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Dear CECPB Parents and CECPB Board of Directors,

Welcome to our new parents, and welcome back to our returning parents! I am very excited about the upcoming 2016-2017 school year.

We at CECPB have high expectations for our parents because we know what we are offering: stable and educated staff; an independent curriculum for each child; excellent student/teacher ratios; a fine arts program that includes gymnastics, art, and music. For our parents, a volunteer commitment of 40 hours may sound daunting at first, but it is only 4 hours a month over the course of a 10-month school year. Not to mention the gratification you get back from giving your time at your child's school.

Grant writing and school fundraising (through our SAC/PTO) is critical to maintaining our budget. We raised more than \$80,000.00 for CECPB last year, which was quite an accomplishment. Our goal is to raise this much (if not more) again this coming school year.

The responsibilities of the CECPB Board of Directors include regulating the rules needed for the effective operation and general improvement of CECPB including: review and approval of policies and procedures of CECPB and recommendation of expulsions if necessary; approval and maintenance of the operating budget; and handling conflict resolution issues or concerns by informal communications. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the CECPB Board of Directors, please do not hesitate in contacting our Parent Representative, Orlando Ortiz.

I would like to take this opportunity to invite all of you to our monthly meetings of the CECPB Board of Directors. At the present time, meetings will take place at the offices of Padula Bernardo Levine, LLP, 101 Plaza Real South, Suite 207, Boca Raton, FL 33432 at 9:30 am. Please mark your calendar for the following dates:

August 19, 2016
November 18, 2016
February 17, 2017
May 19, 2017

September 16, 2016
December 16, 2016
March 17, 2017
June 16, 2017

October 21, 2016
January 20, 2017
April 21, 2017

Attendance at these meetings is an excellent opportunity to learn more about your child's school. Parents can apply these hours to their volunteer commitment. However, we are unable to offer babysitting for these meetings.

The composition of the CECPB Board of Directors is as follows:

Stephen J. Padula	President	561-544-8900
Sonia Kay, Ph.D.	Treasurer	561-758-8956
Elinor Siklossy	Secretary	561-655-6206
Orlando Ortiz	Director/Parent Representative	561-248-7384

Orlando serves on the CECPB and PTO/SAC board as the school's Parental Involvement Representative. Please feel free to contact him if you have any concerns.

As always, feel free to contact any of the officers or directors if you have questions, concerns, or would like to include an item on a meeting agenda. As a reminder, all CECPB School Board meetings are open to the public, and everyone is encouraged to attend.

It is vital to the success of our school that all parents use their resources to make CECPB the best for our children. We need the assistance of each and every family. Thank you in advance for making this year the most successful one for Connections Education Center of the Palm Beaches.

Sincerely,



Stephen J. Padula

President of Connections Education Center of the Palm Beaches Board of Directors