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**TO:** Board Members

**FROM:** Ann Killets *AK*  
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**THROUGH:** Arthur C. Johnson, Ph.D.  
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**DATE:** November 20, 2008

**SUBJECT: HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION RATE FOR FY2008**

The Florida Department of Education has released the FY2008 four-year graduation rate for the School District of Palm Beach County<sup>1</sup> (SDPBC) and the State of Florida. Overall, the SDPBC showed a significant increase in graduation rate in FY2008, and has continued to show an increase every year for the last five years. In fact, during those five years, the District increase was more than twice the rate of the State.

An analysis of the data shows that

- From FY2004 to FY2008, the SDPBC graduation rate increased 9.7 percentage points (65.9% to 75.6%)<sup>2</sup>, while the graduation rate for the State increased 3.8 percentage points (71.6% to 75.4%).
- From FY2007 to FY2008, every comprehensive high school increased in graduation rate.

Table 1 reports the graduation rates for the SDPBC and the State. Tables 2 through 4 report graduation rates for each comprehensive high school, alternative school, and charter school respectively.

Should you have questions about the graduation rates, please contact Dean Stecker, Director of Research and Evaluation at 432-6376. If you have questions about individual school graduation rates, please contact the appropriate area superintendent.

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Attachments

c: Chief Operating Officer  
Area/Assistant Superintendents and Chiefs  
Academic Executive Directors and Directors  
High School Principals

<sup>1</sup> District disaggregated data is not available at this time.

<sup>2</sup> Charter and alternative schools were included in the computation of the District graduation rate.

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**Table 1. Graduation Rates for the SDPBC and the State Of Florida**

	FY2004	FY2005	FY2006	FY2007	FY2008
SDPBC	65.9	69.0	69.3	71.8	75.6
State of Florida	71.6	71.9	71.0	72.4	75.4

**Table 2. Graduation Rates for SDPBC Comprehensive High Schools**

	FY2004	FY2005	FY2006	FY2007	FY2008
A. W. Dreyfoos School of the Arts	88.0	86.4	88.5	92.1	96.9
Atlantic	60.4	57.9	60.5	69.2	78.7
Boca Raton	72.1	66.7	65.6	73.7	84.8
Boynton Bch	50.8	40.3	38.8	50.5	61.1
Forest Hill	50.8	45.4	43.3	57.8	69.9
Glades Central	36.6	47.2	47.9	52.7	69.7
John I. Leonard	54.4	49.7	48.2	55.5	72.4
Jupiter	87.9	88.2	87.4	94.2	94.9
Lake Worth	52.7	51.3	48.0	61.9	75.0
Olympic Heights	76.9	72.6	67.2	70.1	86.2
Pahokee Middle/Senior	52.3	47.4	44.0	56.5	67.4
Palm Beach Central	NR	73.5	70.0	73.4	88.9
Palm Beach Gardens	64.5	62.6	58.3	76.9	87.5
Palm Beach Lakes	58.4	50.1	51.0	55.2	70.6
Park Vista Community	NR	66.7	87.8	87.1	90.8
Royal Palm Beach	73.5	73.2	67.0	71.6	75.6
Santaluces	62.9	63.2	54.9	69.3	80.0
Seminole Ridge	NR	NR	NR	78.4	86.7
Spanish River	77.8	79.1	81.6	88.8	93.7
Suncoast	92.8	91.3	90.8	89.9	97.3
W.T. Dwyer	66.5	70.9	70.3	76.0	85.4
Wellington	80.4	72.4	75.5	83.6	91.1
West Boca Raton	NR	20.0	88.5	90.7	90.9

NR = Not reported because school had not yet opened or there was no graduating class.

**Table 3. Graduation Rates for SDPBC Charter High Schools**

	FY2004	FY2005	FY2006	FY2007	FY2008
Delray Youth Vocational Charter School	NR	NR	24.3	NR	4.3
Ed Venture Charter School	NR	NR	NR	NR	30.0
Everglades Preparatory Academy	NR	61.4	23.4	40.3	21.6
G-Star School Of The Arts	NR	NR	NR	82.3	85.5
Gulfstream L.I.F.E. Academy	NR	NR	NR	NR	50.0
Gulfstream Transition Academy	NR	NR	NR	NR	100.0
Inlet Grove Community High School	63.0	62.0	69.5	76.4	87.3
Leadership Academy West	NR	NR	NR	NR	50.0
Life Skill Center Of Palm Beach County	NR	NR	NR	39.1	46.6
Riviera Beach Maritime Academy	NR	NR	NR	NR	85.7
Seagull Academy	NR	NR	NR	NR	60.0
South Tech Academy	62.5	51.7	69.6	51.5	73.5
Toussaint L'Ouverture High	35.1	33.3	30.7	20.9	8.3

NR = Not reported because school had not yet opened or there was no graduating class.

**Table 4. Graduation Rates for SDPBC Alternative High Schools**

	FY04	FY05	FY06	FY07	FY08
Gold Coast Community School	17.6	31.3	9.5	NR	NR
Lake Shore Annex	NR	11.8	NR	NR	12.5
Roosevelt Full Service Center	NR	NR	NR	47.3	52.4
South Area Secondary Intensive Transition Program	NR	12.9	NR	NR	10.0
Turning Points Academy	NR	NR	NR	NR	40.0

NR = Not reported because school had not yet opened or there was no graduating class.