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<p>Action By: Friday, November 1, 2013</p>

TO: Middle and High School Principals

FROM: Cheryl C. Alligood, Chief Academic Officer *cca*

SUBJECT: "REALIZING THE COLLEGE DREAM" AND "PERSIST" TRAINING

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 a one-day combination training for *Realizing the College Dream* and *PERSIST (A Comprehensive Guide for Student Success in Higher Education)*.

Realizing the College Dream and *PERSIST* are college readiness curricula that were developed by the University of California, Berkley for the ECMC Foundation through a federal grant. These materials can be used to support 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 curricula supports 8th – 12th grade 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 own academic/college readiness status to gain access to a post-secondary 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; and by
- providing insights into post-secondary institutional readiness to receive and support at-risk students.

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

Realizing the College Dream/PERSIST (College Readiness and Freshmen College Resiliency)

Target Audience: Staff working with 8th - 12th grade students
Training Date: Wednesday, November 6, 2013
Time: 8:00 AM – 3:30 PM
Location: Safe Schools Institute
1790 NW Spanish River Boulevard
Boca Raton, FL 33431

Participants should register online no later than Friday, November 1st through TrainU on the District's main website: <http://trainu.palmbeach.k12.fl.us/course?id=20222> .

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 website at www.ecmcfoundation.org and on the TrainU registration site.

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