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Veteran Educator is closing the academic learning gap during COVID-19

Dr. Ruth Baskerville, a 45 year educator, is boosting learning with an 18 day virtual Summer Boost Pilot Program for Middle School students. Starting June 1st students will "sign on" Mondays-Thursdays with subject experts tutoring in reading, writing and math. Combine this academic excellence with "Financial Saturdays" taught by business and finance experts to ultimately produce a well-informed citizenry and workforce.

Dr. Ruth says using the Florida Standards Assessments for the curriculum is vital to avoid that "summer slide". "As a veteran teacher and administrator, I've seen too many students without support systems to aid in, much less guarantee their future success. Whether or not a kid likes school, it shouldn't "hurt." If America is going to recapture its global economic standing, it must invest in the academic advancements for "Every 1."

According to the National Summer Learning Association, by the ninth grade summer learning loss during elementary school accounts for two-thirds of the achievement gap in reading between low-income children and their middle-income peers. The economic impacts and trauma of recent events will also have far reaching effects that will likely exacerbate long-standing opportunity gaps.

In 2005 Dr. Baskerville was instrumental in turning Ivey Lane Elementary School in the Pine Hills community of Orlando from a double F rating to a B+ within 2 years, coining the phrase "Ivey Lane to Ivy League." Following Summer Boost, Dr. Ruth will provide to students, parents and students' schools measurable outcomes of their success.

Dr. Ruth's late husband, Waverly Baskerville, was a New York corporate finance executive who mentored young colleagues because he believed in excellence and "paying it forward." Waverly's Way is the blending of his financial expertise with Dr. Ruth's educational expertise, evidenced in our motto: "Educational Access to the American Dream for Every 1!"

Parents wanting to enroll children in the next Waverly's Way Boost initiative, and instructors wanting to teach part-time, and investors wanting to pour out financial blessings into the lives of children may contact Dr. Ruth Baskerville at wrbaskerville@aol.com or 321-247-8591