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Dear Conference Participants:

Robert Frost wrote,

*Two roads diverged in a wood, and I-
I took the one less traveled by,
And that has made all the difference.*

Our children have many roads available to them, many choices, many paths. As the adults in their lives, it is our responsibility to help guide them as they navigate through the paths that today's perplexing and mystifying yet fascinating and alluring 21st Century world places before them. It is our responsibility to teach them that nothing good comes easy and only with much tenacity, perseverance, and demanding work will they learn the skills and strategies they will need in order to face the challenges that life will place before them. This year's conference entitled, "A Path to Rigor... Your Child and Advanced Academics", aims to help you in this effort.

Today is about learning and equipping yourselves with the knowledge that you as the first and primary care givers of the students in Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) need in order to develop what is best in all of our children. Today is about discovering the very best in academic opportunities available to our most valued and greatest hope for the future, your children.

On behalf of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, and students of M-DCPS, I thank you for your participation in this important conference. Together we will help *our* children choose the road less traveled and that, I am certain, will make ALL the difference!

Sincerely,

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Superintendent of Schools

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