

August 11, 2025

Dear Connections Parents and Staff;

The board of Connections Education Center is excited to welcome both our new and returning parents to the upcoming 2025-2026 school year.

The faculty and staff at Connections provides you and your child with an excellent educational experience. We provide a stable and experienced staff; an individual curriculum that meets your child's specific needs; a low student/teacher ratio; a fine arts program that includes art and music; and a health and wellness program which includes nutrition classes, independent living skills, a sports program, and swimming instruction. But we need your help!

Parents are an essential part of our success at Connections. We need you to support our teachers by volunteering your valuable time to help us meet the needs of the school. We are asking that each family volunteer **40 hours over the 10 month school year**. The 4 hours a month are crucial to meeting your child's needs and the smooth operation of the school. Volunteering will help you make a difference at your child's school.

As a charter school, we receive money from the federal and state government. However, these funds only cover 70% of the costs to run our school. To make up this gap in funding, we encourage you to participate in school fundraising activities through the SAC and PTO as well as volunteer. Parent participation helped us meet our fundraising goal last year. This year our goal is to raise more so that we can provide new programs for the children. It will take us all to do it!

The CECPB Board of Directors is the governing body of this charter school. Board members are responsible for overseeing the activities of the school that include budget, operating policies, and managing disputes or conflicts. The board meets monthly to discuss and vote on the affairs of the school. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the CECPB Board of Directors, please do not hesitate to contact our Parent Representative, Allison Delpesche.

I would like to take this opportunity to invite all of you to our monthly board meetings. Attendance at these meetings is an excellent opportunity to learn more about Connections. Parents can apply these hours to their volunteer commitment. **Currently, most meetings take place on Zoom**. However, we will have the annual meeting at the school in the evening October 16, 2025 at 6:00 pm. As a reminder, all CECPB School Board meetings are open to the public, and everyone is encouraged to attend. Please 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. Please mark your calendar for the following dates and contact Jason Portman for Zoom meeting link.

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**Connections Education Center of the Palm Beaches
Board Meeting Schedule for July 2025 until June 2026**

Friday, July 18, 2025	9:00 AM
Friday, August 15, 2025	9:00 AM
Friday, September 19, 2025	9:00 AM
Thursday, October 16, 2025 Annual Board Meeting	6:00 PM Connections Board Room
Friday, November 21, 2025	9:00 AM
December- no meeting	
Friday, January 16, 2026	9:00 AM
Friday, February 20, 2026	9:00 AM
Friday, March 20, 2026	9:00 AM
Friday, April 17, 2026	9:00 AM
Friday, May 15, 2026	9:00 AM
Friday, June 19, 2026	9:00 AM

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It is vital to the success of our school that all parents use their resources to make CECPB the best it can be for all 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.

All the best,

Michael Kridel

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