

# **Diversity, Prevention & Intervention Department**

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY** **Cooperative Agreement with Cloud9World**

The Cloud9World program is an innovative model in character education, which includes 30 traits that impact student behavior, student academics, school climate, social emotional issues, bullying, stress and diversity through a literacy program aligned to Social and Emotional Learning. It is designed to impact students, staff and has a direct connection with the home.

Cloud9World will provide eighteen Title I elementary schools based on a developed criteria in the Broward County Public System with the Cloud9World Character Strength Building Program. Currently, Challenger Elementary is implementing Cloud9World as part of a grant through the Miami Dolphins the past two school years. An analysis revealed that the school experienced a more than 50% reduction in overall discipline incidents since implementation. In addition, Walker Elementary used Cloud9World during the 2015 - 2016 school year. An analysis revealed that the school experienced approximately 40% reduction in overall discipline incidents since implementation of Cloud9World program.

Schools in the Cloud9World program will be provided professional development for all staff members before launching the program. All select schools will be trained in the fall, upon school board approval.

Cloud9World provides teachers and counselors with learning activities and discussion prompts for students to share with their parents at home to reinforce character traits, promote positive family interactions, and to provide ways to keep parents connected to the classroom. All students will go home with a book for each of the character traits that they can share with their family.

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