

**TOWN OF DAVIE
TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT**

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

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SUBJECT: Love to Read - Love to Achieve Program

AFFECTED DISTRICT: Town-wide

ITEM REQUEST: **Schedule for Council Meeting**

TITLE OF AGENDA ITEM: Love to Read - Love to Achieve Program Presentations

REPORT IN BRIEF: For the past five (5) years, the Town of Davie has successfully partnered with the "Early Headstart Program" of Broward County Schools to undertake a male-reading-role-model program to encourage boys to find the reading experience more enjoyable. This year's program ran from March 17th thru March 27th at three (3) Davie Elementary Schools.

Since the majority of stories read to kids is by their mother or a female school teacher, many young boys do not see the merits of reading. But, by having a male-role-model come to their school, it encourages young boys to become readers. Imagine how an 8 year old child feels when the Town's Fire Chief, GIS Coordinator, Engineer, etc., comes to their classroom to read them a story.

The Housing and Community Development Department would like to recognize all the men of the Town who volunteered, and the Broward County School Board's Early Headstart Program, for their participation in this worthwhile endeavor.

PREVIOUS ACTIONS: Annual Participation in Love to Read - Love to Achieve Program

CONCURRENCES:

FISCAL IMPACT: not applicable

Has request been budgeted? n/a

RECOMMENDATION(S): Provide participants with Certificates of Appreciation

Attachment(s):