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**To:** [Piotrowski, Bill](#)  
**Subject:** RE: FAMIS Spring Conference presentation on Portals - Tuesday, April 29, 3:45 - 4:40 PM  
**Date:** Monday, April 21, 2008 1:30:57 PM

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Dear Bill,

If you think I can add value, I am more than willing to participate. I will leave it up to you. Just let me know.  
Thanks.

We have proceeded with the purchase of Skyward for Student, HR and Finance. This includes a gradebook and parent portal as well. We hope to go live in 09/10.

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**Date:** 04/21/2008 12:52 PM  
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Yeah... I just got (i.e. last week, but maybe you could serve as a discussant (5 min) so you can add specific items relating to what you hear, or have done...) let me know and we can pursue listing you on the program session, etc.

Am planning a follow-up meeting with you in any case... we have what could be an excellent option for you (we re-did with a couple of very helpful features, and got working, the software from Heartland/Michele).

Regards,

Bill P.

**From:** [jasad@stlucie.k12.fl.us](mailto:jasad@stlucie.k12.fl.us) [<mailto:jasad@stlucie.k12.fl.us>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 17, 2008 4:19 PM  
**To:** Piotrowski, Bill  
**Subject:** RE: FAMIS Spring Conference presentation on Portals - Tuesday, April 29, 3:45 - 4:40 PM

Dear Bill,

I just got a waiver from our travel freeze today to attend FAMIS. Let me know if you still need help with the Portals Deployment presentation.

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**From:** "Piotrowski, Bill" <[piotrowskiw@leon.k12.fl.us](mailto:piotrowskiw@leon.k12.fl.us)>  
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Meant to include the session outline... Miami – Dade is participating...

RE: **FAMIS Portals Deployment:** Getting it Done – Actual Costs and Other Issues

An emphasis on:

- a. technical, procedural, and user challenges in actual deployment; and
- b. costs - user/technical, products, services.... lessons learned that relate to cost savings.

**From:** Piotrowski, Bill  
**Sent:** Monday, March 17, 2008 1:13 PM  
**To:** jasad@stlucie.k12.fl.us  
**Subject:** FW: FAMIS Spring Conference presentation on Portals - Tuesday, April 29, 3:45 - 4:40 PM

David:

Hello. Before I follow-up with Polk again... can you, or do you have someone who can also participate in the portals discussion? There has been so much learned that the shared wisdom and cost considerations should be one of the highlights of the conference...

Regards, and hope things are well with you...

Bill Piotrowski

**From:** Karcher, Deborah C. [<mailto:DKarcher@dadeschools.net>]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 17, 2008 1:08 PM  
**To:** Piotrowski, Bill  
**Cc:** Cole, Marsha L.; Brad Schuette; Graper, Debra K.  
**Subject:** RE: FAMIS Spring Conference presentation on Portals - Tuesday, April 29, 3:45 - 4:40 PM

**Hi Bill,**  
**I was just talking to Brad and I am going to send Debbie Graper to do the presentation. She was very instrumental in our Portal Implementation. I wish we could do more as I think this is a very worthwhile Conference.**

**See you at some point.**

**Debbie**

**Debbie Karcher**  
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**From:** Piotrowski, Bill [<mailto:piotrowskiw@leon.k12.fl.us>]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 17, 2008 1:03 PM  
**To:** Karcher, Deborah C.  
**Cc:** Cole, Marsha L.; Brad Schuette  
**Subject:** RE: FAMIS Spring Conference presentation on Portals - Tuesday, April 29, 3:45 - 4:40 PM  
**Importance:** High

Debbie:

Thank you for the update... we are in a similar situation with regard to participants, costs, and time out-of-the-district. As we speak (or message, as the case may be...) the association Board is considering options for offsetting expenses and time commitments in light of the economic crisis.

Two items that I think will be helpful to directing some of the thinking from this point:

a. Specifically with regard to the proposed session on portals: If the Board was able to provide travel and per diem for a presenter, would a technical portal person from Miami-Dade, knowledgeable about the overall portal project be able to participate?

b. Options that could work: One of the objectives of the association and it's conference is that there is significant enough learning and sharing going on that the cost recovery potential from having people participate is real... your ideas on this, please...

(HOWEVER - Maybe it is time to go web-based with the whole thing... invest in a Live Meeting option for webinars and see if we can get a major vendor or two assist us and get sponsorship/exposure – it worked for Google and a few others didn't it... ☺ ).

**Otherwise, it may be prudent to cancel the whole thing... FAMIS and FAEDS and maybe even the DOE Database Sessions – and look to on-line presentations and dial-in discussions and Q&A instead... since this is reality for K-20.**

Very difficult times, indeed.

Regards,

Bill Piotrowski

**From:** Karcher, Deborah C. [<mailto:DKarcher@dadeschools.net>]

**Sent:** Monday, March 17, 2008 12:48 PM

**To:** Piotrowski, Bill

**Cc:** Cole, Marsha L.; Brad Schuette

**Subject:** RE: FAMIS Spring Conference presentation on Portals - Tuesday, April 29, 3:45 - 4:40 PM

**Hi Bill,**

**Unfortunately, during the past two weeks all conference non-required travel has been cancelled until further notice. This is because of the recent budget cuts. I tried to stress the importance of this conference but I could not get this one approved. I apologize that Miami-Dade will not be able to attend.**

**Regards,**

**Debbie**

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**From:** Piotrowski, Bill [<mailto:piotrowskiw@leon.k12.fl.us>]

**Sent:** Monday, March 17, 2008 9:45 AM

**To:** Brad Schuette

**Cc:** Cole, Marsha L.; Karcher, Deborah C.

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RE: FAMIS **Portals Deployment:** Getting it Done – Actual Costs and Other Issues

Will do... Miami-Dade has confirmed, and with this email I will ask Debby for the exact names of who will be there to present... with an emphasis on:

- a. technical, procedural, and user challenges in actual deployment; and
- b. costs - user/technical, products, services.... lessons learned that relate to cost savings.

Thank you,

Bill Piotrowski

**From:** Brad Schuette [<mailto:bschuette@cityofnorthport.com>]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 17, 2008 9:33 AM  
**To:** Piotrowski, Bill  
**Cc:** Cole, Marsha L.  
**Subject:** FAMIS Spring Conference presentation schedule and agenda

Bill,

This email is to inform you of your presentation time at the FAMIS Spring Conference in Ocala on April 28 – 30, 2008. Your presentation title is currently listed as “District Web Portal Update” and is scheduled for 3:45pm – 4:40pm on Tuesday April 29, 2008. If you have any changes to the title please send them to me by Friday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2008. I didn’t have contact info for all presenters so can you please make sure they are aware of the schedule also? If you have brief bios and/or pictures you would like in our program please send it to me by the same date. I look forward to seeing you at the conference.

Thanks,

Brad Schuette  
Co-Chair - FAMIS

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