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MEMORANDUM

TO: Board Members

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

THROUGH: Jeffrey Hernandez
Chief Academic Officer

DATE: May 21, 2009

SUBJECT: GRADE 3 FCAT SSS READING AND MATHEMATICS RESULTS FOR ALL STUDENTS TESTED

The Florida Department of Education has released the results for the Grade 3 FCAT SSS Reading and Mathematics tests. Approximately 13,000 students took the Grade 3 FCAT SSS¹ in the School District of Palm Beach County (SDPBC) in March of 2009.

Both the SDPBC and the State have improved since FY2005, and the SDPBC continues to perform similarly to the State. A preliminary statistical analysis of the results revealed the following:

- From FY2005 to FY2009, the percent of proficient students has increased substantially in Mathematics and in Reading for the SDPBC, while the percent of low performing students has declined significantly. A similar pattern occurred at the State level.
- From FY2008 to FY2009, while the percent of proficient² students in Mathematics increased significantly for the SDPBC as well as for the State, the percent of proficient students in Reading declined slightly for both.

The attached graphs contain the Grade 3 FCAT SSS results for the State and the SDPBC. 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/fy09fcats.html>.

Schools have received their test 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 instruction and the Grade 3 FCAT SSS, please contact Constance Tuman-Rugg, Assistant Superintendent, Division of Curriculum, at 357-1113. If you have questions about the performance of individual schools, contact the appropriate Area Superintendent.

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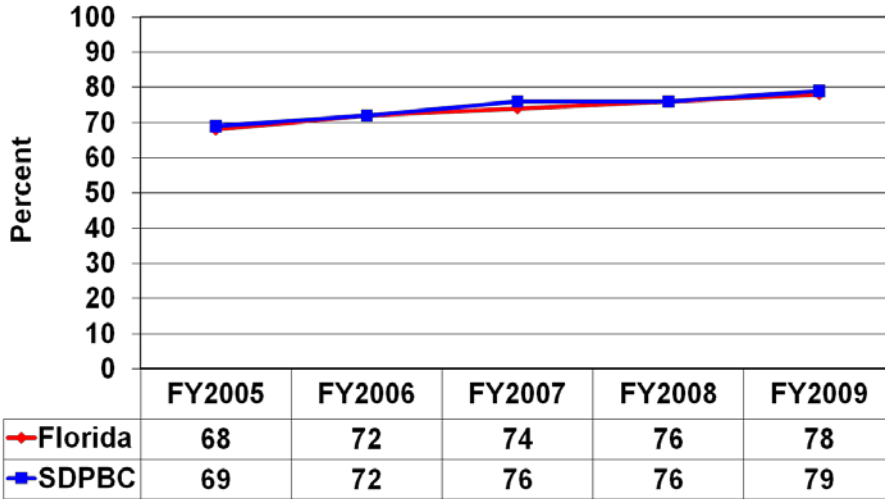
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c: Chief of Staff
Academic and Operating Chiefs
Area/Assistant Superintendents
Academic Executive Directors/Directors
Elementary Principals

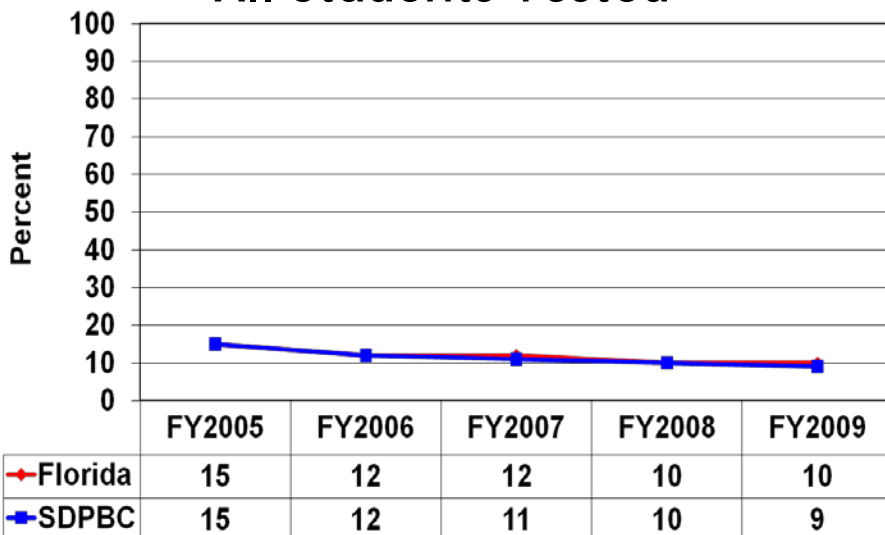
¹ This summary is based on all students tested, not on the group of students used in the calculation of school grades. The State has not released disaggregated data at this time.

² Proficient students are students scoring in Level 3 or above.

Grade 3 FCAT SSS Mathematics Percent Level 3 and Above All Students Tested

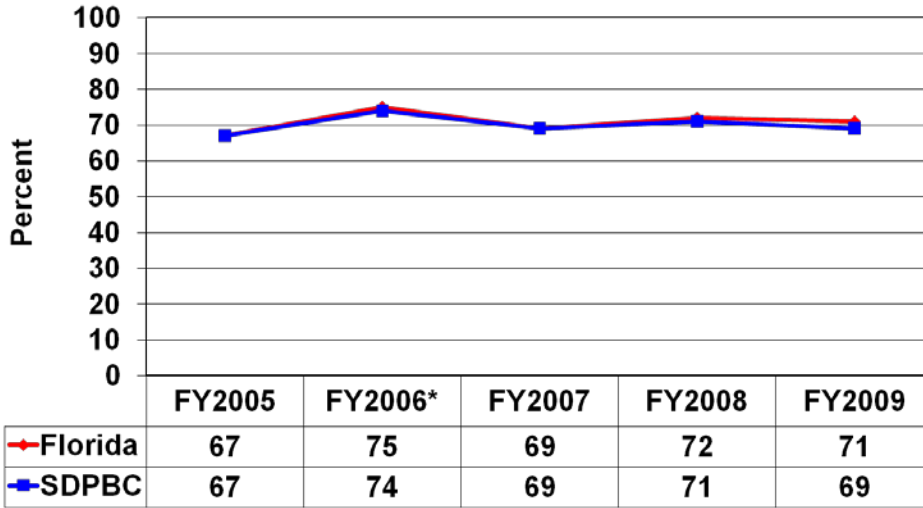


Grade 3 FCAT SSS Mathematics Percent Level 1 All Students Tested



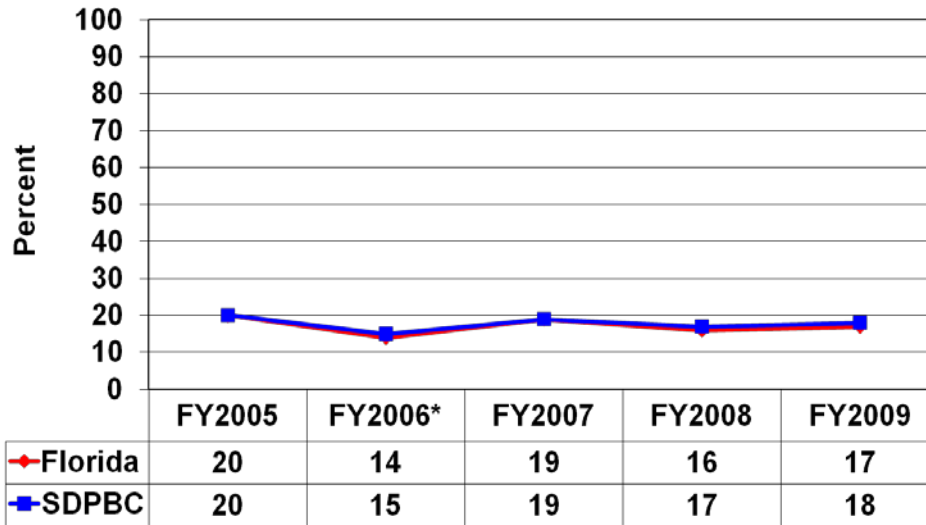
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Grade 3 FCAT SSS Reading Percent Level 3 and Above All Students Tested



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Grade 3 FCAT SSS Reading Percent Level 1 All Students Tested



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