

JOINT MEETING AGENDA



**Martin County Board of County Commissioners
Martin County School Board
Stuart City Commission**

**Monday, October 29, 2018 – 9:00 am
John F. Armstrong Wing, Blake Library
2351 SE Monterey Road, Stuart**

- I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**
Edward Ciampi, Chairman, Martin County Board of County Commissioners
- II. Introductions and Opening Comments**
Edward Ciampi, Chairman, Martin County Board of County Commissioners
Kelli Glass Leighton, Mayor, Stuart City Commission
Christia Li Roberts, Chair, Martin County School Board
- III. Public Comments**
- IV. Agenda Items**
 - a. Joint use agreement**
 - b. Willoughby Boulevard extension**
 - c. Lobbying efforts and coordination/legislative issues**
 - d. Single-use hurricane shelter at fairgrounds**
 - e. Fire Rescue consolidation**
 - f. Re-instatement of School Board's ability to self-levy ad valorem back to two mills with simple majority vote**
 - g. Two-mile bus route restrictions**
 - h. School safety**
Frank Frangella, Director of Safety and Security, Martin County School District
 - i. Mobilizing the student population on environmental issues**
Valerie Gaynor, Coordinator of Science, Martin County School District
 - j. Families in transition**
Shela Khanal, Director of Title 1/Migrant/ELL, Martin County School District
- V. Additional Items As Needed**
- VI. Adjournment**

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MARTIN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVES

Valerie Gaynor
Science Coordinator K-12

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GREEN SCHOOLS

- Our schools participate in environmental initiatives in individual schools and the community and participate in the Green Schools Recognition Program (GSRP). This is an environmental showcase hosted by FAU Pine Jog and the Community Foundation for Palm Beach and Martin Counties.



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Students4H2O

- Plastic Bag Initiative
- Character Counts: Student of the Month

Students4H2O is collaborating with United Way of Martin County CHARACTER COUNTS! during the 2018-2019 school year to recognize **students, staff members, teachers, and schools** who demonstrate good character in our community and help us achieve the world we want by following the Global Goals unified mission: *ending poverty, reducing inequalities, and protecting our planet.*



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TEAM GREEN MARTIN

- Team Green Martin is designed as a school-based program to increase opportunities to build relationships among students while learning and preserving our environment.
- This program brings together students with autism or other disabilities and their typical peers with a common conservation goal. Team Green members meet with buddies and help our environment by recycling.



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PLASTIC BAG INITIATIVE



- This initiative is to educate families and the youth in our community about the effects plastic bags have on our waterways and marine life and generate a positive educational movement!
- **Our school district is the first in Florida to have a partnership with Publix corporation.**
- Students gain leadership roles within their school and community, allowing for internal (school) and external (local/state awards) recognition.



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WATER FEST



- Martin County Schools participated in a collaborative effort with Students 4H2O and the City of Stuart on March 23, 2018.
- 4th Annual Water Fest is a student-run organization event that promotes educating the community about sustainability.



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RIVERKIDZ

- 2nd Grade students in our district work through a standards-based curriculum built to increase student understanding of our local ecosystem.
- The goal is to inspire young people to become activists and preserve our local waterways.
- The school district (Valerie Gaynor) worked with the Riverkidz to align next generation sunshine state science standards with the workbook.



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AMERICA RECYCLES

- A program of Keep America Beautiful, America Recycles is a nationally recognized day dedicated to promoting and celebrating recycling in the United States.
- Our schools are participating on or around November 15 (America Recycles Day) to educate neighbors, friends, and the community through various activities.

America Recycles Day
I ♻️ NOVEMBER 15



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ENVIROTHON

- The Regional and Florida Envirothons are problem-solving, natural resource education programs for high school students.
- There are field-oriented programs in which students work in teams of five to learn to use critical thinking skills and develop problem-solving and communications skills to answer written questions or conduct hands-on investigations about environmental issues.



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ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES CENTER

- Our Martin County students have the unique opportunity of participating in an environmental field trip each year in grades K-7.
- Field trips promote students being environmental stewards and learning about their local ecosystem.

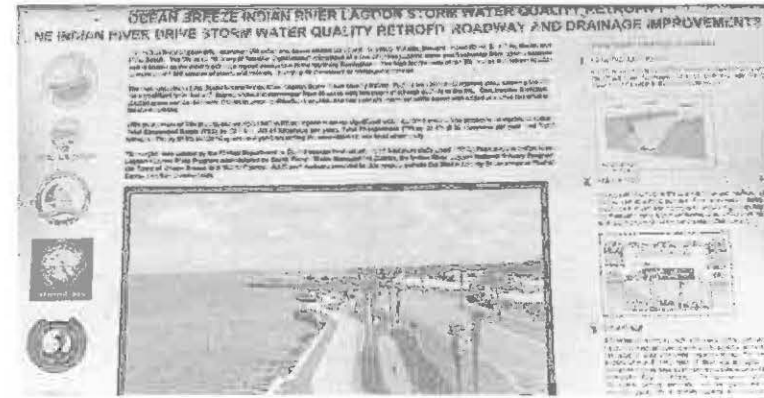


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ESC PARTNERSHIP WITH OCEAN BREEZE

- Ocean Breeze installed Baffle Boxes as part of a mitigation plan to help keep pollution from storm water runoff out of the Indian River Lagoon.
- ESC has partnered with Ocean Breeze and incorporated information about this project in their lessons plans for students.



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ESC COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENTAL EVENTS



- **Fall Open House**
 - October 6th
 - 10:00 am-1:00 pm
- **Grandparents Day Brunch**
 - February 2nd
 - 9:00 am-1:00 pm
- **Spring Open House**
 - April 6th
 - 10:00 am-1:00 pm
- International Coastal Cleanup
- EarthSavers Crew
- Environmental Lectures Series
- Turtle Walks
- Sponsor Youth Driven Cinema
- Special Request Tours
- "Bleach Watch"-provided by DEP



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ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP AWARDS

- Keep Martin Beautiful hosts the Environmental Stewardship Awards as a way to recognize and reward notable efforts within the community to promote environmental stewardship and innovation through education and action.



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SCIENCE FAIR

SPECIAL AWARDS

- Our district provided special awards for the environmental science category in all of our science fairs to encourage and promote learning about our environment.



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EVERGLADES FOUNDATION CURRICULUM

- Professional Development is held each year for grade 4 teachers to promote their understanding of the importance of the Everglades and to provide students with an environmental hands-on learning opportunity.



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FLORIDA POWER AND LIGHT

- Many elementary schools have an in-school presentation of Captain Wattage, courtesy of FPL. Schools also have Solar Stations provided by FPL.



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HOBE SOUND NATURE CENTER

- Many schools host in-school field trips that promote environmental education in our schools.



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ENVIRONMENTAL AND/OR GARDENING CLUBS

- Many schools engage in Environmental or Gardening Clubs



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YOUTH DRIVEN CINEMA

- The Mission of Youth Driven Cinema is to educate and engage the youth of Martin County by fostering community involvement within the arts and sciences.

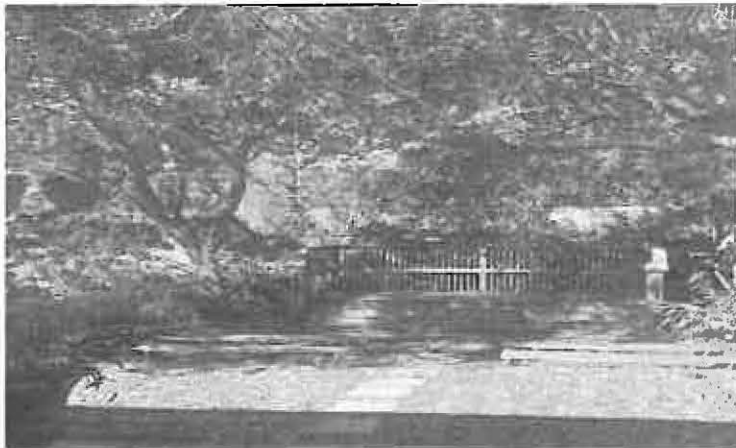


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OUTDOOR LEARNING SPACE

- Our schools have a variety of outdoor learning spaces including short nature walks, outdoor classrooms, butterfly gardens, and a variety of types of gardens.



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IN WATER RESEARCH TURTLE TRUNK PROGRAM

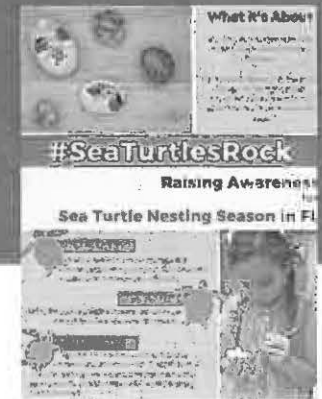
- Teachers have FREE hands-on, experiential conservation education activities available through one of our traveling trunk programs.



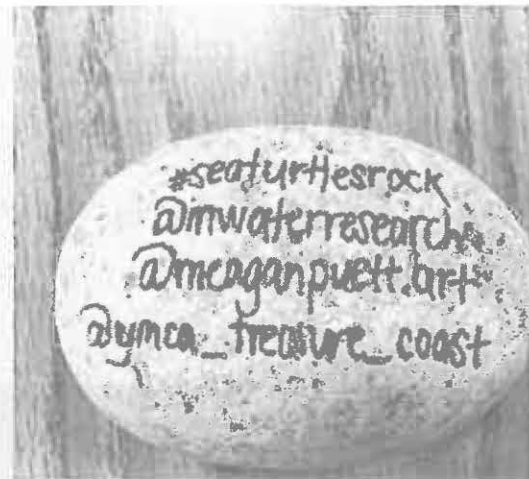
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#SEATURTLESROCK CAMPAIGN



- The campaign encourages local communities to work together to shed light on sea turtle nesting season while highlighting ways citizens can help.



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FUTURE INITIATIVES

- **Waterventures:** The WaterVentures Learning Lab is a traveling environmental science center. This amazing vehicle is a 53 foot semi-trailer which has been customized to provide a platform for educational outreach programs. (We have had this program in the past and we are on a waiting list for this year.)
- **Teacher Externship:** Our district is currently partnering with FPL to provide a teacher externship for the summer of 2019.
- **NEED Project incorporated in our elementary schools:** National Energy Education Development Kids Teaching Kids philosophy as a fundamental principle of NEED programming – encouraging students to explore, experiment, and engage, and encouraging teachers to embrace student leadership in the classroom. NEED trains and assists teachers in harnessing the energy of the classroom – the energy of students.

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HOMELESS EDUCATION FAMILIES IN TRANSITION

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HOMELESS EDUCATION

Homeless Education programs are necessary to support Families in Transition.

These programs are required by the McKinney-Vento Act (2000).

The McKinney-Vento Act was designed to specifically address the most common problems for homeless students:

- **enrollment**
- **attendance**
- **success in school**

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HOMELESS EDUCATION

The McKinney Vento Act

www2.ed.gov/policy/elsec/leg/esea02/pg116.html

Established in 2001 provides protection for Homeless children in the area of public education

The term homeless conjures negative and stigmatizing perceptions that impact students and families.

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THE FACE OF HOMELESSNESS

**To be respectful of our families, in
Martin County we refer to
homelessness as
*Families in Transition (FIT)***



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STUDENTS IN TRANSITION

- **reside in emergency shelters, hotels, motels, public places, cars, and/or substandard housing**
- **share housing due to loss of stable housing**

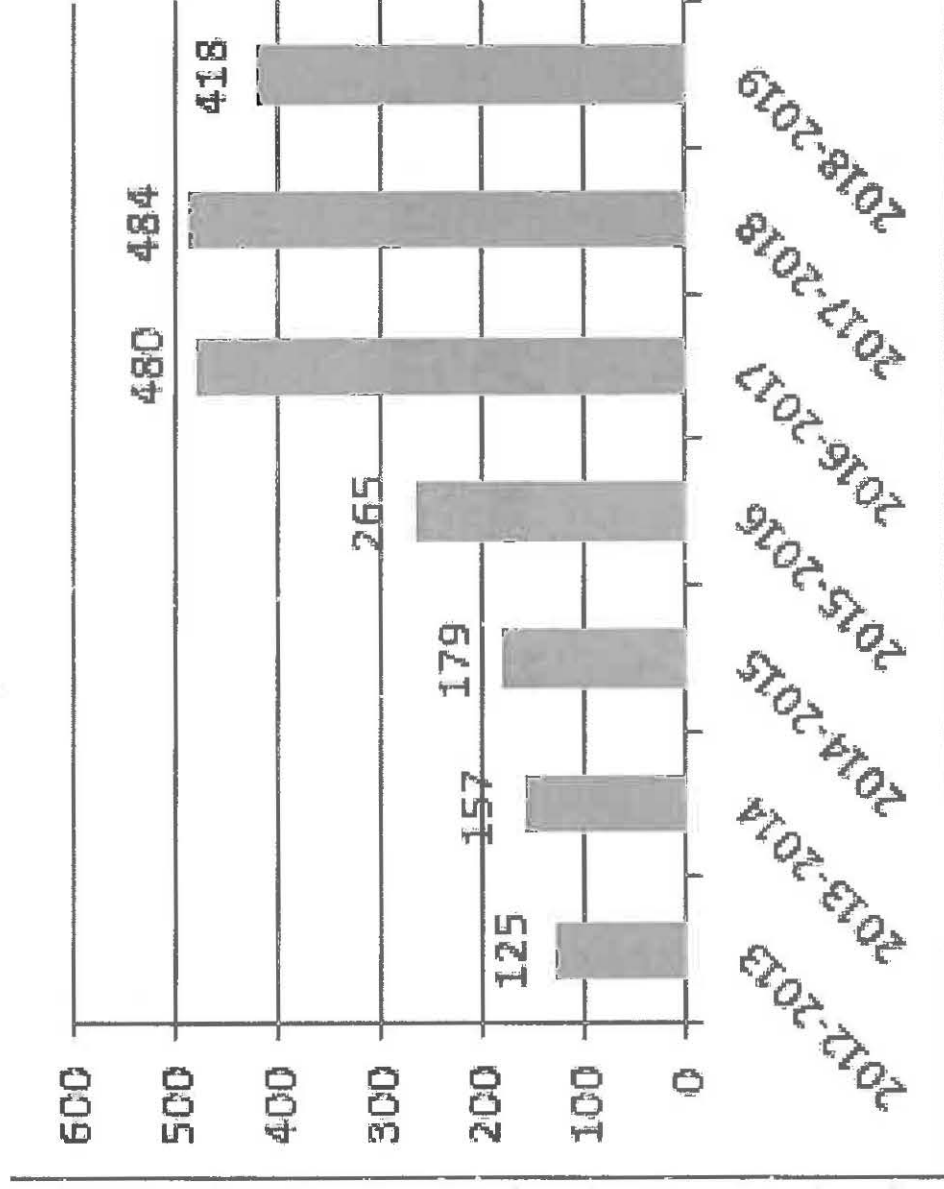


DID YOU KNOW?

- MCSD has over 400+ students who are homeless.
- The number has more than tripled in the last four years.
- More than 50% live in shared housing.
- Most FIT students are younger than 10 years old.
- A dozen or more live in unsheltered conditions (tents, public places).



FIT STUDENTS IDENTIFIED



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CHALLENGES

Challenges to serving FIT students:

- **Reluctance to self identify**
- **Fear of Child Protective Services**
- **Absenteeism**
- **Forced transiency**



PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Local Education Agencies are required to:

- **Maintain confidential student records**
 - **Family Educations Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)**
- **Keep student health records confidential**
 - **Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA)**



FIT STUDENTS

Students access includes:

- **Breakfast and Lunch**
- **Clothing**
- **School Supplies**
- **Test Fee Waivers**
- **After School Care / Tutoring**
- **Transportation to school of origin**
- **Lending program for laptops and other academic tools**
- **Immunizations, eyeglasses, dental services and hearing aids**

MCSD FIT PROGRAM LOGO



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SUCCESS STORY

Jimmy moved to Martin County from Palm Beach county to care for a terminally ill family member.

When the family member passed away, Jimmy and his mom who also was ill became homeless.

They rented a small substandard RV to live in at this time.

Once the FIT coordinator met Jimmy, she empowered him with tutoring and basic school supplies he would need to be successful.



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SUCCESS STORY



- Homeless for two years, riding a bike between work and school, couch surfing with friends when able
- Now a proud graduate of Martin County Schools
- Attending Indian River State College and pursuing a degree in radiology

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