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TO: School Board Members (REVISED TABLE 1)

**FROM: Katherine Blasik, Ph.D., Assistant Superintendent
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**VIA: Frank Till
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**SUBJECT: TWELFTH GRADE UPDATE – FLORIDA COMPREHENSIVE
ASSESSMENT TEST (FCAT) GRADUATION REQUIREMENT**

In order to earn a standard high school diploma from a Florida Public High School, students must earn a passing score on the Grade 10 FCAT in Reading and Mathematics. Current twelfth grade students are required to earn a score of 287 or higher in Reading and 295 or higher in Mathematics unless the student has been enrolled in an exceptional student education program and has met requirements as identified 1003.43 F.S. In addition, it is important to note that the current grade 12 class includes students whose first year in high school was prior to the 1999-2000 school year and therefore are eligible to graduate based on passing scores on the High School Competency Test (HSCT). The data below is specific to the FCAT eligible students.

Analysis of current grade 12 students indicates that 90.5% (11,720) of the FCAT students enrolled in grade 12 in Broward County have passed the Reading and Mathematics subtests of the Grade 10 FCAT and therefore have met the assessment graduation requirement.

As seen in Table 1 below, of the 12,952 twelfth grade students who have participated in the FCAT grade 10 exam, 11,720 (90.5%) have passed both reading and mathematics. Of the remaining students who have not met the requirement, 5.5% (709) have not yet passed the Reading subtest and 3% (393) have not yet mastered the Mathematics subtest. The data as seen below includes all current seniors who have participated in the 10th grade assessment and may include students whose FCAT requirement will be waived based on the provisions of 1003.43 F.S. as indicated above.

Table 1. Current Grade 12 FCAT Requirement Status

	Passed Reading and Mathematics	Passed Reading only (need Math)	Passed Mathematics only (need Reading)	Passed neither Reading nor Mathematics	Total FCAT current 12 th graders
Number of Students	11,720	709 393	393 709	130	12,952
Percent	90.5	5.5 3.0	3.0 5.5	1.0	100

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Students who have not yet passed the FCAT are eligible to participate in the 12th grade options strategies and may return to the District to retake the exam(s). Upon passing the assessment, a Standard High School Diploma is issued. Information about the 12th grade options can be obtained by contacting the school guidance counselor, the District Office of Career, Technical, and Adult/Community Education, or by visiting the Florida Department of Education's website <http://www.12thgradeoptions.org/>.

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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