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ACTION BY:
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Contact Person:
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TO: All Principals

FROM: Judith Klinek, Chief Academic Officer 

SUBJECT: **MILLION FATHER MARCH**

To enhance parent involvement and promote volunteerism in our schools, the School District of Palm Beach County is participating in The Black Star Project, U.S.A. – *Million Father March*, which encourages fathers, step-fathers, foster-fathers, grand-fathers, and other significant male caregivers to take their children to school on the first day of school, Monday, August 22, 2011. This initiative started in 2004 in Chicago and has grown to over 609 cities. Research shows that children whose fathers take an active role in their educational lives earn better grades, score higher on tests, enjoy school more, and are more likely to graduate from high school and attend college.

All schools are encouraged to participate in this initiative. Suggested activities are listed below.

- Advertise the event on your website and marquee
- Post the attached flyer in prominent positions on the school campus
- Display welcome signs on campus, including on the marquee
- Provide refreshments for the participants
- Create sign-in sheets for the participants, requesting their names and contact information
- Distribute flyers to the participants, including information such as the following: thanking them for their participation, inviting them to participate in future school activities, and tips on supporting academic achievement
- Establish an area where the PTA/PTO or another parent group may invite participants to sign-up for volunteer opportunities, such as: mentoring or tutoring students at school, reading to students during class, chaperoning a field trip, becoming a member of the PTA/PTO or any other school organization, and other volunteer opportunities available at your school

For additional information about the Black Star Project, visit their website at www.BlackStarProject.org.

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Attachment

Approved: 
William F. Malone, Superintendent

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**The First Day of School is
Monday, August 22, 2011**

**The Million Father March
Pledge for Fathers and Men**

- I will take my children or a child to school and I will be at a school on the first day to encourage all children to do their best every day at school.
- I am responsible for the education of my child.
- I will volunteer at my child's school three times this school year.
- I will pick up my child's progress report or grade report when required.
- I will meet with my child's teachers at least two times this year and support them in educating my child.
- I will mentor my child or a child and I will teach children the values of education and family as well as the value of life.
- I will work with my child's mother or guardian to achieve the best academic and social outcomes for my child even if I do not live with my child.

