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Michael Lannon
Superintendent – St. Lucie County Schools
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Dear Superintendent Lannon,

Florida's Positive Behavior Support: Response to Intervention for Behavior (FLPBS: RtIB) Project provides training and technical assistance to districts across the state in the development and implementation of PBS across the continuum or tiers (i.e., school-wide/universal, targeted group/supplemental, and individual/intensive levels). Our mission is to build district-wide capacity in addressing problem behaviors and to extend interventions across settings, thus impacting all students. The FLPBS:RtIB Project has been training schools on Tier 1 PBS since 2002. School leadership teams attend three days of intensive training, develop a comprehensive PBS Action Plan, receive ongoing technical assistance to support this systems-change process, and submit evaluation data throughout the year to gauge fidelity of implementation.

Since 2002, over 500 schools have been trained on Tier 1 PBS and the number of schools is growing rapidly due to Florida's increased interest in Response to Intervention. Because of the importance of implementation fidelity, the FLPBS:RtIB Project has been recognizing PBS Model Schools since 2005. A PBS Model School is one that has met specific criteria and has demonstrated innovative and effective ways of supporting PBS in their school. Specific characteristics of PBS Model Schools include consistent methods of: (1) utilizing their data to better serve the students and staff, (2) teaching PBS to students throughout the school year, (3) creating engaging reward systems, (4) extending PBS throughout the campus and partnering with the community, and (5) including PBS in daily activities across all available teaching opportunities.

During the 2007-2008 school year, the FLPBS:RtIB Project expanded the criteria for PBS Model Schools to include three levels: Bronze, Silver, or Gold status. To qualify for **Bronze**, a school must demonstrate: (1) a high Benchmarks of Quality (BoQ) score indicating fidelity of Tier 1 PBS implementation, (2) progress in outcome data, (3) a written recommendation from a District Coordinator and a confirmatory recommendation from Project staff, (4) a completed Model School application and submitted artifacts, and (5) a completed On-Site PBS Walkthrough by a peer PBS Coach or District Coordinator supporting the BoQ score. **Silver** PBS Model Schools meet these minimal criteria but demonstrate higher implementation fidelity with artifacts providing evidence of visibility strategies and established funding supports. **Gold** PBS Model Schools meet these minimal criteria and demonstrate the highest implementation fidelity with artifacts providing evidence of visibility strategies, established funding supports, and support/fidelity across all tiers of Positive Behavior Support.

I am pleased to announce the following PBS Model Schools for 2007-2008 in your district:

School	Level
Bayshore Elementary	Bronze
Delaware Ave Alternative/Center	Gold
Floresta Elementary	Bronze
Forest Grove Middle	Bronze
Indian Hills Secondary	Gold
Lakewood Park Elementary	Silver
Lawnwood Elementary	Silver
Mariposa Elementary	Silver
Port St. Lucie Elementary	Silver
Savanna Ridge Elementary	Silver
Southport Middle	Bronze
Weatherbee Elementary	Silver
Windmill Point Elementary	Gold

Your PBS Model Schools will receive a banner from us (if they are not a previous PBS Model School) and a certificate. If they are a returning PBS Model School, they will receive a sticker to add to their existing banner. The schools will be highlighted on the FLPBS:RtIB Project website (<http://flpbs.fmhi.usf.edu>) as well as the Project newsletter.

We look forward in continuing to work with you in establishing best practice in your schools and building your district's capacity for addressing problem behavior through positive behavior supports and response to intervention for behavior.

Thank you and congratulations!



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