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MEMORANDUM

TO: School Board Members

FROM: Judith Klinek *JK*
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THROUGH: E. Wayne Gent *EWG*
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SUBJECT: **FY2011 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION RATE**

On December 12, 2011, the Florida Department of Education (FDOE) released the FY2011 graduation rates for the School District of Palm Beach County (SDPBC) and the State of Florida. This year, two rates were reported¹:

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 FY2011.

Over the past five years, the Florida and NGA graduation rates for the SDPBC have increased substantially, both for the District as a whole as well as for Black, Hispanic, and White students. However, from FY2010 to FY2011, both of the reported SDPBC graduation rates have decreased overall and for all groups.

The District is in the process of reviewing these results and will conduct a thorough analysis of the data in order to develop strategic plans to increase graduation rates for all students.

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.

¹ Starting in FY2011, the NCLB graduation rate has been discontinued. Instead, the United States Department of Education will be calculating a new Federal graduation rate, which should be available in the spring of 2012.

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Should you have questions about the graduation rates, please contact Mark Howard, Director of Research and Evaluation, at 434-8850. For information regarding SDPBC initiatives to increase graduation, please contact Keith Oswald, Chief, Division of Safety and Learning Environment, at 434-8813. For questions regarding specific schools, contact the area superintendents or school principals.

EWG/JK/MB/MH

Attachments

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

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

	NGA Graduation Rates					Florida Graduation Rates				
	FY2007	FY2008	FY2009	FY2010	FY2011	FY2007	FY2008	FY2009	FY2010	FY2011
SDPBC	70.2	73.6	77.7	81.9	79.1	71.8	75.6	80.1	82.9	79.8
State	70.3	73.1	76.3	79.0	80.1	72.4	75.4	78.6	80.7	81.2

NGA = National Governor's Association

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

	NGA Graduation Rates					Florida Graduation Rates				
	FY2007	FY2008	FY2009	FY2010	FY2011	FY2007	FY2008	FY2009	FY2010	FY2011
SDPBC	*	*	*	70.4	66.5	55.6	59.5	65.6	71.4	67.3
State	56.9	60.8	64.9	68.4	68.4	58.7	62.5	66.7	70.1	69.4

NGA = National Governor's Association; * = not available

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

	NGA Graduation Rates					Florida Graduation Rates				
	FY2007	FY2008	FY2009	FY2010	FY2011	FY2007	FY2008	FY2009	FY2010	FY2011
SDPBC	*	*	*	79.6	75.2	64.8	69.4	77.2	80.5	76.1
State	64.3	67.6	72.1	75.3	77.3	66.0	69.1	73.5	76.4	78.1

NGA = National Governor's Association; * = not available

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

	NGA Graduation Rates					Florida Graduation Rates				
	FY2007	FY2008	FY2009	FY2010	FY2011	FY2007	FY2008	FY2009	FY2010	FY2011
SDPBC	*	*	*	90.6	89.8	84.0	87.2	90.1	91.5	90.2
State	78.6	80.8	83.1	85.4	86.8	81.0	83.6	86.0	87.4	88.1

NGA = National Governor's Association; * = not available

Table 3. Graduation Rates for SDPBC Comprehensive High Schools²

	NGA Graduation Rates		Florida Graduation Rates	
	FY2010	FY2011	FY2010	FY2011
A. W. Dreyfoos	99.7	100.0	99.7	100.0
Atlantic	88.0	84.9	88.1	84.9
Boca Raton	93.1	90.1	93.6	90.3
Boynton Beach	80.3	72.5	80.5	72.6
Forest Hill	82.6	80.5	83.1	80.9
Glades Central	82.0	72.4	82.3	72.4
John I. Leonard	82.7	76.4	83.2	76.6
Jupiter	94.6	92.0	94.9	92.1
Lake Worth	84.1	76.4	84.4	76.6
Olympic Heights	88.3	86.7	89.5	86.9
Pahokee Middle/Senior	81.3	75.2	81.3	75.2
Palm Beach Central	94.2	93.9	94.6	94.0
Palm Beach Gardens	86.7	80.7	87.0	81.1
Palm Beach Lakes	77.0	70.1	78.2	70.4
Park Vista Community	93.7	92.2	93.9	92.3
Royal Palm Beach	85.7	75.9	86.0	76.2
Santaluces	80.4	81.5	81.2	82.0
Seminole Ridge	90.7	87.1	91.1	87.6
Spanish River	96.6	94.6	96.7	94.6
Suncoast	99.7	99.7	99.7	99.7
Village Academy	*	77.8	*	77.8
W.T. Dwyer	86.5	87.8	87.7	88.1
Wellington	88.6	86.8	89.3	87.0
West Boca Raton	94.1	93.2	94.2	93.3

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² Includes Village Academy, which has Kindergarten through twelfth grade

Table 4. Graduation Rates for SDPBC Charter High Schools³

	NGA Graduation Rates		Florida Graduation Rates	
	FY2010	FY2011	FY2010	FY2011
Delray Youth Vocational Charter	0.0	0.0	16.1	26.8
Ed Venture Charter School	27.3	NR	27.3	NR
Everglades Preparatory Academy	NR	16.7	NR	16.7
G-Star School of The Arts	97.0	95.6	97.0	95.7
Inlet Grove Community High School	89.5	87.4	89.5	87.6
Leadership Academy West	81.0	59.4	81.4	59.4
Life Skills Center of P.B. County	11.0	1.9	22.3	10.9
Riviera Beach Maritime Academy	NR	87.1	NR	87.1
South Tech Academy	89.9	88.1	89.9	88.1
Toussaint L'Ouverture High	11.8	2.8	11.8	2.8

NGA = National Governor's Association

NR = Not reported because there was no graduating class or fewer than 30 students in the cohort

Table 5. Graduation Rates for SDPBC Alternative High Schools^{2,4}

	NGA Graduation Rates		Florida Graduation Rates	
	FY2010	FY2011	FY2010	FY2011
Crossroads Academy (Lake Shore Annex)	37.0	13.0	40.8	15.5
Drop Back In Academy	12.5	2.9	13.4	10.7
Roosevelt Full Service Center	5.1	8.4	22.6	20.7
Palm Beach County Jail	1.1	0.0	7.0	4.9
Palm Beach Juvenile Detention	0.0	0.0	12.5	10.1

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NR = Not reported because there was no graduating class or fewer than 30 students in the cohort

³ Schools having less than thirty cohort students for both FY2010 and FY2011 are not included in this table.

⁴ Includes Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) schools