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MEMORANDUM

TO: Board Members

FROM: Ann Killlets *AK*
Chief Academic Officer

THROUGH: Arthur C. Johnson, Ph.D.
Superintendent 

DATE: May 17, 2007

SUBJECT: FY2007 FCAT NORM REFERENCED TEST (NRT) RESULTS FOR GRADES 3-10, READING AND MATHEMATICS: ALL CURRICULUM GROUPS¹

On May 17, 2007, the Florida Department of Education (FDOE) released the results of the March 2007 FCAT NRT² test. Attached is a table that provides FCAT NRT scores for the School District of Palm Beach County (SDPBC), Florida, and the Nation for FY2005 through FY2007.³

A statistical analysis of the FCAT NRT National Percentile Rank results follows.

Compared to the State and the Nation in FY2007, the SDPBC

- Scored slightly higher than the State in mathematics at grades 3 and 7 and higher at grades 4, 5, 8, 9, and 10;
- Scored substantially higher than the Nation in reading and mathematics at all grades.

From FY2006 to FY2007 the SDPBC

- Scored slightly higher in reading at grades 3 and 7, higher at grade 8, and considerably higher at grades 5 and 9; gains that were similar to those made by the State;
- Scored slightly higher in mathematics at grade 8, higher at grade 3, and considerably higher at grades 4, 5, and 7; gains that were greater than those made by the State;
- Scored considerably lower in reading at grades 4 and 10, which was similar to the State;
- Scored slightly lower at grade 10 in mathematics, which was similar to the State;

Finally, since FY2005, the SDPBC has increased consistently in reading at grades 3, 5, 6, 7, and 9 and in mathematics at grades 3, 4, 5, 7, and 8.

¹This data is based on all students tested (all curriculum groups). The FCAT NRT is not used in the calculation of school grades. The FDOE has not provided disaggregated data for the FCAT NRT at this time.

²Since March 2005, the FCAT NRT program has used the Stanford Achievement Test, Tenth Edition (SAT/10), which was normed in 2002. Prior to FY2005, the State used the SAT/9; therefore, comparisons to data prior to that year are inappropriate.

³ Individual school results are available at www.palmbeach.k12.fl.us/9045/fcat_menu.htm.

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These results will be shared with appropriate staff to provide direction for improvements in curriculum and instruction. Also, schools have received information about their NRT test takers and will use this information in the school improvement planning process.

Should you have questions about the NRT results, please contact Dean Stecker, Director of Research and Evaluation, at 432-6376. If you have questions about instruction and the NRT, please contact Brenda Magee, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum and Learning Support, at 963-3899. If you have questions about individual school efforts and the NRT, please contact the appropriate area superintendent or school principal.

ACJ/AK/DS:jl

Attachment

- c: Chief Academic/Operational/Administration Officers
- Area/Assistant Superintendents
- Chief Public Information Officer
- Principals
- Academic Executive Directors/Directors

**FCAT Norm-Referenced Test (NRT-SAT/10) Median
National Percentile Ranks for All Curriculum Groups:
School District of Palm Beach County (SDPBC), Florida,
and the Nation⁴**

| Grade | Year | Reading | | | Mathematics | | |
|-------|--------|---------|---------|--------|-------------|---------|--------|
| | | SDPBC | Florida | Nation | SDPBC | Florida | Nation |
| 3 | FY2005 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 62 | 62 | 50 |
| | FY2006 | 61 | 61 | 50 | 67 | 67 | 50 |
| | FY2007 | 63 | 62 | 50 | 71 | 69 | 50 |
| 4 | FY2005 | 55 | 55 | 50 | 63 | 63 | 50 |
| | FY2006 | 71 | 70 | 50 | 71 | 71 | 50 |
| | FY2007 | 64 | 63 | 50 | 80 | 77 | 50 |
| 5 | FY2005 | 60 | 61 | 50 | 66 | 64 | 50 |
| | FY2006 | 69 | 69 | 50 | 72 | 71 | 50 |
| | FY2007 | 75 | 74 | 50 | 78 | 75 | 50 |
| 6 | FY2005 | 53 | 54 | 50 | 61 | 61 | 50 |
| | FY2006 | 66 | 67 | 50 | 68 | 67 | 50 |
| | FY2007 | 67 | 66 | 50 | 67 | 66 | 50 |
| 7 | FY2005 | 55 | 56 | 50 | 66 | 65 | 50 |
| | FY2006 | 64 | 65 | 50 | 69 | 69 | 50 |
| | FY2007 | 66 | 66 | 50 | 75 | 73 | 50 |
| 8 | FY2005 | 66 | 67 | 50 | 69 | 67 | 50 |
| | FY2006 | 64 | 65 | 50 | 75 | 73 | 50 |
| | FY2007 | 67 | 67 | 50 | 77 | 74 | 50 |
| 9 | FY2005 | 63 | 63 | 50 | 72 | 71 | 50 |
| | FY2006 | 66 | 65 | 50 | 77 | 74 | 50 |
| | FY2007 | 72 | 71 | 50 | 77 | 74 | 50 |
| 10 | FY2005 | 66 | 61 | 50 | 64 | 58 | 50 |
| | FY2006 | 67 | 67 | 50 | 72 | 70 | 50 |
| | FY2007 | 61 | 60 | 50 | 70 | 67 | 50 |

⁴ The SAT/10 was normed in 2002.