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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Board Members

**FROM:** Ann Killets  
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**THROUGH:** Arthur C. Johnson, Ph.D.  
Superintendent

**DATE:** June 10, 2008

**SUBJECT: RELEASE OF FY2008 GRADES 3 THROUGH 10 FCAT SSS READING AND MATHEMATICS: ALL STUDENTS TESTED**

The Florida Department of Education has released the FY2008 results for FCAT SSS Reading and Mathematics for all students tested.<sup>1</sup> Approximately 101,000 School District of Palm Beach County (SDPBC) students took the FCAT SSS Reading and Mathematics Tests in March 2008 at grades 3 through 10.

Both the State and the SDPBC have shown large increases in Reading and Mathematics since FY2004. From FY2007 to FY2008, the SDPBC and the State showed improvements in both Reading and Mathematics at most grades. A statistical analysis of the results follows:

- From FY2004 to FY2008, the SDPBC and the State have improved in most grade levels in Reading and Mathematics in the percent of students at both Level 1 and at Level 3 and higher;
- From FY2007 to FY2008, the SDPBC and the State have made progress in a majority of grade levels in Reading and Mathematics in the percent of students at both Level 1 and at Level 3 and higher;
- In FY2008, the percent of proficient students in the SDPBC was generally higher than that of the State in Mathematics, while the SDPBC performed similarly to the State in Reading.

The attached tables report the percent of proficient students (those scoring Level 3 or higher) and the percent of low performing students (those scoring Level 1) for the SDPBC and the State from FY2004 through FY2008. Results for individual SDPBC schools are available on the Department of Research and Evaluation website or at the following address:

<http://www.palmbeach.k12.fl.us/9045/fy08fcats.html>.

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

<sup>1</sup> This data is based on all students tested, and not on the group of students used in the calculation of school grades and AYP. The State has not provided disaggregated data at this time.

Should you have questions about the FCAT SSS results, please contact Dean Stecker, Director of Research and Evaluation, at 432-6376. If you have questions about instruction and the FCAT SSS, please contact Constance Tuman-Rugg, Assistant Superintendent, Division of Curriculum, at 357-1113. If you have questions about individual school efforts and the FCAT SSS, please contact the appropriate area superintendent or school principal.

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Attachments

c: Chief Academic Officer  
Chief Operating Officer  
Chief Technology Officer  
Chief of Performance Accountability  
Chief Public Information Officer  
Chief, Safety & Learning Environment  
Area/Assistant Superintendents  
Academic Executive Directors and Directors  
Principals

**Table 1: FCAT SSS Reading: Percent of Students at Level 3 or Higher**

Year	Grade 3		Grade 4		Grade 5		Grade 6		Grade 7		Grade 8		Grade 9		Grade 10	
	PB <sup>2</sup>	FL <sup>3</sup>	PB	FL	PB	FL	PB	FL	PB	FL	PB	FL	PB	FL	PB	FL
FY04	64	66	68	70	57	59	54	54	52	53	45	45	33	32	37	34
FY05	67	67	71	71	65	66	55	56	53	53	44	44	36	36	36	32
FY06	74	75	65	66	66	67	63	64	59	61	46	46	42	40	34	32
FY07	69	69	68	68	72	72	62	62	64	63	48	49	44	41	35	34
FY08	71	72	69	70	67	67	64	63	64	65	55	53	48	46	39	38

**Table 2: FCAT SSS Reading: Percent of Students at Level 1**

Year	Grade 3		Grade 4		Grade 5		Grade 6		Grade 7		Grade 8		Grade 9		Grade 10	
	PB	FL	PB	FL	PB	FL	PB	FL	PB	FL	PB	FL	PB	FL	PB	FL
FY04	24	22	17	16	25	24	26	26	27	27	30	30	39	39	34	37
FY05	20	20	16	15	19	18	25	25	27	27	27	27	36	35	34	39
FY06	15	14	20	19	18	17	19	18	20	19	25	24	29	30	38	38
FY07	19	19	17	18	13	14	19	19	17	17	23	22	27	28	38	39
FY08	17	16	18	17	16	17	18	18	18	17	18	18	24	25	34	35

**Table 3: FCAT SSS Mathematics: Percent of Students at Level 3 or Higher**

Year	Grade 3		Grade 4		Grade 5		Grade 6		Grade 7		Grade 8		Grade 9		Grade 10	
	PB	FL	PB	FL	PB	FL	PB	FL	PB	FL	PB	FL	PB	FL	PB	FL
FY04	64	64	66	64	53	52	51	46	55	50	59	56	58	55	69	63
FY05	69	68	66	64	59	57	49	47	55	53	62	59	60	59	71	63
FY06	72	72	67	67	57	57	55	53	55	55	61	60	64	59	68	65
FY07	76	74	72	69	61	59	52	50	63	59	66	63	64	60	68	65
FY08	76	76	74	71	65	61	56	53	63	61	71	67	69	65	70	69

**Table 4: FCAT SSS Mathematics: Percent of Students at Level 1**

Year	Grade 3		Grade 4		Grade 5		Grade 6		Grade 7		Grade 8		Grade 9		Grade 10	
	PB	FL	PB	FL	PB	FL	PB	FL	PB	FL	PB	FL	PB	FL	PB	FL
FY04	17	17	14	15	20	21	28	33	26	30	22	23	20	22	12	16
FY05	15	15	15	15	16	16	28	31	24	26	19	21	20	20	11	15
FY06	12	12	13	14	17	17	24	26	23	23	19	20	15	18	14	15
FY07	11	12	11	13	13	15	26	28	18	20	16	18	15	17	12	14
FY08	10	10	11	12	13	15	24	26	17	18	13	14	13	15	12	12

<sup>2</sup> PB = SDPBC<sup>3</sup> FL = State of Florida