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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Board Members

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

**DATE:** May 15, 2008

**SUBJECT: FCAT SSS RETAKE RESULTS FOR GRADES 10, 11, AND 12**

On May 15, 2008, the Florida Department of Education (FDOE) released the results of the March FCAT SSS Retakes. For the School District of Palm Beach County (SDPBC), 5936 students took the FCAT SSS Retakes in reading at grades 10, 11, and 12<sup>1</sup>, and 2509 students in mathematics. A preliminary statistical analysis of the results revealed the following:

- The percent of SDPBC students passing mathematics increased from FY2007 to FY2008 (31% to 35%) and remained approximately the same in reading (17% to 18%).
- In FY2008, the SDPBC performed similarly to the State in mathematics (35% vs. 36%) and slightly lower than the State in reading (18% vs. 20%).

The attached table reports the FCAT SSS Retake results for the SDPBC and the State for FY2007 and 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>.

Schools have received their retake results and will use this information in the school improvement planning process. These results will also be shared with appropriate staff to provide direction for improvements in curriculum and instruction.

If you have questions about these results, please contact Dean Stecker, Director of Research and Evaluation, at 432-6376. If you have questions about District initiatives that are being implemented to increase success rates on the FCAT SSS Retakes, please contact Judith Klinek, Director, Supplemental Educational Services, at 963-3876. If you have questions about the performance of individual schools, contact the appropriate Area Superintendent.

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### Attachments

- c: Academic and Operating Chiefs  
Area/Assistant Superintendents  
Academic Executive Directors/Directors  
Principals

<sup>1</sup> FCAT SSS retakes are administered only to students in grades 10, 11, 12, 13, and Adult; however, only grades 10-12 are reported here. This summary is based on all students tested, not on the group of students used in the calculation of school grades. The FDOE has not provided disaggregated data at this time.

March FY2008 School District of Palm Beach County (SDPBC) and State  
 FCAT SSS Retakes: Students Tested in Grades 10-12

|              | <b>Reading</b> |                 |                 |               |                 |                 |
|--------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|
|              | <b>FY2007</b>  |                 |                 | <b>FY2008</b> |                 |                 |
|              | Number Taking  | Number Passing* | Percent Passing | Number Taking | Number Passing* | Percent Passing |
| <b>SDPBC</b> | 5,954          | 989             | 17%             | 5,936         | 1,081           | 18%             |
| <b>State</b> | 86,826         | 15,681          | 18%             | 85,399        | 16,999          | 20%             |

|              | <b>Mathematics</b> |                 |                 |               |                 |                 |
|--------------|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|
|              | <b>FY2007</b>      |                 |                 | <b>FY2008</b> |                 |                 |
|              | Number Taking      | Number Passing* | Percent Passing | Number Taking | Number Passing* | Percent Passing |
| <b>SDPBC</b> | 2,630              | 821             | 31%             | 2,509         | 867             | 35%             |
| <b>State</b> | 41,016             | 12,497          | 30%             | 38,561        | 14,041          | 36%             |

\*Number passing estimated from percentages reported by the State