

WELCOME TO THE 2008-2009 SCHOOL YEAR FROM YOUR NORTH AREA SUPERINTENDENT

It's that wonderful time of year again when we welcome our students to an exciting new school year in the North Area! I hope all of you have had a relaxing and recreational time with your families over the summer.

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 2007-2008 school year such a resounding success. This year, 97% of the North Area Schools received a letter grade of C or higher. The number of A and B schools in the North surpassed the district average by over 8%. We had more A high schools than in any other year. What an accomplishment! We also want to congratulate our students for their many successes last year in their extracurricular activities. A big "thank you" is in order to all of you parents who gave so much of your time and effort to support your children and their schools.

I am happy to announce that we have some newly appointed principals and administrators in the North Area:

Pompano Beach Elementary	Michelle Garcia
Blanche Ely High	Karlton Johnson
Coral Springs High	Susan Leon-Leigh

Familiar Faces/Different Places:

Cypress Elementary	Dr. Paulette Samai
Forest Hills Elementary	Elise Portman
Riverside Elementary	Julianne Conner (formerly Julianne Smith)
Coconut Creek High	David Jones

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 a great school year ahead and wish all of you and your children much success in 2008-2009.

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