



DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF PASCO COUNTY

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Florida Legislative Action

I was in Tallahassee this week and testified in the House K-12 Education Subcommittee on what is known as the Career Pathways bill, PCB KTS 13-03. I thanked the committee for working on this important bill, because it continues to maintain a very high rigor for those students that want to do the industry or college/career path. It's important as we transition to Common Core that we maintain and continue to raise those standards higher.

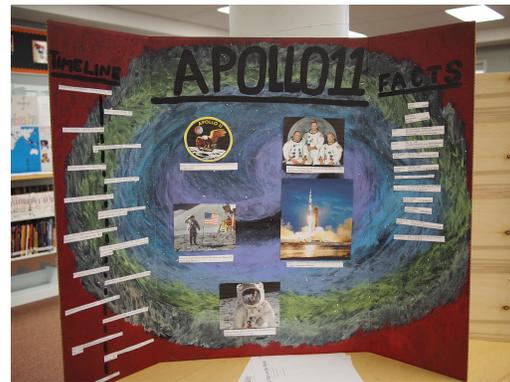
As I tell parents, we're in the business of pushing kids and that's what we need to do to be able to compete in a 21st century global economy. My job as superintendent is to make students college, career, and life ready. I am confident that through this bill we move a lot further down that continuum.

Employee Wellness Update

Congratulations CareHere Connect Users! Since the implementation of the CareHere Connect programs in January of 2012, participants have lost a combined total of 5,021 pounds and their physical activity has increased to 5,276 hours. Pasco County school employees not only are losing weight and increasing physical activity, but you also are bringing the District one step closer to a true culture of wellness.

Anyone who would like to get started setting wellness goals can call (887) 423-1330 to make an appointment for a FREE health assessment with the CareHere Health and Wellness Centers.

Here's another FREE wellness opportunity. Florida Hospital Wesley Chapel Wellness Center is offering a one-day trial over the break for any employee to use the saltwater pool, sauna, fitness classes, indoor track, cardio equipment, and strength equipment. You will be getting an e-mail on March 20 with more details. **Click here** to access the hospital's website.



History Fair

The Pasco Middle School History Fair was held on Wednesday at Charles S. Rushe Middle School. This is the first year middle schools have participated. This is a terrific way to get kids interested in history.

Teams of four judges evaluated a total of 183 middle school projects and 50 high school projects. We had judges from local colleges, as well as retired Pasco social studies teachers, current staff, and community members. The high school fair was held on March 7, at Wiregrass Ranch High School. Winners will compete in the state competition in May.