PRESENTATION TO THE
SCHOOL BOARD OF PALM BEACH COUNTY

VOLUNTARY
PREKINDERGARTEN (VPK)
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PREKINDERGARTEN TITLE I ENRICHMENT

Title I Prekindergarten Enrichment Funding
- Purpose is to maximize resources, close achievement gaps, and prepare students for kindergarten and later life
- Students enrolled in the VPK Program (8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.) in certain Title I schools will be eligible to participate in the Prekindergarten Enrichment Program (11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.), at no cost to the parent(s)
- 28 VPK/Title I funded classrooms will operate in 19 schools by SY 2011

New Staffing Model
- Changes the lead teacher in all VPK classrooms to a certified teacher
- Moves all CDA positions to Early Childhood Professional I positions in existing or new classrooms

New Curriculum
- Adds DLM/ImagineIt!, a standards based curriculum, to the existing Creative Curriculum and High/Scope framework
VPK/TITLE I SCHOOLS

- **SY2010 VPK/Title I Funding** ($1.25 million) (8 schools with 14 classes; adds 9 new classes and continues 5 classes)
  1. Lincoln Elementary: 2 new classes
  2. Barton Elementary: 2 new classes
  3. Benoist Farms Elementary: 2 new classes
  4. West Riviera Elementary: 1 new class
  5. Belle Glade Elementary: 1 new class; 1 class
  6. Indian Pines Elementary: 1 new class; 1 class
  7. Cholee Lakes Elementary: 2 classes
  8. Galaxy Elementary: 1 class

- **SY2011 VPK/Title I Funding** ($2.5 million) (Total of 19 schools with 28 classes; continues all schools and classes from SY2010)
  9. *Pine Grove Elementary: 1 class
  10. *Heritage Elementary: 2 classes
  11. *Starlight Cove Elementary: 2 classes
  12. *Wynnebrook Elementary: 1 class
  13. *Roosevelt Elementary: 1 class
  14. *Westward Elementary: 1 class
  15. *UB Kinsey Elementary: 1 class
  16. *DD Eisenhower Elementary: 1 class
  17. *Highland Elementary: 1 class
  18. *West Palm Beach Area Elementary School 06D: 2 classes
  19. Pahokee Middle School: 1 class proposed

* All schools added in SY2011 to the SY2010 VPK/Title I Funding list, excluding Pahokee Middle School, will operate starting in August 2009 using VPK/Non-recurring Funding
VPK PROGRAM MODELS

The VPK/Title I Enrichment Model
- Limited to 16 students and 2 ESE students, totaling 18 students per classroom
- If more than 16 students apply for a classroom, a public lottery will be held
- A waiting list of eligible students will be established and when withdrawals occur, this list must be used to maintain enrollment

The VPK/Parent Fee Enrichment Model
- Select schools successfully piloted the VPK/Parent Fee program model during SY 2009 and the program will be continued
- Students attending VPK (8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.) in these schools will be eligible to attend an enrichment program (11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.) at a cost of $85.00 per week
- Each classroom will maintain a ratio no greater than 1:9 and the lead positions will be filled by certified teachers
- Participating schools include: (1) Berkshire Elementary, (2) D.D. Eisenhower Elementary, (3) Elbridge Gale Elementary, (4) Palm Beach Gardens Elementary, (5) Sandpiper Shores Elementary, and (6) Pine Jog Elementary