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MEMORANDUM

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TO: School Board Members

FROM: Marc Baron, Ph.D., Chief
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THROUGH: Arthur C. Johnson, Ph.D.
Superintendent

SUBJECT: **FY2010 FCAT RETAKE RESULTS FOR
GRADES 10, 11, AND 12**

High schools students who have not yet passed the Grade 10 FCAT may retake the FCAT in October and in March. In October, at grades 10, 11, and 12[1] in the School District of Palm Beach County (SDPBC), 7,856 students took the October FCAT Retake in Reading and 3,657 students in Mathematics; in March, 5,181 students took the FCAT Retake in Reading and 2,146 students in Mathematics.

In most FY2009 to FY2010 October comparisons, as well as March comparisons, the SDPBC percents of students passing has remained about the same at grades 10, 11, and 12 (see Tables 1 – 4). Exceptions to this pattern are detailed below:

- The FY2010 October FCAT Mathematics Retake percents passing were statistically higher than the FY2009 October percents passing at grade 10 (25% to 32%) and at grade 11 (44% to 48%).

- The FY2010 March FCAT Mathematics Retake percent passing were statistically higher than the FY2009 March FCAT Math Retake percents passing at grade 11 (31% to 35%).

- The FY2010 October FCAT Reading Retake percents passing were statistically higher than the FY2009 October percents passing at grade 10 (11% to 16%) and at grade 11 (29% to 34%).

- The FY2010 March FCAT Reading Retake percents passing were statistically lower than the FY2009 March FCAT Reading Retake percents passing at grade 11 (27% to 20%) and at grade 12 (18% to 13%).

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[1]Includes retained students in grades 10, 11, and 12 who have not yet met the FCAT graduation requirement during an earlier FCAT administration or through ACT/SAT concordant scores.

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Table 1. October FCAT Mathematics Retakes for the SDPBC and Florida: All Students Tested in Grades 10-12

	Grade	FY2009		FY2010	
		Number Tested	Percent Passing	Number Tested	Percent Passing
SDPBC	10	662	25	573	32
	11	2,263	44	2,223	48
	12	780	36	861	39
Florida	10	4,400	30	4,655	30
	11	34,872	44	36,156	46
	12	13,393	37	13,965	37

Table 2. March FCAT Mathematics Retakes for the SDPBC and Florida: All Students Tested in Grades 10-12

	Grade	FY2009		FY2010	
		Number Tested	Percent Passing	Number Tested	Percent Passing
SDPBC	10	267	21	230	22
	11	1,496	31	1,436	35
	12	494	30	480	31
Florida	10	2,918	25	2,303	25
	11	21,907	33	22,617	37
	12	8,540	26	8,565	28

Table 3. October FCAT Reading Retakes for the SDPBC and Florida: All Students Tested in Grades 10-12

	Grade	FY2009		FY2010	
		Number Tested	Percent Passing	Number Tested	Percent Passing
SDPBC	10	985	11	900	16
	11	5,121	29	4,899	34
	12	2,252	21	2,057	23
Florida	10	7,104	17	7,785	19
	11	75,351	29	76,902	33
	12	32,961	21	32,712	23

Table 4. March FCAT Reading Retakes for the SDPBC and Florida: All Students Tested in Grades 10-12

	Grade	FY2009		FY2010	
		Number Tested	Percent Passing	Number Tested	Percent Passing
SDPBC	10	420	13	350	11
	11	3,747	27	3,523	20
	12	1,469	18	1,308	13
Florida	10	4,837	18	3,905	13
	11	53,718	27	52,875	23
	12	22,925	20	22,071	16

Schools have received their results and will use this information to meet individual student needs and for school improvement planning. 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, please contact Constance Tuman-Rugg, Assistant Superintendent, Division of Curriculum, at 357-1113.

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