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As the Health and Physical Education Administrator for The School District of Palm Beach County, I would like to share some of my experiences with the Richard David Kann Melanoma Foundation. I have personally collaborated with the Richard David Kann Melanoma Foundation over the past five years; however, this community partnership has been in existence since 2000.

Since 2007, Physical Education teachers from elementary, middle and high schools have partnered with the Richard David Kann Melanoma Foundation to educate students about the importance of skin cancer and safety precautions when outdoors. The Richard David Kann Melanoma Foundation staff visits school campuses throughout the year, collaborates with physical education teachers and present to students on the topics of: skin cancer, prevention and detection, and sun safety (hats, sunscreen and other protective clothing).

Additionally, the Richard David Kann Melanoma Foundation expanded their education through the SunSmart America curriculum, which is available free to all Palm Beach County teachers. This curriculum is aligned to Florida's Next Generation Sunshine State Standards, and has relevant and up to date content. Furthermore, the Richard David Kann Melanoma Foundation continues to provide schools with opportunities to participate in Sun Shade essay contests.

The partnership between the School District and the Richard David Kann Melanoma Foundation exemplifies the importance of educating, and potentially saving lives. We hope to continue to partner with the Richard David Kann Melanoma Foundation for a very long time.

Sincerely,

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