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TO: School Board Members

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VIA: Frank Till  
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SUBJECT: **TWELFTH GRADE FLORIDA COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMENT TEST  
(FCAT) RESULTS FOR 2003**

Today, the Florida Department of Education released preliminary passing percents for grade twelve students who took the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT) in March 2003. Of the 1,628 students who took the FCAT Reading subtest, 374 (23%) met or exceeded the passing criteria to earn a standard high school diploma. There were 1,355 twelfth grade students in Broward who took the FCAT Mathematics subtest, and of these, 528 (39%) students met or exceeded the passing criteria to earn a standard high school diploma.

### **Comparison to State and Other Large Districts in Florida**

Table 1 presents the percentages of twelfth grade students in FCAT Reading and Mathematics for Broward, Florida, and four of the largest districts. Reading scores for Broward indicate a 23% passing rate, which is above Miami-Dade (22%) and Palm Beach (18%) but slightly below Orange (24%) and Hillsborough (28%).

In Mathematics, Broward 12<sup>th</sup> graders passed at a greater rate (39%) than Orange (38%) and Palm Beach (36%). Results for Broward are slightly lower than Hillsborough (42%) and directly in line with Miami-Dade (39%).

**Table 1: FCAT Reading and Mathematics Percent Scoring  
for Twelfth Graders 2003**

District/ State	<u>Reading Number Tested</u>	<u>Reading Percent Passed</u>	<u>Reading Number Passed</u>	<u>Mathematics Number Tested</u>	<u>Mathematics Percent Passed</u>	<u>Mathematics Number Passed</u>
<b>Broward</b>	<b>1,628</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>374</b>	<b>1,355</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>528</b>
<b>State</b>	14,236	25	3,559	11,229	39	4,379
Miami-Dade	3,768	22	829	2,940	39	1,147
Orange	586	24	141	371	38	141
Palm Beach	1,336	18	240	878	36	316
Hillsborough	860	28	241	600	42	252

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For the 1,254 twelfth graders who did not meet passing criteria in Reading and for the 827 who did not meet passing criteria in Mathematics, there will be another opportunity to take the FCAT in late June 2003. Individual student results will be in Broward high schools next week. If you have any questions regarding this release, **please contact me at (954) 760-7342, or Anne Dilgen, Director, Student Assessment, at (954) 940-7627.**

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