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# **Glades Technical Advisory Committee Meeting**

### **DID YOU KNOW THAT...**

- Palm Beach County is the top performing large urban school district in Florida.
- PBC School District is the 5<sup>th</sup> largest school district in Florida and 11<sup>th</sup> largest in the nation
- The District attained a higher percentage of "A" rated Elem. & Middle schools than any large urban school district in Florida

9:30 A.M. - 11:00 A.M. Pahokee Wellness Center 360 E. Main St. Pahokee, FL 33476 Join us at our upcoming GTAC meeting and get the facts from the expert!



# The great aim of education is not knowledge, but

Dr. Matthew Shoemaker is a lifelong educator serving the students of Palm Beach County for 27 years. He has been married 28 years and is the father of two girls, and recently became a proud new grandfather. His first teaching assignment was as a fourth grade teacher in Royal Palm Beach. Dr. Shoemaker's administrative experience includes Assistant Principal ship in two schools and Principal ships at the elementary, middle and high school levels in five different schools. He just completed his fourth year as Area Superintendent for Area 3. The Area 3 office provides support and supervision to 30 public schools in the Glades, Acreage, and Wellington communities. In December of 2012, the Area 3 office moved from the district transportation department to West Tech in Belle Glade. Since the opening of West Tech, he has worked with community members and elected officials to create and serve on the Glades Career Readiness Roundtable. Under his direction, the Glades Pre-apprentice Construction Program was formed, and to date, has graduated 60 students. Through his efforts and in partnership with the community and school district, in 2014, the Glades High School Construction Academy was established, serving approximately 50 students at Pahokee High, Glades Central High, and Crossroads Academy. Finally, his collaborative work with area high schools, Palm Beach State College, and Florida Crystals has resulted in the enhancement and promotion of the Vocational Preparatory Instruction (VPI) program which serves students who are at risk of not graduating, provides tutorial assistance for students who did not meet graduation requirements, as well as, provided guidance to those considering a career in the vocational trades. Dr. Shoemaker is excited about the challenge to further improve and expand educational opportunities for the nearly 30,000 students in Area 3. He looks forward to joining Palm Beach County's new Superintendent, Dr. Robert Avossa, our community members, and families in these efforts.

# We look forward to seeing you and your neighbors!

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