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## SUBJECT: REVIEW OF A+ PLAN AND ADEQUATE YEARLY PROGRESS (AYP) STATUS

In Florida, the Federal No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) requirements, with its Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) standards, were merged with the existing A+ Plan to form a single Accountability Plan. Although the 2003 school year is the first year for the measure of AYP under NCLB, Florida has been measuring progress and individual student learning gains for multiple years under the pre-existing A+ Plan.

The comprehensive Florida plan now includes a measure of quality as evidenced by school grades as well as a measure of areas that may still need improvement. The information garnered from the calculation of AYP will allow schools to provide a more focused approach to students who may be in need of more intensive instruction.

This document can also be found on the Student Assessment Department Home Page: <u>www.broward.k12.fl.us/studentassessment</u>. For additional information on this document, please contact me at 954-760-7342 or Anne Dilgen, Director of Student Assessment, at 754-321-4257.

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