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Dear Skip,

Thank you for providing the Nassau County Public Schools with the opportunity to implement the Smart Horizons Career Online High School Program. By utilizing this program, our seniors who were not qualified to earn a standard high school diploma by GPA or FCAT received another *positive* opportunity. The SHCOE started second semester of the 2013-2014 school year enrolling students who did not have the grade point average needed to graduate followed by adding additional students as the last FCAT Reading Retake scores were reported. Students who did not pass the FCAT Retake were added to the program.

This program is providing our students who are not able to earn a district diploma and will either drop out of school or transfer to Adult Education the opportunity to receive a standard high school diploma. Since both count against the district's final grades this program is a *WIN* for both the student and the district. The district office is receiving great feedback from the schools regarding timely completion of courses, along with the easy accessibility for the students.

The students completing this program will now receive a SACS accredited high school diploma along with a career certificate (Parallel Path Program) which has now given them additional options as they begin their post school transitioning.

Thank you for your hard work and dedication to our students.

Sincerely,

Cynthia K. Grooms, Ed.D.
District Coordinator

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