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MEMORANDUM

TO: Board Members

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

DATE: May 23, 2007

SUBJECT: RELEASE OF FY2007 GRADES 5, 8, AND 11 FCAT SSS SCIENCE: ALL STUDENTS TESTED

The Florida Department of Education has released the results for the FY2007 FCAT SSS Science test for all students tested.¹ Approximately 36,000 SDPBC students took the FCAT SSS Science Test in March 2007 at grades 5, 8, and 11.

Overall, the SDPBC has shown considerable improvement in all grades tested. A statistical analysis of the test results follows:

- From FY2006 to FY2007, the SDPBC and the State have improved at all grades tested in the percent of students at Level 1 and at Level 3 and higher.
- In FY2007, the SDPBC performed better than the State in grades 5, 8, and 11 in the percent of students at Level 3 and higher, and in grades 5 and 11 in the percent of students at Level 1.

The attached tables report the FY2006 and FY2007 results for the SDPBC and the State.² Table 1 reports the percent of proficient students (those scoring at Level 3 and above), and Table 2 reports the percent of low-performing students (those scoring at Level 1). Results for individual schools are available through the school district web site 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 Science 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 FY2006 was the first year that the State included levels in its reports.

Should you have questions about the FCAT Science results, please contact Dean Stecker, Director of Research and Evaluation, at 432-6376. If you have questions about instruction and FCAT Science, please contact Brenda Magee, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum and Learning Support, at 963-3899. If you have questions about individual school efforts and FCAT Science, 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
- Transition Chief Technology Officer
- Area/Assistant Superintendents
- Academic Executive Directors and Directors
- Principals

Table 1: FCAT SCIENCE - Percent of Students at Level 3 or Higher

Year	Grade 5		Grade 8		Grade 11	
	SDPBC	State	SDPBC	State	SDPBC	State
FY2006	40	35	35	32	36	35
FY2007	49	42	41	38	42	37

Table 2: FCAT SCIENCE - Percent of Students at Level 1

Year	Grade 5		Grade 8		Grade 11	
	SDPBC	State	SDPBC	State	SDPBC	State
FY2006	27	29	33	35	33	32
FY2007	21	25	30	31	27	30