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Osceola School District's

Superintendent's Progress Report To The Community



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New Data Shows Osceola Students Scoring At Higher Levels

Information recently released to the Osceola School District by College Board shows that more Osceola students are taking and scoring at higher levels on college entrance exams than in the past. For those students in the Class of 2009 who took the PSAT prior to the SAT, the following results were earned:

- On the SAT Critical Reading portion, Osceola students scored 26 points higher than Florida's average and 23 points higher than the national average;
- On the SAT Mathematics portion, Osceola students scored 17 points higher than Florida's average and 3 points higher than the national average; and
- On the SAT Writing, Osceola students scored 23 points higher than Florida's average and 11 points higher than the national average.

Community Members Make Osceola County Teach-In 2009 A Success

The Osceola County School District thanks the thousands of parents and community members who volunteered to be part of the first annual Teach-In Osceola held on Thursday, November 19, 2009. Their involvement enhanced student learning, and underscored the critical role communities need to play in education.

Planning Underway For Science Olympiad Competition

The Osceola School District is busily planning for its first Science Olympiad Competition to be held in the spring of 2010. Students in Grades 4 and 5 will compete in a variety of

events demonstrating understanding and mastery of science, mathematics, and technology concepts that require not only knowledge and problem-solving skills but also the ability to work as a team. Each elementary will hold a school-based competition, and will send a team of students to compete in four events at the regional level.

21st Century Community Learning Centers

The Florida Department of Education has awarded the Osceola School District \$3.2 million in 2009/2010 federal funding for the 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC). The total includes continuation grants for the district's existing after-school programs, and new awards for start-up programs at other schools. The program's purpose is to provide safe environments during non-school hours for students, as they participate in academic and personal enrichment opportunities and other activities that complement the regular academic curriculum.

New Free Online Tutoring Service For High School Students

The Osceola School District has entered into a partnership with SMARTHINKING to provide a new online tutoring service for high school students to help them with their schoolwork. Students are now able to get one-on-one online help 24 hours a day, 7 days a week with subject experts. This is the same service that students are using in colleges and universities, but the best part is that the Osceola School District is providing it free to its high school students. Students and parents are encouraged to contact their school for more information.

Student Achievement Is Our Number One Priority!