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TO: School Board Members

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SUBJECT: **2008-09 NCLB CHOICE ASSIGNMENTS**

Enrollment counts, as of the 20<sup>th</sup> day of the 2008-09 school year, were conducted for students who changed schools of enrollment, due to the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) option. A data file of all active District students provided on the 20<sup>th</sup> day by Education Technology Services (ETS) staff was compared to a database of students who were enrolled in previous years as Choice students, as well as a file containing all students who were offered NCLB Choice for the present school year.

According to the 20<sup>th</sup> day active student file, there was a cumulative total of 3,615 students with an Assignment Code of "73," which denotes NCLB Choice. The number reflects all students still enrolled in a Choice school from 2004-05 through 2008-09. **Of the 3,615 students, 1,923 Choice students remained enrolled from previous years, and 1,692 students were *new* Choice students enrolled this fall. As reported in the table below, the number of students selecting NCLB Choice in 2008-09 ( $N = 1,692$ ) is lower than the 2007-08 number of 2,363 students. This represents a decrease of 440 students selecting NCLB Choice this year, compared to last year.**

Table

*Total Number of New NCLB Choice Students at the Beginning of the School Year*

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NCLB Choice year	School year	<i>N</i>
1	2004-05	856
2	2005-06	492
3	2006-07	654
4	2007-08	2,363
5	2008-09	1,692

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In previous years, the Educational Programs Department mailed a notification to parents or guardians of students scheduled to attend any Title I school that was required to offer NCLB Choice. The notice provided information regarding NCLB Choice options and a choice of *two* schools to which a student could transfer. A new system for selection of receiving schools was implemented for the current school year. This year, instead of selecting only two schools to serve as receiving locations for each sending school, the District identified several schools that were able to receive students. The process successfully allowed the District to assign students to several schools and control possible negative impact of meeting class size reduction. For Title I charter schools that were required to provide Choice, the receiving schools were based on the student's home address. As an example, if the home address was in the South area, the family received a notification letter and form with available schools in the South area, even if the child attended a North Central area charter school. The modification allowed the District to provide transportation based on the student's home address.

Two attachments provide supplementary data regarding NCLB Choice enrollments. Attachment A presents current school year NCLB enrollment data for sending schools. In Attachment B, for the incoming sixth grade students, the sending school is the identified home boundary middle school the sixth grader would have attended, rather than the elementary school they came from as fifth graders. To maintain the anonymity and privacy of students, frequency data were not displayed when the number for a sending or receiving school was fewer than 10 students, which is in accordance with policy guidance from the Florida Department of Education.

According to the data, Ramblewood Middle received the largest number of new NCLB Choice students at the middle school level ( $n=156$ ), and Riverside Elementary received the largest number of new NCLB Choice students at the elementary school level ( $n=35$ ). The Title I schools that lost the greatest number of new NCLB Choice students were Margate Middle at the middle school level ( $n=177$ ), and Royal Palm Elementary at the elementary school level ( $n=33$ ).

If you have any comments concerning this memorandum, please contact **Dr. Katherine Blasik, Associate Superintendent, Research Development & Assessment at 754-321-2470** or **Dr. Maria Ligas, Research Specialist, Research Services at 754-321-2500**.

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Attachments

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Attachment A  
Number of New Choice Students by Sending School (2008-09)

School sending NCLB Choice students	<i>n</i>
Elementary	
Bethune, Mary M. Elementary	19
Castle Hill Elementary	25
Cypress Elementary	16
Drew, Charles R. Elementary	10
Imagine Charter School @ North Lauderdale Elementary	21
King, Martin Luther Elementary	13
Lauderdale Manors Elementary	16
Mirror Lake Elementary	11
Morrow Elementary	21
North Fork Elementary	12
North Lauderdale Elementary	10
Oriole Elementary	14
Plantation Elementary	24
Royal Palm Elementary	33
Sunland Park Elementary	16
Westwood Heights Elementary	10
* The following schools had less than 10 students	
Dania Elementary	*
Davie Elementary	*
Deerfield Beach Elementary	*
Deerfield Park Elementary	*
Dillard Elementary	*
Eagle's Nest Charter Elementary	*
Larkdale Elementary	*
Lauderhill, P. T. Elementary	*
Markham, Robert C. Elementary	*
Marshall, Thurgood Elementary	*
Meadowbrook Elementary	*
North Side Elementary	*
Oakridge Elementary	*
Paragon Charter Elementary	*
Park Lakes Elementary	*
Park Ridge Elementary	*
Sanders Park Elementary	*
Sunshine Elementary	*
Elementary total	363

Attachment A (continued)

School sending NCLB Choice students	<i>n</i>
Middle	
Apollo Middle	102
Ashe, Arthur R., Jr. Middle	55
Attucks Middle	72
Bair Middle	102
Crystal Lake Community Middle	53
Deerfield Beach Middle	63
Driftwood Middle	25
Eagle Academy Charter Middle	17
Gulfstream Middle	19
Imagine Charter School @ North Lauderdale Middle	12
Lauderdale Lakes Middle	106
Lauderhill Middle	97
Margate Middle	177
McNicol Middle	52
New River Middle	40
Olsen Middle	31
Parkway Middle	49
Perry, Henry D. Middle	110
Pompano Beach Middle	16
Silver Lakes Middle	102
Sunrise Middle	11
* The following schools had less than 10 students	
Eagle's Nest Charter Middle	*
Rickards, James S. Middle	*
Smart School Charter Middle	*
Middle total	1,329

Attachment B

Number of New Choice Students by Receiving School (2008-09)

School receiving NCLB Choice students	<i>n</i>
Elementary	
Bayview Elementary	11
Broward Estates Elementary	13
Hunt, James S. Elementary	15
Nob Hill Elementary	30
Panther Run Elementary	12
Park Springs Elementary	12
Pasadena Lakes Elementary	10
Plantation Park Elementary	23
Riverland Elementary	13
Riverside Elementary	35
Sandpiper Elementary	34
Sawgrass Elementary	16
Silver Ridge Elementary	25
Welleby Elementary	15
Westchester Elementary	17
* The following schools had less than 10 students	
Boulevard Heights Elementary	*
Central Park Elementary	*
Coconut Creek Elementary	*
Coral Park Elementary	*
Country Hills Elementary	*
Everglades Elementary	*
Flamingo Elementary	*
Forest Hills Elementary	*
Gator Run Elementary	*
Harbordale Elementary	*
Hawkes Bluff Elementary	*
Norcrest Elementary	*
Orange Brook Elementary	*
Palm Cove Elementary	*
Pembroke Lakes Elementary	*
Perry, Annabel C. Elementary	*
Peters Elementary	*
Ramblewood Elementary	*
Elementary total	363

Attachment B (*continued*)

School receiving NCLB Choice students	<i>n</i>
Middle	
Coral Springs Middle	140
Falcon Cove Middle	13
Forest Glen Middle	88
Glades Middle	19
Indian Ridge Middle	61
Lyons Creek Middle	47
New Renaissance Middle	55
Nova Middle	73
Pines Middle	130
Pioneer Middle	21
Plantation Middle	95
Ramblewood Middle	156
Sawgrass Springs Middle	110
Seminole Middle	47
Silver Trail Middle	47
Tequesta Trace Middle	27
Westglades Middle	47
Westpine Middle	128
Young, Walter C. Middle	15
* The following schools had less than 10 students	
Dandy, William Middle	*
Millennium Middle	*
Middle total	1,329