middle and high school students and their families by:

- *helping students see themselves as college bound students and fostering skill sets to perform well in a post secondary educational setting*
- *helping students to assess their academic/college readiness to gain access to a postsecondary educational setting*
- *teaching students how to advocate for themselves in their journey to and throughout their college education*
- *providing tools, information and the college readiness indicators families need to support their children*
- *providing support tools to help students as they seek to navigate the college campus and college life, address financial aid concerns and explore career planning*
- *providing insights into post secondary institutional readiness to receive and support at-risk students*

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Please share this information with your Guidance Counselors, Graduation Coaches and other key college readiness staff and encourage their attendance.

Realizing the College Dream (College Readiness)

Target Audience: Staff working with 8th -12th grade students
Training Date: Wednesday, October 3, 2012
Time: 8:30 AM – 3:30 PM
Location: Safe Schools Institute

PERSIST (College Resiliency)

Target Audience: Staff working with 12th grade – college students
Training Date: Thursday, October 4, 2012
Time: 8:30 AM – 3:30 PM
Location: Safe Schools Institute

Participants should register online no later than Monday, October 1, 2012 through Course Registration on the District's main website: <http://courseregistration.palmbeach.k12.fl.us/>.

Community partners interested in attending may register by contacting Wanda Kirby via email at: wanda.kirby@palmbeachschools.org.

Curriculum for both ***Realizing the College Dream*** and ***PERSIST*** can be downloaded from the ECMC Foundation Web site at: www.ecmcfoundation.org.

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E. Wayne Gent, Superintendent