

"The State of Public Education in Collier County ... And Why You Should Care"

Naples, FL - January 2, 2009 - The League of Women Voters of Collier County will present "The State of Public Education in Collier County ... and Why You Should Care," an evening program designed to appeal to all segments of the greater Naples community, on Monday, January 12, at the Naples Hilton, 5111 Tamiami Trail N. Registration is at 6:30PM; the program begins at 7PM.

"Collier County residents who don't have school-age children may not realize that they still have a stake in the quality of our public schools," said Chris Straton, president of the League of Women Voters of Collier County. "In fact, the quality of our schools affects much more than what takes place in the classroom. It affects the value of our homes, the ability of our community to attract and retain workers and businesses, and the ability of our schools to attract and retain teachers. In addition, almost fifty percent of our local taxes go to support our schools, and we should all care that our tax dollars are being well spent."

"This will be a great opportunity for students, parents, teachers, businesspeople, retirees and anyone else with an interest in our community to be updated by the people in the know and to ask questions," Straton said.

Speaking at the program will be Libby Anderson, Co-Chair - Education Committee, The Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce and President - EDA HR Services; Kathleen Curatolo, Vice-Chair, District School Board of Collier County; Susan McManus, President - The Education Foundation of Collier County; and Dennis Thompson, Superintendent - Collier County Public School District. Questions from the audience will be encouraged.

There is no charge to attend. Tax-deductible donations would be appreciated with proceeds supporting The League of Women Voters of Collier County Education Fund.

For reservations, email lwvcc@lwvcolliercounty.org or call the League at 239-263-4656. For more information, contact Sandy Parker at 239-513-1595.

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About The League of Women Voters of Collier County

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