

FAU's PROPEL Program Kicks Off Fourth Cohort



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Florida Atlantic University's Principal Rapid Orientation and Preparation in Educational Leadership (PROPEL) program's newest cohort of teacher leaders began their PROPEL journey with the start of the summer semester.

Since the programs founding, three cohorts of teacher leaders have participated in the PROPEL program which seeks to develop and fast track Broward County teacher leaders into school administrators. These teachers from schools across Broward Public Schools are nominated and selected to complete the equivalent of a Master's Degree in Educational Leadership and the Broward School District's LEAD (Leadership Experiences and Administrative Development) and IAPP (Interim Assistant Principal Program) continuum along with an internship.

In February, ten teacher leaders were vetted and accepted for the fourth and newest cohort, and on May 10th these teachers attended their first classes as PROPEL participants and FAU students. The participants will first complete foundational coursework in educational leadership theory, teacher leadership, coaching, mentoring and adult learning.

The PROPEL program is the result of a \$3.5 million grant awarded by the Florida Department of Education in December 2011 for its innovative approach to a principal preparation program. While the first and second cohorts of teacher leaders received grant funding for their classes, this fourth cohort and the third are self-sustaining.

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