

# connect now

Engaging our community and schools

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## The more you know...

As part of the District's strategic planning process, it became clear that everyone would benefit from being provided with user-friendly information on the performance of Collier County Schools' students' academic achievement and development—to understand our progress, our challenges, and how to move forward together.

Through both Connect Now and District Strategic Planning, communication emerged as a fundamental element to better engaging our community and schools. We were pleased to see the recent annual report released by the Collier County Public Schools in the *Naples Daily News* last week. If you missed it, [click here](#) to view information on academic performance, graduation and attendance rates, and more.

## Upcoming Elections: August 24th

One of the things we've learned through Connect Now is that our community values productive and constructive conversations. To that end, The Education Foundation invited both sitting school board members and candidates to individually meet with us to learn how The Education Foundation can support the success of the new strategic plan, the school board, leadership team, and schools.

So far, we've enjoyed the opportunity to learn with:

Reg Buxton  
Pat Carroll  
Mary Ellen Cash  
Kathy Curatolo  
Steve Donovan

Kathy Ryan  
Julie Sprague  
Roy Terry  
Rosanne Winter

The Primary Election, in which three School Board seats are included, is August 24th. Visit [www.CollierVotes.com](http://www.CollierVotes.com) for information, including early voting (August 9 - 21) and absentee voting.

Thanks again for your efforts to contribute to a healthy conversation in which our schools can thrive.

**Get On the Bus™** is a new initiative intended to inspire everyone to consider how they might get involved in supporting the success and future of Collier county through education. **You will be seeing more information coming out as you begin to receive our new e-newsletter.**

In addition, The Education Foundation is launching a new website—it will include an easy-to-navigate, interactive platform for parents and students, schools, and the community to support each other through education. We are working closely with the school district to ensure that our sites are complementary.

This site will be a very real outcome of Connect Now—our community cares very much about connecting resources to opportunity in ways that have the most impact.

Visit [www.GetOnTheBusCollier.org](http://www.GetOnTheBusCollier.org) to learn more and to sign up to receive notification when the site goes live!



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