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ACTION BY:
April 22, 2011

TO: All High School Principals

FROM: Judy Klinek, Chief Academic Officer

SUBJECT: 2011 HAITIAN HERITAGE MONTH ESSAY CONTEST

The month of May has been designated as Haitian Heritage Month by the School District of Palm Beach County. The Haitian Heritage Month Celebration Committee is organizing its yearly essay contest to commemorate the month. Please distribute attached flyers/entry forms to teachers and students.

- o Who? Students in grades 9-12
- o When? Deadline April 22, 2011

Theme: You have been selected to give a speech at the Port-au Prince stadium in Haiti to all high school students. Your goal is to stress the importance of individual/collective creative initiatives and engagement for the reconstruction of Haïti. Include how to solve the current problems and then how to lay the foundations of sustainable development. Write your speech to mobilize the youth to be part of the nation building.

Three prizes will be awarded:

- o First Place: 1st Prize Plaque, Certificate, and \$250.00
- o Second Place: 2nd Prize Plaque, Certificate, and \$ 150.00
- o Third Place: 3rd Prize Plaque, Certificate, and \$ 100.00

A committee comprised of teachers and administrators will judge the essays based on a writing rubric to include content, originality, spelling, and grammar. Winners will be announced during the second week of May, 2011. Winners will be asked to attend the regular School Board Meeting in May 2011 to accept the Board Proclamation for Haitian Heritage Month along with their prizes and certificates.

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Attachment

Approved: _____
Bill Malone
Acting Superintendent



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ESSAY CONTEST RULES

- Essay must be: 600-700 words
 - Entries must be typed in **Microsoft Word** and **e-mailed** to Bitto David **no later than 5:00 PM on April 22, 2011**, at david@palmbeach.k12.fl.us (e-mail through teacher is also acceptable).
 - The first page of each entry must include the *Entry Form Information* (located at the bottom of this page).
 - Entries must use 12-point font Times New Roman, and double spaced.
- ❖ *Submissions are final. Essays will be scored by a committee comprised of school teachers and administrators, based on content, originality, spelling, and grammar. Essays remain the property of committee and will not be returned to their authors.*
- ❖ *Winners will be announced during the second week of May 2011.*

Please copy or cut and paste the following entry information on the first page of your essay.

ENTRY FORM INFORMATION

Student's Name: _____ Grade: _____

School: _____ Student's Email: _____ Phone #: _____

Sponsoring Teacher: _____ Teacher's Email: _____

Extracurricular Activities: _____ Career Goals: _____

