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MEMORANDUM

TO: Board Members

FROM: Ann Killets *AK*
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THROUGH: Arthur C. Johnson, Ph.D.
Superintendent *[Signature]*

DATE: September 4, 2007

SUBJECT: SUMMER FY2007 FCAT SSS RETAKES

The Florida Department of Education (FDOE) has released the results of the Summer FY2007 FCAT SSS Retakes for the School District of Palm Beach County (SDPBC). Overall, the passing rate for the SDPBC increased in Mathematics and decreased in Reading. A statistical analysis of the results revealed the following:

- From FY2006 to FY2007, the percent passing the Mathematics test for the SDPBC increased by 3 percentage points (15% to 18%), while the percent passing the Reading test declined by 3 percentage points (17% to 14%).
- In FY2007, the SDPBC percents passing in the tests (14% in Reading and 18% in Mathematics) continued to be lower than those of the State (17% in Reading and 25% in Mathematics).
- From FY2006 to FY2007, the number of SDPBC students taking the Reading test decreased significantly, while the number of students taking the Mathematics test decreased slightly.

There is a limitation in the analysis of the summer retake data. Because of fluctuations in the number of SDPBC students taking the summer test, caution should be used when comparing the District percent passing with the State percent passing or when comparing the District percent passing from one year to the next.

The attached table contains the FCAT FY2006 and FY2007 SSS Retake results for the State and for the SDPBC. Please note that the table is based on all students tested and not on the group of students used in the calculation of school grades. Also, since the State did not provide total counts and percents for participating schools, school results could not be reported.

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 Constance Tuman-Rugg, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum, at 434-8549.

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Attachment

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Chief of Performance Accountability
Chief Public Information Officer
Chief, Safety & Learning Environment
Transition Chief Technology Officer
Area/Assistant Superintendents
Academic Executive Directors/Directors
High School Principals

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Summer FY2006 and FY2007 School District of Palm Beach County (SDPBC) and
State FCAT SSS Retakes All Students Tested

	FY2006						FY2007					
	SDPBC			State			SDPBC			State		
	Number Taking	Number Passing*	Percent Passing	Number Taking	Number Passing*	Percent Passing	Number Taking	Number Passing*	Percent Passing	Number Taking	Number Passing*	Percent Passing
READING	1850	315	17%	27772	5776	21%	1598	228	14%	28002	4841	17%
MATH	466	70	15%	8298	1749	21%	434	79	18%	8167	2028	25%

*Number passing estimated from percentages reported by the State