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MEMORANDUM

TO: School Board Members
FROM: E. Wayne Gent, Superintendent
SUBJECT: RELEASE OF FY2014 HIGH SCHOOL GRADES

On December 18, 2014, the Florida Department of Education (FDOE) released the 2014 High School Grades. In FY2014, the FDOE increased the high school requirement to earn an "A" rating by 70 points and the requirement to earn a "B" rating by 50 points. The calculation for high school grades has changed each of the past three years; therefore, caution should be used when comparing the results from one year to the next.

A review of the FY2014 high school grades for the SDPBC revealed the following:

- SDPBC had an 18 percentage point increase in high schools rated "A" or "B", increasing from 62% in FY2013 to 80% in FY2014
- SDPBC has a higher percentage of high schools rated "A" or "B" than Florida
- Five SDPBC District operated high schools increased to an "A" grade
- Two SDPBC District operated high schools increased to an "B" grade

Tables 1-3 contain grades for Florida and SDPBC District operated alternative and charter schools. Tables 4-5 contain the graduation rate, accelerated coursework, and college readiness data for SDPBC District operated, charter, and alternative high schools, respectively. This data is also available on the District web site at:

<http://www.palmbeachschools.org/dre/NRE/Results.asp>

Please refer to ***Grading Florida's High Schools 2014*** at:

<http://www.fldoe.org/core/fileparse.php/7593/urlt/0070186-guidesheet2014schoolgrades.pdf>

For questions regarding high school grades, contact Dr. Sandra Raymond-Roberts, Director of Research, Evaluation, and Assessment at 357-7649 or Mark Howard, Chief of Performance Accountability at 434-8851.

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Attachments

cc: Division Chiefs
Area/Assistant Superintendents
Academic Directors
Principals

Table 1. Number and Percent of Letter Grades for High Schools in the SDPBC and Florida

School Type	Year	A		B		C		D		F		Total
		Count	Pct	Count	Pct	Count	Pct	Count	Pct	Count	Pct	
SDPBC District Operated	FY2014	14	56%	6	24%	3	12%	2	8%	0	0%	25
	FY2013	11	46%	6	25%	6	25%	1	4%	0	0%	24
SDPBC Charter	FY2014	2	40%	2	40%	0	0%	0	0%	1	20%	5
	FY2013	1	17%	1	17%	2	33%	1	17%	1	17%	6
SDPBC Alternative	FY2014	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	FY2013	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	100%	1
SDPBC Total	FY2014	16	53%	8	27%	3	10%	2	7%	1	3%	30
	FY2013	12	39%	7	23%	8	26%	2	6%	2	6%	31
Florida Total	FY2014	188	36%	180	35%	126	24%	17	3%	9	2%	520
	FY2013	240	48%	152	30%	87	17%	16	3%	10	2%	505

NA indicates not reported

Table 2. Letter Grades for District Operated High Schools in the SDPBC and Florida

	FY2013				FY2014			
	FCAT Points	Non-FCAT Points	Total Points*	School Grade	FCAT Points	Non-FCAT Points	Total Points*	School Grade
A. W. Dreyfoos School of The Arts	747	756	1,503	A	711	763	1,474	A
Atlantic	564	648	1,212	A	556	675	1,231	A
Boca Raton	669	718	1,387	A	689	714	1,403	A
Boynton Bch Community	473	603	1,076	A	385	540	1,040	B
Forest Hill	476	493	969	C	449	556	1,005	C
Glades Central**	422	550	972	C	367	576	943	D
John I. Leonard	443	542	985	C	452	597	1,049	B
Jupiter High	637	677	1,314	A	610	666	1,276	A
Lake Worth	470	579	1,051***	A	431	565	1,040	B
Olympic Heights	621	604	1,225	A	566	657	1,223	A
Pahokee Middle/Senior	457	636	923	D	455	608	859	D
Palm Beach Central	552	673	1,225	A	556	655	1,211	A
Palm Beach Gardens	458	609	1,067	A	476	594	1,070	B
Palm Beach Lakes	439	490	929	C	416	519	935	C
P.B. Virtual Franchise	NA	NA	NA	NA	642	NA	642	B
Park Vista Community	603	684	1,287	A	583	683	1,266	A
Royal Palm Beach	452	523	975	C	515	582	1,097	B
Santaluces	489	584	1,073	B	520	620	1,140	A
Seminole Ridge Community	526	649	1,175	B	532	629	1,161	A
Spanish River	659	693	1,352	A	605	711	1,316	A
Suncoast	737	794	1,531	A	699	792	1,491	A
Village Academy	503	550	925	C	526	645	978	C
Wellington	581	677	1,258	B	595	662	1,257	A
West Boca Raton Community	592	638	1,230	B	593	665	1,258	A
William T. Dwyer	552	634	1,186	B	553	653	1,206	A

* The "Total Points" FY2014 includes growth or decline in respective performance measures; NA indicates not reported

** Glades Central was penalized 1 letter grade by FDOE for FCAT 2.0 Reading Proficiency

*** Total Points reported by FDOE after school grade appeal.

Table 3. Letter Grades for Charter High Schools in the SDPBC

	FY2013				FY2014			
	FCAT Points	Non-FCAT Points	Total Points	School Grade	FCAT Points	Non-FCAT Points	Total Points	School Grade
G-Star Schools of the Arts	591	610	1,201	A	611	659	1,270	A
Inlet Grove	379	629	1,008	C	464	645	1,109	B
Leadership Academy West	449	510	959	D	298	NA	298	F
Riviera Beach Maritime Academy	477	461	938	C	498	636	1,134	B
South Tech Academy	483	590	1,073	B	544	587	1,131	A

NA indicates not reported

Table 4. Graduation Rate, Accelerated Coursework, and College Readiness Results for District Operated High Schools in the SDPBC

School Name	Graduation							Accelerated Coursework					College Readiness					US History		
	Four Year Rate		Supplemental Rate		At Risk Four Year Rate		Total Points FY14*	Participation		Performance		Total Points FY14*	Reading		Math		Total Points FY14*	FY13	FY14	Total Points FY14*
	FY13	FY14	FY13	FY14	FY13	FY14		FY13	FY14	FY13	FY14		FY13	FY14	FY13	FY14				
A.W. Dreyfoos School of the Arts	99	99	100	100	99	99	298	99	100	84	80	180	94	97	88	88	185	81	97	100
Atlantic High	86	90	88	88	75	75	259	72	81	95	97	183	83	86	60	65	156	39	67	77
Boca Raton High	91	94	91	91	83	77	270	92	100	100	100	200	83	85	81	75	160	80	84	84
Boynton Beach High	77	78	77	77	74	56	224	76	78	73	79	162	71	69	47	48	117	36	37	37
Forest Hill High	79	77	75	75	71	59	233	33	49	70	84	153	62	64	36	48	122	45	48	48
Glades Central High	71	70	79	79	59	58	213	58	55	73	82	142	69	83	51	59	157	41	54	64
John I. Leonard High	74	77	78	78	52	59	218	59	60	73	87	157	64	77	51	71	168	41	49	54
Jupiter High	89	90	89	89	66	71	254	77	81	96	95	176	84	82	76	74	156	70	75	80
Lake Worth High	76	73	74	74	65	60	228	67	70	79	85	160	68	70	60	52	122	32	45	55
Olympic Heights High	87	89	84	84	73	87	276	64	66	70	78	149	78	78	71	66	144	53	78	88
Pahokee Middle/Senior High	74	90	80	80	53	75	252	73	48	78	98	143	62	61	48	42	103	15	20	25
Palm Beach Central High	91	90	93	93	76	74	259	73	73	86	92	170	80	78	72	67	145	69	76	81
Palm Beach Gardens High	80	83	81	81	61	60	227	63	66	73	83	159	78	80	69	62	142	55	61	66
Palm Beach Lakes High	68	68	68	68	59	54	208	67	62	58	72	144	58	68	33	34	112	24	45	55
P. B. Virtual	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Park Vista High	92	90	91	91	77	66	255	63	75	100	93	178	83	85	76	77	162	63	78	88
Royal Palm Beach High	76	77	78	78	65	63	230	70	71	50	71	152	64	64	49	52	116	42	74	84
Santaluces High	78	83	81	81	60	66	240	57	67	76	74	151	72	77	60	66	153	44	66	76
Seminole Ridge High	83	87	87	87	63	69	243	77	76	81	82	158	80	78	62	66	144	64	74	84
Spanish River High	91	94	95	95	69	87	269	75	77	100	100	177	85	86	80	80	166	67	89	99
Suncoast High	100	99	100	100	100	99	299	100	100	100	100	200	98	98	96	95	193	81	97	100
Village Academy	90	86	92	92	77	86	264	38	45	20	30	90	73	83	38	44	142	26	45	55
Wellington High	82	89	89	89	53	58	239	81	84	95	99	183	83	87	76	76	163	76	77	77
West Boca Raton High	88	87	89	89	62	68	247	73	79	81	83	167	86	87	80	79	166	71	80	85
W.T. Dwyer High	82	89	86	86	59	76	248	74	76	80	93	176	82	80	64	67	147	45	72	82

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Table 5. Graduation Rate, Accelerated Coursework, and College Readiness Results for Charter High Schools in the SDPBC

School Name	Graduation							Accelerated Coursework					College Readiness					US History		
	Four Year Rate		Supplemental Rate		At Risk Four Year Rate		Total Points FY14*	Participation		Performance		Total Points FY14*	Reading		Math		Total Points FY14*	FY13	FY14	Total Points FY14*
	FY13	FY14	FY13	FY14	FY13	FY14		FY13	FY14	FY13	FY14		FY13	FY14	FY13	FY14				
G-Star School of the Arts	93	97	97	94	86	100	284	58	57	56	52	109	79	86	64	71	167	89	94	99
Inlet Grove	86	87	93	90	70	78	256	81	90	71	81	176	72	86	57	52	148	37	55	65
Leadership Academy West	69	NA	84	NA	46	NA	298	30	NA	92	NA	NA	40	NA	30	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Mavericks	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Riviera Beach Maritime Academy	82	90	79	84	82	90	277	46	58	13	90	158	78	67	50	59	126	73	75	75
South Tech Academy	90	93	89	90	83	86	269	62	50	74	98	143	59	52	46	45	97	51	68	78

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