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**TO:** Board Members

**FROM:** Ann Killets   
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**THROUGH:** Arthur C. Johnson, Ph.D.   
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**SUBJECT: REVISED FY2007 GRADUATION RATE**

The State Department of Education has recently revised the FY2007 four-year graduation rate for the School District of Palm Beach County (SDPBC). The graduation rate was revised to solve problems in the original data, which were discovered by the SDPBC. As a result of the revisions, the FY2007 graduation rate is more accurate than in previous years.

An analysis of the data for the SDPBC follows:

- At the District level, the FY2007 graduation rate increased 0.4% from 71.4% to 71.8%.
- At the school level, the difference between the FY2007 graduation rates and the FY2006 graduation rates ranged from a decrease of 0.9% to an increase of 18.6%.

Table 1 reports the revised graduation rates for the SDPBC and the State. Table 2 reports graduation rates by school.

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Attachments

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

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

	FY2003	FY2004	FY2005	FY2006	FY2007
SDPBC	66.0%	65.9%	69.0%	69.3%	71.8% <sup>1</sup>
State of Florida	69.0%	71.6%	71.9%	71.0%	72.4%

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<sup>1</sup> The FY2007 SDPBC graduation rate was previously 71.4%.

**TABLE 2**  
**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PALM BEACH COUNTY**  
**GRADUATION RATE**  
**FY2003 - FY2007**

	<b>FY2003</b>	<b>FY2004</b>	<b>FY2005</b>	<b>FY2006</b>	<b>FY2007*</b>
A. W. Dreyfoos School of The Arts	93.9	88.0	86.4	88.5	92.1
Atlantic	63.9	60.4	57.9	60.5	69.2
Boca Raton	72.9	72.1	66.7	65.6	73.7
Boynton Bch Community	63.2	50.8	40.3	38.8	50.5
Forest Hill	55.6	50.8	45.4	43.3	57.8
Glades Central	47.1	36.6	47.2	47.9	52.7
John I. Leonard	63.9	54.4	49.7	48.2	55.5
Jupiter	89.5	87.9	88.2	87.4	94.2
Lake Worth	60.8	52.7	51.3	48.0	61.9
Olympic Heights	76.3	76.9	72.6	67.2	70.1
Pahokee Middle/Senior	54.7	52.3	47.4	44.0	56.5
Palm Beach Central	NR	NR	73.5	70.0	73.4
Palm Beach Gardens	62.8	64.5	62.6	58.3	76.9
Palm Beach Lakes	65.1	58.4	50.1	51.0	55.2
Park Vista Community	NR	NR	66.7	87.8	87.1
Royal Palm Beach	78.6	73.5	73.2	67.0	71.6
Santaluces	70.0	62.9	63.2	54.9	69.3
Seminole Ridge Comm.	NR	NR	NR	NR	78.4
Spanish River	77.2	77.8	79.1	81.6	88.8
Suncoast	97.8	92.8	91.3	90.8	89.9
W.T. Dwyer	69.7	66.5	70.9	70.3	76.0
Wellington	82.2	80.4	72.4	75.5	83.6
West Boca Raton Comm	NR	NR	20.0	88.5	90.7

\* NOTE: Data for FY2007 was calculated using different data sources; therefore, FY2007 graduation rates should not be directly compared with previous years. NR = Not reported because school had not yet opened or there was no graduating class.