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**Action By:
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TO: High School Principals and Directors
FROM: Joseph Sanches / Chief Operating Officer
SUBJECT: **BLOOD DRIVES ON HIGH SCHOOL CAMPUSES AND DISTRICT FACILITIES**

There are more than 334 million people who currently live in the United States (U.S.); approximately 6.8 million people donate blood. Blood donations are used for patients of all ages in need of surgery, transfusions for blood loss from injuries, cancer treatments, etc. In fact, every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood. Blood is essential to life and one blood donation can save up to three lives. For these valuable and important reasons, our District is pleased to continue its five-year partnership agreement with OneBlood, Inc. The partnership teaches an important role in saving lives and instills a sense of community responsibility.

During the 2023 school year, our District's students and staff donated over 3,603 units of blood, aiding more than 10,809 patients. Participants in the year's 71 blood drives included 22 high school campuses, as well as the District's Fulton Holland Educational Services Center, Chuck Shaw Technical Education Center, and School Police staff at the Seacrest Training Center and the Safe Schools Institute.

During this five-year partnership which lasts through FY27, OneBlood, Inc., will provide:

- Scholarship money (\$20 per whole blood unit and \$40 per double red cell unit) to the donating high school, which in turn agrees that these funds must be kept separate from the school's general funds and must only be utilized for student scholarships. Please note that blood donations must be provided **only** by students and staff.
- An additional payment (\$20 per whole blood unit and \$40 per double red cell unit) to the Risk & Benefits Management Department for all blood collected from District staff. The Risk & Benefits Management Department agrees to keep these funds separate from the department's general funds and that the funds only be utilized for employee wellness efforts. Please note that blood donations must be provided **only** by staff.

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- A partnership with the Medical Sciences Academies, Choice and Career Options Department and the Adult and Community Education Department to offer job shadowing opportunities where appropriate, as well as clinical and/or other placements for medical academy students. Please contact Ms. Pamela Jones-Ross, Donor Services Manager from OneBlood, Inc. at pamela.jones-ross@oneblood.org or (561) 601-6178 for any questions regarding these opportunities.

If you would like to host a blood drive on your school campus or department/facility, please reach out directly to your OneBlood, Inc., contact listed on the attachment, or if you need additional support, please email blooddrive@palmbeachschools.org and a team member will contact you.

Thank you for supporting the local community through your participation in District-sponsored blood drives.

Attachments

Approved: 

Michael J. Burke, Superintendent

About blood donation

Why blood is needed

Every day, blood donors help patients of all ages. Every two seconds... someone in the U.S. needs blood. A common misunderstanding about blood usage is that accident victims are the patients who use the most blood. Actually, people needing the most blood include those being treated for cancer, undergoing orthopedic surgeries, undergoing cardiovascular surgeries, burn victims, organ transplant patients or patients treated for inherited blood disorders.



Before donating:

- Drink plenty of water prior to donating.
- Eat a light healthy meal and avoid fatty foods. Donating blood on an empty stomach is not recommended.
- Eat iron rich foods a few days leading up to your blood donation. Your iron levels must be at a certain level in order to donate blood. Meat is one of the best sources of iron. Dried beans, fortified cereals, breads, dried fruits, nuts and seeds, as well as, dark leafy vegetables are also good sources of iron.
- We will check your iron count prior to your blood donation and if it is too low you will not be able to donate blood that day.
- On your blood donation day, wear comfortable clothing, preferably with a short-sleeve shirt. Bring your ID and a list of any medications you are taking. If you are 16, you'll need a signed parental consent form.

Health benefits of giving blood (Blood donations)

- Donating Blood can reduce harmful iron stores
- Donating Blood can lower your risk of suffering a heart attack
- Donating Blood helps multiple people who desperately need it

DID YOU KNOW?

- OneBlood, and all blood centers in the United States, are regulated by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). As a regulated agency, blood centers are required by law to follow all rules, guidelines and deferral policies put in place by the FDA.
- If you receive the Pfizer, Moderna or Johnson & Johnson vaccine there is no waiting period to donate blood or platelets. However, if you receive an unapproved COVID-19 vaccine you are not eligible to donate blood, like any other experimental medication associated with a research study.
- Hosting a drive allows for multiple donors to be eligible at each drive. By hosting three to four drives per year means that a numerous amount of lives could potentially be saved each time.

DONATION STEPS



1. SIGN IN & REGISTER



2. HEALTH HISTORY



3. BLOOD DONATION



4. SNACK & REST

OneBlood, Inc.

Contacts for Hosting Blood Drives on High School Campuses SY 2023-2024

Debbie Darrow – Manager of Donor Recruitment, South

Phone: (561) 540-6645

Cell: (561) 376-3654

Email: Debbie.Darrow@oneblood.org

**Responsible for the Schools in the South of Palm Beach County
Blood Drives – view list below.**

Paul Caruso – Manager of Donor Recruitment, North

Phone: (561) 469-5161

Cell: (561) 512-4116

Email: Paul.Caruso@oneblood.org

**Responsible for the Schools in the North of Palm Beach County
Blood Drives – view list below.**

The School District of Palm Beach County and OneBlood, Inc. Partnership

High Schools Active in the South of Palm Beach County - SDPBC (FY24)
Atlantic Community High
Boca Raton Community High
Boynton Beach Community High
Dr. Joaquin Garcia High
Forest Hill Community High
John I. Leonard High
Lake Worth Community High
Olympic Heights Community High
Palm Beach Central High
Park Vista Community High
Royal Palm Beach Community High
Santaluces Community High
Spanish River Community High
Village Academy on the Art and Sara Jo Kobacker Campus (K-12)
Wellington Community High
West Boca Raton Community High
Total of 16 Schools

High Schools Active in the North of Palm Beach County - SDPBC (FY24)
Alexander W. Dreyfoos School of the Arts
Crossroads Academy (<i>Alternative</i>)
Glades Central Community High
Jupiter Community High
Pahokee (Middle-Senior) High
Palm Beach Gardens Community High
Palm Beach Lakes Community High
Riviera Beach Preparatory & Achievement Academy (<i>Alternative</i>)
Seminole Ridge Community High
Suncoast High
William T. Dwyer High
Total of 11 Schools

NOTE: Additional Schools May Be Added to Above List

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Contacts for Hosting Blood Drives on Departments/Facilities SY 2023-2024

Claudia Passamonti – Regional Director

Phone: (954) 867-2725

Cell: (786) 925-4655

Email: Claudia.Passamonti@oneblood.org

Supports Blood Drives in District's Departments and/or Facilities.

Noah Pierse – Supervisor for Collections & Recruitment

Phone: (561) 540-6658

Cell: (561) 420-2302

Email: Noah.Pierse@oneblood.org

Supports Blood Drives in District's Headquarter Building – FHESC.