

## WELCOME TO THE 2009-2010 SCHOOL YEAR, FROM YOUR AREA SUPERINTENDENT

A new school year is already upon us. I hope the summer was relaxing and enjoyable. August is exciting as it is time to welcome our students to the new school year.

We are very excited to welcome the schools new or returning to the North Area. Over the summer we had the opportunity to meet . These schools bring a vast amount of successes and talent to our area, along with some familiar faces returning! Joining the North Area family are:

Challenger Elementary	North Andrews Gardens Elem.	Millinnium Middle
Floranada Elementary	Oakland Park Elementary	Rickards Middle
Lloyd Estates Elem.	Pinewood Elementary	Northeast High

In addition to the above schools, our brand new Heron Heights Elementary will open on August 24.

Before looking toward the challenges of the upcoming school year, I would like to say how proud I am of all of our students, parents, teachers, and administrators who helped make the 2008-2009 school year such a resounding success. For 2008-2009, 71% of the North Area schools received an “A” ranking. We beat the State’s performance of 62% and the District’s achievement of 66%. Our theme was “Going for the Gold,” and I believe we brought home the gold! Overall, 94% of the North Area schools received a letter grade of “C” or higher.

I am happy to announce that we have a new Area Director, Anne Dilgen, and the following new principals:

Ken King	Heron Heights Elementary
Keith Peters	Floranada Elementary
Sabine Phillips	Crystal Lake Middle
Michael Walker	Park Ridge Elementary

Principals new to their schools are:

Arlene Klaasen	Park Springs Elementary
Camille Pontillo	Tedder Elementary
Christine Flynn	Deerfield Beach Middle
Jack Vesey	Westglades Middle
Jim Neer	Monarch High
Vince Alessi	Cypress Run Education Center

Throughout the school year our North Area website posts information regarding the Parent Advisory meetings, as well as other information of interest to you and your families. Look us up at:

<http://www.broward.k12.fl.us/northareaoffice>

I look forward to another great school year and wish you and your children much success in 2009-2010.

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