2006-2007 Final Accountability Report Due July 31, 2007

Name of District: Palm Beach County

Name of Club: Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County

1. Indicate below approximately how many students participated throughout the grant period.

Elementary Students Served	Grade Level	Middle School Students Served	Grade Level	High School Students Served	Grade Level
269	First	110	Sixth	18	Ninth
194	Second	84	Seventh	11	Tenth
215	Third	37	Eighth	5	Eleventh
186	Fourth			2	Twelfth
195	Fifth				

2. Indicate the total numbers of mentors.

12 mentors

For questions 3 – 7, provide your best estimate. *Exact figures are not expected*.

- 3. What percent of the mentored students improved their **letter grades**? Reading/Literature 13% Writing/Language 21%; Math 11%; Social Studies 30%; Science 23%
- 4. What percent of the mentored students improved their **school behavior**? 10%
- 5. What percent of the mentored students improved their **school preparedness** (homework)? 7%
- 6. What percent of the mentored students improved their **school attendance**? 33%
- 7. What percent of the mentored students improved their **general attitude**? 5%
- 8. Do you collect **parent feedback** of their satisfaction with the program? **Yes**
- 9. What **academic activities** are included for students? Please List. (e.g. Power Hour)

 C to A, Expression Sessions, Boys & Girls Clubs of America Programs (Skill Tech, Photo Tech, Music Tech, Web Tech, Design Tech, Whiz Kids, NetSmartz), Typing Tutorial, and Power Hour.
- 10. Identify your program's strengths and weaknesses found through your evaluation.

The strength of this program includes both the wide range of educational activities and the direct contact with caring adult mentors who act as role models, teach new skills and offer needed guidance. In addition, the Club program allows the members to self-select activities and to work at their own individual pace, which has been very effective. In terms of weaknesses, while we have worked very hard to keep current in terms of our hardware, we are always in need of additional funds for equipment upgrades and new and improved software as well.

11. Identify recruitment and retention strategies for mentors and students mentored.

Our most successful recruitment strategy for mentors has been to seek out talented high school students to mentor younger members and to recruit former members. These young people are familiar with the club and the activities and often want to give back to children in need of services. Our strategy for recruiting program participants is to make sure we offer a wide variety of programs so that young people with differing interests want to participate. Retention efforts include offering changing programs while maintaining on-going programs to allow children to continue to build their skills.