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MEMORANDUM

TO: School Board Members

FROM: Ann Killets 
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THROUGH: Arthur C. Johnson, Ph.D. 
Superintendent

SUBJECT: **FY2010 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION RATE**

The Florida Department of Education (FDOE) has released the three FY2010 graduation rates for the School District of Palm Beach County (SDPBC) and the State of Florida. These rates are reported in Tables 1 through 5. They are

1. The Florida graduation rate, which counts both special and General Educational Development (GED) diploma recipients as graduates;
2. The National Governors' Association (NGA) graduation rate, which does not count GED diploma recipients as graduates, will be used by the FDOE to calculate high school grades in FY2010 and FY2011;
3. The No Child Left Behind (NCLB) graduation rate, which does not count special diploma or GED diploma recipients as graduates, is used in Adequate Yearly Progress reports.

Over the past five years, the three graduation rates in the SDPBC have increased substantially, for the District as a whole as well as for Black, Hispanic, and White students¹; and the increases have been greater than those of the State.

From FY2009 to FY2010,

- All three of the SDBPC graduation rates have significantly increased, most notably the NGA rate, which increased 4.2 percentage points (77.7 to 81.9);
- Graduation rates for Black, Hispanic, and White students have all increased with Black student rates increasing the most (5.8 percentage points for both the Florida and NCLB calculations¹).

¹ NGA graduation rates disaggregated by race/ethnicity are not available for years prior to FY2010.

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Table 1 reports the graduation rates for the SDPBC and the State. Tables 2a through 2c report graduation rates for the SDPBC and the State for Black, Hispanic, and White students. Tables 3 through 5 report graduation rates for comprehensive high schools, charter high schools, and alternative high schools, respectively.

Should you have questions about the graduation rates, please contact Dean Stecker, Director of Research and Evaluation, at 432-6376. For information regarding SDPBC initiatives to increase graduation, please contact Alison Adler, Ph. D., Chief, Division of Safety and Learning Environment, at 982-0900. For questions regarding specific schools, contact the area superintendents or school principals.

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Attachments

c: Chief Operating Officer
Division Chiefs
Area/Assistant Superintendents
Academic Directors
Principals

Table 1. Graduation Rates for the SDPBC and the State of Florida

	NGA Graduation Rates					NCLB Graduation Rates					Florida Graduation Rates				
	FY2006	FY2007	FY2008	FY2009	FY2010	FY2006	FY2007	FY2008	FY2009	FY2010	FY2006	FY2007	FY2008	FY2009	FY2010
SDPBC	68.2	70.2	73.6	77.7	81.9	66.9	69.5	73.0	78.0	80.2	69.3	71.8	75.6	80.1	82.9
State	68.9	70.3	73.1	76.3	79.0	68.3	69.8	72.8	76.2	78.2	71.0	72.4	75.4	78.6	80.7

NGA = National Governor's Association; NCLB = No Child Left Behind

Table 2a. Graduation Rates for the SDPBC and the State of Florida for Black Students

	NGA Graduation Rates					NCLB Graduation Rates					Florida Graduation Rates				
	FY2006	FY2007	FY2008	FY2009	FY2010	FY2006	FY2007	FY2008	FY2009	FY2010	FY2006	FY2007	FY2008	FY2009	FY2010
SDPBC	*	*	*	*	70.4	49.0	52.0	56.0	62.0	67.8	53.6	55.6	59.5	65.6	71.4
State	55.3	56.9	60.8	64.9	68.4	52.8	54.6	58.7	63.3	66.6	56.9	58.7	62.5	66.7	70.1

NGA = National Governor's Association; NCLB = No Child Left Behind * = not available

Table 2b. Graduation Rates for the SDPBC and the State of Florida for Hispanic Students

	NGA Graduation Rates					NCLB Graduation Rates					Florida Graduation Rates				
	FY2006	FY2007	FY2008	FY2009	FY2010	FY2006	FY2007	FY2008	FY2009	FY2010	FY2006	FY2007	FY2008	FY2009	FY2010
SDPBC	*	*	*	*	79.6	58.0	62.0	66.0	75.0	77.5	61.2	64.8	69.4	77.2	80.5
State	62.0	64.3	67.6	72.1	75.3	61.2	63.6	67.1	71.6	74.6	63.7	66.0	69.1	73.5	76.4

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Table 2c. Graduation Rates for the SDPBC and the State of Florida for White Students

	NGA Graduation Rates					NCLB Graduation Rates					Florida Graduation Rates				
	FY2006	FY2007	FY2008	FY2009	FY2010	FY2006	FY2007	FY2008	FY2009	FY2010	FY2006	FY2007	FY2008	FY2009	FY2010
SDPBC	*	*	*	*	90.6	81.0	82.0	85.0	89.0	89.7	81.8	84.0	87.2	90.1	91.5
State	77.4	78.6	80.8	83.1	85.4	77.6	78.9	81.4	83.8	85.2	79.9	81.0	83.6	86.0	87.4

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Table 3. Graduation Rates for SDPBC Comprehensive High Schools

	NGA Graduation Rates		NCLB Graduation Rates		Florida Graduation Rates	
	FY2009	FY2010	FY2009	FY2010	FY2009	FY2010
A. W. Dreyfoos	99.4	99.7	99.4	99.4	99.4	99.7
Atlantic	84.3	88.0	82.6	86.5	84.3	88.1
Boca Raton	87.5	93.1	87.9	90.2	89.4	93.6
Boynton Beach	65.8	80.3	63.1	76.4	67.4	80.5
Forest Hill	75.0	82.6	74.5	79.6	76.8	83.1
Glades Central	80.0	82.0	72.5	77.4	80.0	82.3
John I. Leonard	78.1	82.7	77.4	77.3	80.7	83.2
Jupiter	90.9	94.6	93.6	93.7	93.8	94.9
Lake Worth	79.6	84.1	77.6	80.2	80.4	84.4
Olympic Heights	82.6	88.3	96.1	87.8	88.3	89.5
Pahokee Middle/Senior	70.6	81.3	67.5	75.3	70.9	81.3
Palm Beach Central	90.3	94.2	90.8	93.4	92.5	94.6
Palm Beach Gardens	84.5	86.7	85.5	84.9	87.2	87.0
Palm Beach Lakes	67.6	77.0	67.6	73.5	70.3	78.2
Park Vista Community	91.8	93.7	93.0	92.5	94.6	93.9
Royal Palm Beach	78.0	85.7	78.3	83.2	79.8	86.0
Santaluces	78.3	80.4	77.9	78.4	81.2	81.2
Seminole Ridge	85.4	90.7	86.6	89.3	88.3	91.1
Spanish River	91.9	96.6	93.0	96.0	94.3	96.7
Suncoast	99.6	99.7	99.6	99.7	99.6	99.7
W.T. Dwyer	83.6	86.5	79.8	83.9	84.1	87.7
Wellington	85.7	88.6	87.6	86.9	89.6	89.3
West Boca Raton	94.5	94.1	95.0	92.4	95.9	94.2

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Table 4. Graduation Rates for SDPBC Charter High Schools

	NGA Graduation Rates		NCLB Graduation Rates		Florida Graduation Rates	
	FY2009	FY2010	FY2009	FY2010	FY2009	FY2010
Delray Youth Vocational Charter	0.0	0.0	8.9	10.3	15.0	16.1
Ed Venture Charter School	31.6	27.3	0.0	0.0	31.6	27.3
Everglades Preparatory Academy	30.3	NR	30.3	NR	30.3	NR
G-Star School of The Arts	82.8	97.0	82.8	97.0	82.8	97.0
Gulfstream L.I.F.E. Academy	77.8	NR	0.0	NR	77.8	NR
Gulfstream Transition Academy	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Inlet Grove Community High School	84.9	89.5	84.9	89.5	84.9	89.5
Leadership Academy West	55.3	81.0	55.3	81.0	56.4	81.4
Life Skills Center of P.B. County	18.8	11.0	22.9	18.6	22.9	22.3
Riviera Beach Maritime Academy	60.0	NR	60.0	NR	60.0	NR
Seagull Academy	40.0	NR	0.0	NR	40.0	NR
South Tech Academy	78.4	89.9	76.3	87.1	78.4	89.9
Toussaint L'Ouverture High	12.5	11.8	12.5	11.8	12.5	11.8

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Table 5. Graduation Rates for SDPBC Alternative High Schools²

	NGA Graduation Rates		NCLB Graduation Rates		Florida Graduation Rates	
	FY2009	FY2010	FY2009	FY2010	FY2009	FY2010
Crossroads Academy (Lake Shore Annex)	7.0	37.0	9.3	37.0	9.3	40.8
Drop Back In Academy	NR	12.5	NR	12.5	NR	13.4
Roosevelt Full Service Center	7.1	5.1	27.4	18.6	29.1	22.6
Palm Beach County Jail	NR	1.1	NR	2.1	NR	7.0
Palm Beach Juvenile Detention	NR	0.0	NR	0.0	NR	12.5
South Area Secondary Intensive Transition	14.3	NR	14.3	NR	14.3	NR
Turning Points Academy	11.1	NR	11.1	NR	11.1	NR

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² Includes Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) schools