



## DISTRICT 3 PALM BEACH COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER

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Born in the Bronx and raised in New York's Rockland County, Ms. Brill has resided in unincorporated Boynton Beach for 24 years.

Elected to the Palm Beach County School Board in November 2010, Ms. Brill has been actively involved in public education locally and at the state level for over 20 years, most notably as an advocate for students with disabilities. In 2011, the Palm Beach County Business Leadership Network named her Education Advocate of the Year.

Ms. Brill is a graduate of Florida's Partners in Policymaking, served six years on the State Advisory for the Education of Exceptional Students, chaired the Palm Beach County School District's ESE Advisory Committee, and served five years as President of the Exceptional Student Education Coalition of Palm Beach County. She has also served on the School Advisory Committees at Morikami Park Elementary School, Odyssey Middle School, and Park Vista Community High School.

In 2002, at the successful conclusion of a Federal complaint against the State of Florida regarding the FCAT, Ms. Brill received a gubernatorial appointment to the FCAT Blue Ribbon Task Force. She later assisted in the creation of legislation that enables students with disabilities to obtain a standard high school diploma by demonstrating mastery of the state requirements.

Currently, Ms. Brill is President-Elect of the Greater Florida Consortium of School Boards. She is also on the Board of Directors of the Education Commission and Education Foundation of Palm Beach County, and serves as a member of the Palm Beach County Community Alliance. She is an Allocation Committee Chairperson for the Town of Palm Beach United Way and is a member of the COBWRA Education Committee and the newly created Palm Beach County Alliance for Education.

Ms. Brill graduated summa cum laude from Palm Beach Atlantic College with a Bachelor of Science in Organization Management and received her Master of Business Administration from Palm Beach Atlantic University. She has an extensive and diverse business background having worked at RCA Records and later for Malcolm S. Forbes in New York. Upon moving to Florida, she worked in Private Wealth Management for Deutsche Bank (legacy Bankers Trust), spent a year as Executive Aide to Clerk and Comptroller Sharon R. Bock, and then joined Richard S. Bernstein & Associates as Director of Business Development and Marketing. Following her election to the School Board, Ms. Brill embarked on a successful new career in real estate.

Ms. Brill is married to Stewart Davies. They have four children who attended and graduated from Palm Beach County Schools; the youngest is an 8<sup>th</sup> grade Language Arts teacher at a Title 1 school with Teach for America in Denver, Colorado. She and her husband are members of the King David Bikers. Along with her professional career and family, Ms. Brill finds time for her other passions: cooking, exercise, reading, travel and weekend motorcycle rides with her husband. She and her husband reside in west Boynton Beach with their son Matthew and dogs Harley and Lexie.