



FAMILY & COMMUNITY E(ngagement) UPDATE: SEPTEMBER 2020

Greetings! E(ngagement) Updates keep you informed of the latest Family and Community Engagement dates, resources, news and information. Please share with your families, schools, partners and districts!

Key Dates

- September 2** [Monitoring the Most Vulnerable in a Blended Environment - A Webinar for School Leaders](#) webinar 11:30 a.m. ET
- September 3** [Restoring Learning at Scale in a Remote Environment](#) webinar 3:00 p.m. ET
- September 14** [ESSEI Connects](#) Opening Session 10:00 a.m. ET
- September 17** [Family Engagement Leadership Summit](#) 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. ET
- October 13-16** [2020 National Family Engagement Summit \(A Virtual Event\): Reconnecting with Families for Equity, Opportunities, and Excellence](#) 10:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. ET



News

FDOE COMMUNICATIONS

- [2020-2021 Art in the Capitol Competition](#)
- [2020-2021 School Year Information](#) and [Attachment](#)
- [Florida to Provide Free ACT/SAT for Florida Public High School Students Educators](#) and [Attachment](#)
- [Florida Pre-College Entrance Examinations for Grade 10 Students](#)
- [Technological Tools Survey – 2019-2020 Fiscal Year](#)
- [Transcript Transfers Using the FASTER System](#)

GOLDEN and SILVER SCHOOL AWARDS ~ Congratulations to the **2019-2020 Golden and Silver School Awards** recipients! The Golden and Silver School Awards are presented annually to recognize exemplary schools which promote and participate in community engagement in education through volunteerism.



ESSEI CONNECTS: *Destination Graduation: Preparing Florida's students for college, career and life success* ~ [Educational Strategies & Student Engagement Institute \(ESSEI\)](#) returns in 2020 as a series of virtual sessions, special group meetings, and opportunities to collaborate and share resources with education professionals throughout Florida during **September through December**.

FALL LEADERSHIP ~ Fall Leadership is an ESSEI Special Group meeting for District Volunteer, Community, and Family Engagement Coordinators. This year's sessions will be held virtually on **November 17-18, 2020**, and [registration](#) is FREE! Join us as we celebrate and investigate ways to continue improving the quality of education for Florida's students. Mark your calendars for **FALL LEADERSHIP 2020** and watch for details!

Grants



[ALDI Smart Kids Program](#) provides grants of up to \$5,000 and ALDI gift cards to schools and community organizations that positively impact and inspire kids' health and wellness through education, athletics or the arts. Application deadline is **December 15, 2020**.

Resources



TIP OF THE MONTH ~ Visit the Family and Community Engagement [webpage](#) to find research, tools and resources for fatherhood engagement.

FOR FAMILIES

- [At-Home Early Math Learning Kit for Families: Ideas for Supporting Young Children's Math Skills During Coronavirus and Beyond](#) provided by Stanford University
- [COVID-19 & Back-to-School: Resources and Toolkit](#) provided by Alliance for a Healthier Generation and Kohls Cares
- [Establishing A Morning Routine That Actually Works](#) provided by Super Healthy Kids
- [Five Roles Families Play to Accelerate Student Learning](#) provided by Flamboyan Foundation
- [How to Get Kids Ready to Video Chat for Online Classes](#) provided by Common Sense Media
- [How to Talk to Your Kids about Going Back to School \(or Not Going Back\) This Fall](#) provided by Business Insider
- [Making Learning at Home Work for Preschool Students](#) provided by Edutopia

- [National Education Association Guide to Learning at Home](#) provided by Reading Rockets
- [Parenting Tips for Dads during the COVID-19 Crisis](#) provided by Wayne State University
- [Parents' Ultimate Guide to Zoom](#) provided by Common Sense Media
- [Supporting Children with Autism During COVID-19](#) provided by Reading Rockets

FOR EDUCATORS

- [Engaging Families Virtually](#) provided by The New Teacher Project
- [How to Coach Parents Who Are Teaching at Home](#) provided by Edutopia
- [Less Jargon, More Grace: Using Language That Parents Understand](#) provided by Edutopia
- [Preparing K-12 School Administrators for a Safe Return to School in Fall 2020](#) provided by CDC
- [Preventing a Lost School Year: The Crucial Importance of Motivating Students & Engaging Families](#) provided by Stand for Children Leadership Center
- [Resources for Educators & Literacy Professionals](#) provided by National Center for Families Learning
- [The Family Insights Toolkit: Strategies for Effectively Developing Family-School Partnerships in the COVID-19 Era and Beyond](#) provided by EveryDay Labs
- [Virtual Toolkit: Fathers in Education Day](#) provided by Miami-Dade County
- ["Zooming" in on Fatherhood: Fathering in 15](#) provided by National Fatherhood Initiative

Recorded Webinar Sessions:

- [Setting the Stage for Learning this Fall](#) Covid-19-related series provided by EveryDay Labs
- ["Take Heart" with Your Return to Learn: Fostering a Safe & Responsive Learning Environment](#) provided by edWeb

FOR VOLUNTEERS & MENTORS

- [Technical Assistance Requestor Guide](#) (attached) provided by National Mentoring Resource Center
- [Virtual Volunteer Opportunities for High School Students](#) provided by College Transitions

Spotlight



Dr. Stewart came to Broward County Public Schools (BCPS) in 2013 as the Parents, Business and Partnerships Coordinator, a role which evolved into her current position as the District Community Relations Coordinator within the Office of Communications. The expansion of her role highlights the district's commitment to community involvement, and she remains in awe of the magnitude of the district's innovative programs as she continues to discover opportunities for schools and students. In her current capacity, Dr. Stewart is responsible for three of the district's major events as well as overseeing Volunteer Services. Her proudest moments are honoring and celebrating outstanding BCPS employees, volunteers, mentors and partners, individuals who extend themselves for schools and students. Broward's employee recognition event has been so successful, it is now replicated in other districts. Challenges, such as a small team and limited budget, are met with creativity. Carolyn's favorite project has been initiating and managing the automation of programs and activities which improved customer service, increased administrative efficiencies and streamlined processes. Carolyn wants others to know that district Community Relations programs are diverse and impact all stakeholders, connecting internal and external communities. She is honored to be a member of her Office and continually seeks out initiatives to promote Broward's schools and students. When she isn't on the job, one might be surprised to find her enjoying thrill-seeking activities such as speed racing, zip-lining, and in the future, skydiving! Whether at work or play, Carolyn delights in finding meaningful ways to connect and give, qualities no doubt inspired by her beloved mother. She embodies her own personal mantra founded on the importance of excellence in service, "To go beyond the obvious to achieve the best." Thank you, Dr. Stewart, for touching so many lives with your service!

Contact Us

We look forward to collaboration and open communication. Thank you for helping us improve our processes!



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Visit the NEW [FCET SHAREFILE](#) for resources and prior E(ngagement) Updates!

Provide contact updates, feedback, news or tips for upcoming E(ngagement) Updates [HERE!](#)

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