

Florida's Commissioner of Education visits Emerald Coast Middle

Florida's Commissioner of Education, Gerald Robinson, visited Emerald Coast Middle School Sept. 9 while touring schools in the Panhandle. The Commissioner toured the new state-of-the-art technology school and held a round-table discussion with Superintendent Carlene Anderson, Principal Charlie Marelo, Assistant Principal Meredith Spence, Director of Facilities Mark Gardner, and Emerald Coast Middle School Parents Advisory Council Team Leaders Jana Kish, Christy Gibson, and Elizabeth Brien.

"We are very proud of our schools in Walton County," said O'Brien. "The schools are excellent with a real sense of community."

According to Kish, "The energy at Emerald Coast Middle School is contagious. Our new leaders, Principal Marelo and Assistant Principal Spence, lead with such enthusiasm that this is an exciting place to be."

During the round table discussion,



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Commissioner Robinson, Charlie Marelo, and Superintendent Anderson participated in a round table discussion.

Robinson asked Anderson what the rest of the State of Florida could learn from Walton County.

"We focus all decision-making on how it will impact student learning because that is what really matters," said Anderson.

Robinson stated he was very impressed with Emerald Coast Middle School and Walton County. He will continue visiting schools in the Panhandle but is looking forward to returning to Walton County in the future to visit the E.O. Wilson Biophilia Center.