



Dr. Michael A. Grego

# Osceola School District's

# Superintendent's Progress Report To The Community



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## District Goals Set for 2009/2010

Superintendent Michael A. Grego and the Osceola County School Board believe that the Osceola School District will become a model district, nationally recognized for excellence not only in student achievement, but in all aspects of district operations. To achieve this distinction, Dr. Grego has outlined five goals for the 2009/2010 school year based on numerous school visits, as well as community, parental, and employee input. A complete list of goals and strategies can be found at [www.osceola.k12.fl.us](http://www.osceola.k12.fl.us).

## Osceola County Teach-In Set For November 19

Parents and community members are invited to make plans now to be part of the first annual Teach-In Osceola to be held on Thursday, November 19, in every Osceola school. Whether teaching a lesson, reading a book aloud, or sharing a career, hobby, or expertise, thousands of volunteers are needed to make this day a success for our students. Individuals can register to be part of the day at [www.osceola.k12.fl.us](http://www.osceola.k12.fl.us).

## New Report Card For Elementary Students

The School District recognizes the right of parents to be informed of their children's instructional level, academic gains, and progress toward benchmark attainment. As such, a new standard report card has been developed for kindergarten through Grade 5 students that better reports the growth and development of children based on best practices and current research.

## New Foreign Language Experience Program For Students

For the 2009/2010 school year, the district will be establishing Foreign Language Experience (FLEX) instructional programs at various elementary and middle schools. Students will experience languages such as Spanish and Italian via a Rosetta Stone computerized program or through teacher instruction. Expansion of our foreign language program to students earlier in their school career than high school helps ensure our Osceola students remain competitive and successful.

## Science Labs In Place In All Osceola Elementary Schools

Osceola fourth and fifth grade students are on a science mission this school year! Missions Labs were in place at seven elementary schools during the 2008/2009 school year, and this year, the program is expanding. Each elementary school has a fully-equipped Missions Lab that will be in use during the year. The Missions Labs focus on cooperative learning and developing a love for science in students. Four person "crews," with roles such as Commander and Materials Specialist, work together and share information to complete each Mission. Students explore a variety of topics in life, physical, and earth science in a hands-on, interactive environment that generates excitement about doing science.

Student Achievement Is Our Number One Priority!