



March 12, 2008

Dear Parents, Students, Faculty & Staff:

For the past several months, a task force of the Alliance for World Class Education, in partnership with the Duval County School Board and district staff, has been working to develop a long-range strategic plan which will guide and govern the board and district actions for the next four years. This effort has resulted in a draft of the strategic plan and we would like your feedback and input.

The enclosed document, known as the Exposure Draft, has been designed specifically for circulation to individuals and organizations throughout our community having an interest in public education, and who can bring to us comments, suggestions and criticisms which will result in a better final document.

With this in mind, we ask that you review the document, and share with us your reactions to it. The district will hold two separate public meetings, a community meeting on March 27, 2008 and a Public Hearing at the April 7, 2008 school board meeting. Both meetings will be held at 6:00 PM at 1701 Prudential Drive. Additionally, we will be sending email notification and an electronic copy of the Exposure Draft to our School Advisory Committees (SAC's), PTA's, teachers and principals. This notification will provide instructions for submitting feedback electronically via an on-line survey. Students will receive a flyer at their schools that provides instructions for students and their families. Finally, we will post a copy of the Exposure Draft and instructions for submitting feedback on the district website, which is accessible to the public.

We plan to consolidate the feedback that we receive and present a final version of the Strategic Plan for approval at the May 6, 2008 school board meeting.

We appreciate very much your participation in this process, and look forward to receiving your thoughts as to how the District Strategic Plan can be a clear and compelling guide to the improvement of public education in our community.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure