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DATE: December 3, 2007

SUBJECT: FY2007 GRADUATION RATE

The State Department of Education has released the four-year graduation and dropout data for FY2007. An analysis of the data for the School District of Palm Beach County (SDPBC) follows.¹

Graduation Rate

- The FY2007 graduation rate of 71.4% for the SDPBC is the District's highest graduation rate since FY1999.
- The SDPBC graduation rate increased 2.1 percentage points from FY2006 (69.3%) to FY2007 (71.4%) and is similar to that of the State (72.4%).

Dropout Rate

- The FY2007 dropout rate for the SDPBC increased 1.4 percentage points from FY2006 (3.0%) to FY2007 (4.4%).
- The SDPBC dropout rate (4.4%) is similar to that of the State (3.3%).

Tables 1 and 3 report the graduation and dropout rates for the SDPBC and the State, and Tables 2 and 4 report FY2007 data disaggregated by race.

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Attachment

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

¹ No school-level data for the SDPBC is available at this time.

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

	FY1999	FY2000	FY2001	FY2002	FY2003	FY2004	FY2005	FY2006	FY2007
SDPBC	58.2%	63.6%	64.9%	66.6%	66.0%	65.9%	69.0%	69.3%	71.4%
State of Florida	60.2%	62.3%	63.8%	67.9%	69.0%	71.6%	71.9%	71.0%	72.4%

Table 2. FY2007 Disaggregated graduation rates for the SDPBC and the State of Florida

	White	Black	Hispanic
SDPBC	83.7%	55.0%	64.2%
State of Florida	81.0%	58.7%	66.0%

Table 3. Dropout Rates for the SDPBC and the State Of Florida

	FY1999	FY2000	FY2001	FY2002	FY2003	FY2004	FY2005	FY2006	FY2007
SDPBC	3.8%	3.2%	2.5%	2.6%	2.6%	2.6%	2.8%	3.0%	4.4%
State of Florida	5.4%	4.6%	3.8%	3.2%	3.1%	2.9%	3.0%	3.5%	3.3%

Table 4. FY2007 Disaggregated Dropout Rates for the SDPBC and the State Of Florida

	White	Black	Hispanic
SDPBC	2.9%	6.8%	5.0%
State of Florida	2.4%	4.7%	3.9%