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TO: School Board Members

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VIA: Frank Till
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SUBJECT: **2004 THIRD GRADE RESULTS OF ALTERNATIVE ASSESSMENT FOR PROMOTION**

Florida law requires that for students to be promoted to fourth grade, students must demonstrate readiness for fourth grade work by scoring Achievement Level 2 or higher on the Grade 3 Sunshine State Standards (SSS) Reading section of the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT), or by scoring at the 51st percentile or higher on the Grade 3 Norm-Referenced Test (NRT) Reading section of the FCAT. Initially, 78% of the third grade students, approximately 17,331, scored in Achievement Level 2 or higher on the FCAT SSS Reading section. Of the remaining students scoring in Achievement Level 1, less than one percent scored at the 51st percentile or higher on the FCAT NRT Reading section. Students who did not score at or above these cut levels as identified by the Florida Department of Education, may demonstrate readiness by scoring at the 51st percentile or above on an alternative assessment or through a portfolio assessment strategy. The Florida Department of Education identified the Stanford Achievement Test, 9th edition (SAT-9) as the alternative assessment.

In Broward County, third grade students who were eligible to participate in the alternative assessment were administered the SAT-9 on May 18, 2004. As seen in the attached tables, **of the 4,560 Broward County third grade students who participated in the alternative assessment, 10% (474) scored at the 51st percentile or above and are therefore eligible for promotion. Thus, districtwide and to date 80% of the third grade students (17,805) scored in Achievement Level 2 or higher and 51% on NRT.** Students who have not yet met promotion requirements will be eligible to complete a portfolio assessment and may be eligible to attend the summer Reading program. If you have questions regarding this release, **please contact me at (754) 321-2470, or Anne Dilgen, Director of Student Assessment, at (754) 321-4257.**

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