



FIU and JP Morgan Chase Press Conference

**Given by Mark B. Rosenberg
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The following address was given at a press conference on September 7, 2011 regarding “The Education Effect” - a partnership with FIU, JP Morgan Chase and Northwestern High School, supported by a 3-year \$1million grant, seeking to improve educational outcomes in Liberty City.

Shortly after he was elected president in 1933, President Roosevelt consulted with the respected Supreme Court Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes. When he asked for advice from the Justice, Justice Holmes responded to his leader: “you are in a warlike crisis. When in war, my advice is to marshal your battalions and fight!”

Ladies and Gentlemen, this partnership is just that. We are marshalling our battalions, we are collaborating, and yes we are fighting. We are fighting for the *Worlds Ahead* education that our youth deserves. This partnership is thanks to the generous support from JP Morgan Chase. From Senator Martinez and Jesse Leon, Mr. Fonts, and the entire JP Morgan Chase Family thanks for helping us to fight the good fight.

We are particularly grateful to our colleagues at MDCPS for their confidence in us. Board Member Bendross Mindingall, Superintendent Carvalho, Nikkolai Vitti, Principals Burks and Aristide, and our colleagues from FIU – Dr. Grossman, Nicole Kaufman, and so many others.

Today we stand as one, as that battalion ready to work with the community of parents and students to turn the impossible into the inevitable. You see, that is what we have done at FIU continually and repeatedly, and we will do it do at this great high school and with its feeder schools. The better our schools get, the better the community gets and the better the community, the better our state. There is no time to waste. Senator Rubio and Rep. Wilson – we work with a sense of urgency. We know that you will be there for us when we need your assistance or advice!

Now, I am pleased to introduce our Superintendent of schools. Alberto Carvalho!