



2015-2016 Message from the President

Friends and Partners,

The 2015-2016 school year was very successful for PIE! I'm happy to report that Partners In Education, Inc. (PIE) continues its commitment to the nation's sixth largest school district, Broward County Public Schools, in highly targeted and meaningful ways. We were proud to sponsor core district initiatives such as:

- The Back to School Extravaganza, where we provided food to HandsOnBroward volunteers who gave their time to fill hundreds of donated backpacks with school supplies, uniforms, and information on critical resources for families in need.
- EdSurge's Tech For Schools Summit, where over 600 administrators and teachers met directly with dozens of educational technology solution providers to better understand how to integrate technology effectively in learning environments;
- The Best In Class Awards, where we rewarded two students with 12 years of perfect attendance in Broward County public schools with iPad Minis;
- The Broward Education Foundation Annual *Black & White Gala*, an event that celebrates excellence in education and raises funds in support of teacher development, classroom supplies for Title 1 schools, and college scholarships, where Teachers of the Year were invited as honorary guests of PIE.

We also made significant improvements to our website, browardpartners.com, and expanded our outreach to the business community through active participation in vital community forums, such as the Broward Workshop, the Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance, and the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast.

On-going are our efforts to work closely with school district leaders to develop new strategies, and strengthen existing ones, for leveraging partnerships with local businesses to improve our schools. For example, we are looking forward this year to the district's College Fair, where the funds we raise will help students meet face-to-face with college recruiters from across the country.

I'd like to give special recognition to the Children's Services Council, the YMCA of South Florida, the Hollywood Police Department, and O.R. Colan and Associates. Out of 79 nominees, these organizations were selected as Outstanding Partnerships of the Year at the Community Involvement Awards.

We're looking forward to an exciting 2016-2017 school year as we grow our Board and expand PIE's influence over helping Broward's youth experience an excellent public education.

Tim Curtin