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MEMORANDUM

TO: Board Members

FROM: Ann Killlets *AK*
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THROUGH: Arthur C. Johnson, Ph.D. *af/ak*
Superintendent

DATE: May 23, 2007

SUBJECT: RELEASE OF FY2007 GRADES 3 THROUGH 10 FCAT SSS READING AND MATHEMATICS: ALL STUDENTS TESTED

The Florida Department of Education has released the FY2007 results for FCAT SSS Reading and Mathematics for all students tested.¹ Approximately 101,000 SDPBC students took the FCAT SSS Reading and Mathematics Tests in March 2007 at grades 3 through 10.

Overall, the School District of Palm Beach County (SDPBC) continues to show improvement in both reading and mathematics. A statistical analysis of the results follows:

- From FY2006 to FY2007, the SDPBC has made progress in a majority of grade levels in reading and in mathematics in the percent of students at both Level 1 and at Level 3 and higher, while the State made similar progress only at Level 3 and higher;
- From FY2003 to FY2007, the SDPBC has improved in a majority of grade levels in reading and in mathematics in the percent of students at both Level 1 and at Level 3 and higher, a pattern similar to that of the State;
- In FY2007, the SDPBC generally outperformed the State in mathematics and performed about the same as the State in reading;
- From FY2006 to FY2007, both the SDPBC and the State declined at grade six in mathematics in the percent of students at both Level 1 and at Level 3 and higher.²

The attached tables report the results for the SDPBC and the State. Tables 1 through 4 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 FY2003 through FY2007. Individual school results are available through the school district website at www.palmbeach.k12.fl.us/9045/fcat_menu.htm.

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.

¹ The tables are based on all students tested, and not on the group of students used in the calculation of school grades and AYP. The FDOE has not provided disaggregated data at this time.

² The State has announced that the FY2006 results for grade three reading were inflated, therefore, a comparison of grade three results in FY2006 and FY2007 is not appropriate.

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 Brenda Magee, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum and Learning Support, at 963-3899. 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 of Performance Accountability
- Chief Public Information Officer
- Chief, Safety & Learning Environment Area
- Transition Chief Technology Officer
- 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 ³	FL ⁴	PB	FL	PB	FL	PB	FL	PB	FL	PB	FL	PB	FL	PB	FL
FY03	62	63	58	60	56	58	55	53	52	52	49	49	31	31	32	36
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

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
FY03	24	23	27	25	25	25	27	28	28	28	26	26	43	43	38	33
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

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
FY03	63	63	52	54	52	52	49	47	49	47	56	56	55	51	58	60
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

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
FY03	19	19	24	22	21	23	28	36	31	31	23	22	21	23	22	19
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

³ PB = SDPBC⁴ FL = State of Florida