



**TEAM REPORT**  
Education  
Submitted by Pat Drago

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The Education Action Team had a very active year!!! We meet almost monthly at 4pm on Mondays at the VUE. Minutes are published after every meeting with the next meeting date set.

- Visited Beachside Elementary - toured classrooms and observed instruction
- Visited Deltona Middle - visited classrooms and observed instruction
- Social Studies Fair- judged and awarded prizes
- Partnered with Nancy Nusbaum and Voter Services along with Lisa Lewis and the Supervisor of Elections to register over 1,000 high school students
- Met with Superintendent Dr. Carmen Balgobin
- Met with each individual school board member to establish rapport and share mutual concerns.
- Within team meetings learned more about testing protocols, including adaptive testing and the NAEP, the national norm referenced test
- Participated in the monthly LWVFL Education Team phone calls

What is left to accomplish:

We want to partner with the Speakers Bureau to develop a presentation for general public that explains School Choice NOW.

We continue to have serious concerns about the direction for public education nationally and statewide

The Education Action Team WILL partner with Voter Service to hold a candidate forum for the three open school board seats this summer prior to the primary.

Active members include, but are not limited to: Pat Drago, chair, Pat Cosby, scribe, Carolyn Carbonell, Ann Smith, Linda Cuthbert, Julia Carson, Lena Ellis, Monique Fischer, Elizabeth Albert, Judy Conte, Nicki Junkins, Debbie Parker.