

## Palm Beach County School District West Palm Beach, Florida

The Palm Beach County School District uses the RealCare<sup>®</sup> Program featuring RealCare<sup>®</sup> Baby in eight schools. The Family and Consumer Sciences department has strong parental support and an administration that backs their teaching objectives using infant simulators.

### Parenting Experience Teaches Good Decision-Making

“We in the schools are expected to do a lot for our students, in the short amount of time we have the child. Anything that can help them make a valuable decision in their life is most welcome.”

### Program is Cost-Effective and Cutting-Edge

“As an administrator, when I look at a new product, I ask for feedback from my teachers first. I need it to have a technical support system, which I believe Realityworks does have. I need it to be cost-effective because I don’t like doing something for just one or two schools. I like to do it for as many schools as possible, so cost is a factor. And I want something that’s cutting edge. We’ve kept up with the innovations of this product and we think it’s a great program. We’ve been very successful with it.”

### Effective, Experiential Learning Sticks with Kids Long After the Simulation

“When I first was teaching, going back a few years ago, I saw the infant simulators and just thought they looked kind of like a Cabbage Patch Doll<sup>®</sup> and I didn’t see the



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exact value of it. But now that I’ve switched to the other side of the desk, I have seen a very important aspect that RealCare<sup>®</sup> Baby adds to a middle school curriculum. I think it’s vital in the decision-making process, to get that hands-on experience. I’ve changed my views entirely.”

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