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## **COVID Education Innovation in Florida**

### **Open Door Zoom Room (Miami-Dade County)**

Lack of family engagement was a not a new problem to Gateway Environmental K-8 Learning Center in Miami Dade County, but the pandemic offered an opportunity to allow parents and guardians to easily ask questions of administration at any time during the school day.

The new approach was the implementation of an "open door" policy via Zoom for parents to be able to contact administration. Zoom windows were open throughout the school day in the event parents and guardians were unable to contact the school by phone or email. This was not new, but Community Liaison Specialists visited more homes to do "wellness checks" as a result, and many more communication platforms were activated so families could reach out to teachers directly.

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The Consortium elevates the impact of Florida's local education foundations through advocacy and providing a collegial community for ongoing learning, shared resources and support. These nonprofit organizations are aligned with nearly every school district in our state and collectively they raise more than \$80 million annually to innovate learning, power potential and celebrate success.

We believe strong collaboration is essential to ensure school success. Our effort to capture, elevate and share education innovations discovered amid the disruption of the pandemic is offered in that spirit.

Our **Top 10 Takeaways: COVID Education Innovation** report can be accessed at [educationinnovationspotlight.com](http://educationinnovationspotlight.com)