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### MEETING LOCATION:

**John I. Leonard Community High School, 4701 10th Ave N, Greenacres, FL 33463**

*Essential Question: What area of education in Palm Beach County will I become involved in after my Leadership Palm Beach County experience?*

### KEY OBJECTIVES:

**Why is the role of early learning and pre-literacy (birth - K) so important to PBC students, when almost half our children live in low-income or poverty households? What can community stakeholders do to support gains in early learning?**

(Prompts: 3rd grade scores, grade level performance is prime indicator of future success; early brain development and its importance in learning)

**What resources and skills do our students need to reach their full potential and be competitive in the world market?**

(Prompts: Reading, technology, social-emotional learning support, school supplies, project and product based learning, critical thinking-Socratic method)

**How are schools working to make high school graduates ready for their futures and persist at work or postsecondary studies?**

(Prompts: CTE and choice, course rigor, FAFSA completion, job certifications, college entrance exams, financial literacy)

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## What is the SDPBC doing to focus on individualized learning and close achievement gaps? How can individuals and organizations help?

(Prompts: CTE, AVID, dual language schools, attack absenteeism and suspensions)

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### Education Day Agenda January 10, 2018

- ATTIRE:** Business Casual \*\* Remember your nametags!\*\*
- 8 – 8:20 a.m. **Continental Breakfast/Music**  
Park & meet at John I Leonard High School
- 8:15 a.m. **Welcome and Framing the Day**  
Education Day Committee
- 8:20 a.m. **Keith Oswald, Chief Academic Officer, School District of Palm Beach County**  
Understanding our Public Schools' Strengths and Challenges
- 8:45 a.m. **Melissa Patterson, Principal, John I Leonard High School**  
Challenges and Opportunities at our school
- 8:55 a.m. **Ed Tierney, Area Superintendent**
- 9:00 a.m. **Tour of four areas of high school (break into four groups)**  
Medical/Cyber/Culinary/International Spanish
- 10:30 a.m. **Board the bus and travel to Keiser University, Flagship Campus 2600 North Military Trail, West Palm Beach, FL 33409**
- 11:10 a.m. **College and Career Readiness**  
Stacy Watson, Achieve Palm Beach County (20 minutes)  
Dr. Maria Vallejo, Palm Beach State College (20 minutes)  
Dr. Gary Vonk, Keiser University (20 minutes)
- 12:15 p.m. Lunch is served (tours available for those interested)
- 12:45 p.m. **Bathroom break and load bus to Literacy Coalition, 3651 Quantum Blvd, Boynton Beach**
- 1:40 p.m. **Birth – 5 and Brain Development at Literacy Coalition**  
1:45-2:30 p.m. Panelists and Brain Building activity  
Brain Development, Mental Health and Early Childhood– Dr. Randy Blakely (10 mins)  
Mental Health –Trauma and ACES – Renee Laymen (10 mins)  
Literacy – Kristin Calder (10 mins)  
Quality Early Learning – Aruna Gilbert (10 mins)  
Video to close (5 mins)

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- 2:30 – 2:45 p.m.      **Questions and Table Tops report out about brain activity from their tables**
- 2:45 – 3:00 p.m.      Class walks around to visit display tables to learn about programs/services (Library, Literacy Coalition, CSC, Center for Child Counseling, Early Learning Coalition (7-8 table displays)
- 3:00-3:15 p.m.      Break
- 3:30 p.m.      **Bringing it all Together**  
School District of Palm Beach County, Jennifer Kuras, Director of Professional Development for the School District of Palm Beach County
- 4:30 p.m.      Board the Bus and travel back to John I Leonard HS

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