**FSWC-LEE 9/20/17 Staff Meeting**

See ya later IRMA……we all know it’s not that simple for lots of people!

As of today (Wednesday) our friend Dinu still has no power, Ms. Olson is displaced from her recently purchased house, and we haven’t started to hear the stories from our own students yet, and I might not even know if any of you are in a bind.  If so, please let me know so I can see if we can help.  Rarely do I make a unilateral decision like this but we need to open Monday a.m. with a Reverse Small Block schedule to make sure your academic time can be focused for all 7 periods.  Here’s why:

1. There will likely be lots of late students.  Our bus company lost their office and have “assured” (not guaranteed) buses will run on time.  Regular traffic is another story all together.
2. We are still working out the details but we will be providing our students a free “grab and go” breakfast opportunity for the near future.  Send them to the cafeteria before class.
3. Many families have contacted us and expressed worry that without internet service school work will be difficult….valid point and so I have a quick survey (laying on your desks) and I want each of you to pass out to students, re-collect during the same period, and get to the office.  The survey will let us understand who does or doesn’t have power and/or internet, let them quietly and efficiently let us know if their family needs something, and nominate a “Hurricane Hero” if someone really helped them out.
4. Kids will need to talk about their experience and it’s better to just get it out of the way.
5. We are engaged in helping Harn’s Marsh elementary in Lehigh.  Several of us visited and did some cleaning and heard the story of what it’s like to work and/or be in a shelter.  Scarring to say the least.  You will also find a pile of fliers that you should pass out to students.  One copy for their household, and one to share.  Thanks Melanie for putting together the graphic!!  In a nutshell, we are going to provide some basic kid focused hygiene and entertainment items to the staff out there.  Harn’s Marsh serves a classic Title One population and it challenging enough without a hurricane on top of everything else.  It is also linked on our web page……feel free to get it out on social media.  <http://bit.ly/2ypwnOW>

On other notes….

* Thanks for the comic relief during the storm via the group chat.  It helped me for sure!
* Thanks for the team of staff and their children that worked out at Harn’s Marsh on Monday.
* There is an ongoing effort via FSW to help Ms. Olson with a cash donation.  If you want to contribute, just bring me the money and I will get it to Mary Myers from FSW.
* We have negotiated the opportunity to buy lunch.  We can purchase vouchers for a student lunch at the student price by walking over to the cafeteria.  This should be operational Monday 9/25.
* I don’t know anything besides what is in the media about making up missed days.  Stay tuned.
* Mr. Westran typed me a photo of him smiling while getting his last chemo treatment.  He wishes you all the best!
* Please wait before adjusting due dates until we turn around the internet access survey.  I will provide an update at lunch time on Monday with that info.
* I have to attend a Board of Trustees meeting on Tuesday afternoon.  Please meet with your grade level and exchange necessary information on updating due dates and anything else.