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**MEMORANDUM**

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**TO:** School Board Members

**FROM:** E. Wayne Gent, Superintendent 

**SUBJECT: FY2013 SPRING FLORIDA COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMENT TEST (FCAT)  
RETAKE RESULTS FOR GRADES 10, 11, AND 12**

During the FY2013 Spring administration, 5,794 students in grades 10, 11, and 12 in the School District of Palm Beach County (SDPBC) took the FCAT 2.0 Reading Retake test, and 634 students took the FCAT 1.0 Mathematics Retake test.

A preliminary analysis reveals that the number of students tested has changed from FY2012 to FY2013. The number of students taking the Reading retake has increased substantially, since the FCAT 1.0 Reading retake has been eliminated, and those students now take the FCAT 2.0 Reading retake test. The number of students taking the FCAT 1.0 Mathematics retake decreased substantially at grades 10 and 11, since the requirement for passing FCAT 1.0 Mathematics is being phased out.<sup>1</sup>

Also, the percentage of students passing FCAT Reading or Mathematics Retakes remains low for the SDPBC and for Florida. This is not surprising as students taking the FCAT Retakes are those students who have not passed the Grade 10 Reading or Mathematics tests at least once and have not met the concordant scores on either the SAT or ACT. The SDPBC performed lower in FY2013 than Florida on FCAT 2.0 Reading and FCAT 1.0 Mathematics.

The attached Tables 1 and 2 report the number of students tested and percent of students passing the FCAT Retakes for the District and for Florida. Results for individual District schools are available on the Research, Evaluation and Assessment website at:

<http://www.palmbeachschools.org/dre/FCAT.asp>

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<sup>1</sup> Students entering ninth grade in FY2012 and later will be required to pass the State Algebra 1 End-of-Course (EOC) exam.

Table 1: FCAT 2.0 Reading Retake Results – Number Tested and Percent of Students Passing

Year	Grade 10				Grade 11				Grade 12			
	SDPBC		Florida		SDPBC		Florida		SDPBC		Florida	
	# Tested	% Pass	# Tested	% Pass	# Tested	% Pass	# Tested	% Pass	# Tested	% Pass	# Tested	% Pass
FY2012	200	11	2,528	16	2,999	22	47,472	24	33	24	699	19
FY2013	353	11	3,130	14	3,816	21	62,429	24	1,625	14	23,182	17

Note: The FCAT 2.0 Reading Retake test was not given before FY2012.

Table 2: FCAT 1.0 Mathematics Retake Results – Number Tested and Percent of Students Passing

Year	Grade 10				Grade 11				Grade 12			
	SDPBC		Florida		SDPBC		Florida		SDPBC		Florida	
	# Tested	% Pass	# Tested	% Pass	# Tested	% Pass	# Tested	% Pass	# Tested	% Pass	# Tested	% Pass
FY2011	146	24	2,215	27	1,056	28	17,695	29	379	20	7,084	21
FY2012	189	27	2,132	26	1,289	26	21,573	27	418	19	6,864	21
FY2013	50	20	430	26	131	20	2,176	22	453	18	8,143	21

Schools have received their results and will use this information to meet the needs of individual students and for school improvement planning. For additional information regarding Florida graduation requirements for statewide assessments, please refer to:  
<http://fcats.fldoe.org/pdf/fcatpass.pdf>

If you have questions about these results, please contact Mark Howard, Director of Research, Evaluation and Assessment at 561-434-8781. If you have questions about instruction, please contact Keith Oswald, Assistant Superintendent, Division of Curriculum, at 561-357-1113. If you have questions about individual school efforts and the FCAT Retakes, please contact the appropriate area superintendent or school principal.

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