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Flagler County Public Schools

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When: August 4, 2011 at 7 p.m.

What: Graduate One – “EveryOne, Graduate One” Back to School Information Stations

Where: Community Information Station locations: Bunnell City Hall, GSB - Government Services Building, Espanola Community Center, Hidden Trails Community Center, AACCS – African American Cultural Society, Flagler County Public Library – Palm Coast, Palm Coast Community Center, Hammock Beach Community Center, Wickline Community Center

As Flagler County School District celebrates being an A+ School District for the 4<sup>th</sup> year in a row, we extend our most sincere thanks to the parents, students and community for making this possible. Flagler County’s school grades and it’s top ranking in the state is an indication of everyone’s hard work. Although our graduation rate of 83 percent outperforms the statewide average of 76 percent, this is not acceptable. Flagler County Schools strives for 100 percent of its’ students graduating high school!

In an effort to involve and inform the entire community of the vital role each individual has in educating our children, we invite Flagler County to join us in supporting the **“Graduate One, Everyone”** campaign. Our campaign will begin with **Back to School Information Sessions for parents on August 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00p.m.** Flagler County Public Schools in partnership with local organizations and concerned citizens, will host the Information Sessions in nine locations throughout the community. Straightforward information on the new promotion and graduation requirements, and the importance of parental involvement and children attending school everyday on time will be provided. Resources and information to support children’s education will also be provided in addition to the School Lunch Program application and Information on how to receive free backpacks and school supplies. Last year, we hosted the Back2School Jam. This year through the Backs4Packs Program sponsored by the Flagler County Education Foundation, backpacks and school supplies for eligible children will be available through the schools. Information on how parents can qualify and receive backpacks and school supplies will be disseminated. Thanks to generous sponsors that include Walmart; Jimmy Johnson Foundation; Palm Coast Data, LLC; Flagler County Association of Realtors, Inc.; Flagler

County Chamber of Commerce; Women's Initiative of United Way; and Flagler Home Builders Association, 2,600 backpacks and school supplies will be provided to families in need.

Although sponsors have covered the majority of backpack and school supply costs, the Flagler County Education Foundation needs funds, or donated supplies, to fill 750 backpacks at a cost of approximately \$10 per child. To make a contribution, please contact Flagler County Education Foundation Executive Director Deborah Williams 386-437-7526 ext 3125 or email [williamsd@flaglerschools.com](mailto:williamsd@flaglerschools.com).

With all of us working together, Flagler County will have ALL students graduating. We can meet 100% Graduation "Graduate One, Everyone".