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TO: Principals

FROM: Katherine Blasik, Ph.D., Assistant Superintendent  
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VIA: Dr. Verda Farrow, Area Superintendent  
South Central Area

SUBJECT: **BROWARD BENCHMARK ASSESSMENT PROJECT**

Beginning in September 2003, all schools will implement the Broward Benchmark Assessment Project. The project is comprised of assessment instruments developed from the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT) released items, the FCAT practice test, and the instructional guidance documents. The purpose of the project is to provide teachers and administrators valuable information to assist in making immediate and timely instructional decisions affecting student performance.

Attached please find a flyer which outlines specifications pertaining to the project and the administration of the assessments. Please share the flyer with teachers and staff. In addition, a BECON production introducing Benchmark Assessments will air on BECON channel 25 during preschool week and the first week of school. It is recommended that each school record the broadcast so all teachers/staff will be able to view it in a timely manner. A schedule for the broadcast times has been sent to you via email and is posted on the Student Assessment website at <http://www.broward.k12.fl.us/studentassessment/>. If you have any questions about the Benchmark Assessments or this release, **please call me at 954-760-7342, or Anne Dilgen, Director, Student Assessment, at 754-321-4257.**

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Attachment

cc: Area Superintendents  
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Dr. Earlean Smiley, Deputy Superintendent, Curriculum & Instruction/Student Support  
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