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NEWS RELEASE – “SUPERINTENDENT HOLDS CEO BRIEFING ABOUT GIRLS IN STEM”

Collier County Public Schools Superintendent, Dr. Kamela Patton, held the third CEO Briefing of the 2013-2014 school year on Wednesday, May 14th at the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Administrative Center. The topic of this meeting focused on increasing female students' participation in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) related activities and careers. Some seventeen local professionals involved in STEM careers joined Dr. Patton for this CEO Briefing.



Collier County Public Schools CEO Briefing on Girls in STEM

(Front Row L to R) **Mariann McDonald** – Chairman of the Board, NCH Healthcare System; **Dr. Dulce Dudley** – Pediatrician, NCH Healthcare System; **Cathy Roderick** – Information Technology Director, Naples Daily News; **Kelly Blake** – Associate, Stantec

(Standing L to R) **Caroline Crew** - Chair, AAUW STEM Girls Count; **Dr. Tina Ottman** – Biology Professor, Edison State College; **Dr. Kamela Patton** – Superintendent, Collier County Public Schools; **Rebecca Beck** – Blair Center Director, Audubon-Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary; **Sharon Audrey** – IT Director, Collier Enterprises; **Tatiana Lawson** – Vice President & Corporate Controller, ASG; **Katie Johnson** – Adjunct Professor, Florida Gulf Coast University; **Dr. Laura Frost** – Director, Whitaker Center for STEM Education at Florida Gulf Coast University; **Mitch Ruzek** – Program Director, Algenol Biofuels; **Allyson Swanson** – Professional Engineer, Stantec; **Sharon Hood** – Founder/Publisher, eBella Magazine; **Karen Galleon** –Director of Engineering, Distal Extremities, Arthrex; **Tabitha Whalen Stadler** – Project Coordinator, Florida Department of Environmental Protection & Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve; **Michelle Shaw** – Support Engineering Operations, McAfee