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TO: School Board Members

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SUBJECT: **TOP 100 SCHOOLS FOR IMPROVED FLORIDA COMPREHENSIVE
ASSESSMENT TEST (FCAT) WRITING SCORES FOR 2005-06**

Today the Florida Department of Education announced the top 100 schools that have demonstrated improved FCAT Writing scores for 2005-06 when compared to the 2004-05 school year. Only schools with the largest increases in the percentage of students who have scored 3.5 or better from the previous school year were identified. Broward's schools were well-represented on the list. I am pleased to share with you the 17 Broward Schools that are on the list.

Elementary Schools: Morrow, Sea Castle, North Fork, Lauderdale Manors, Cooper City, Coral Cove, and Plantation

Middle Schools: Henry D. Perry

High Schools: Atlantic Technical High

Centers: Cross Creek, Lanier-James Education Center, Pine Ridge Alternative Center, Seagull School, Whiddon-Rogers Education Center, and Whispering Pines School

Charters: Touchdowns4Life and Somerset Academy

Notably, the largest increase was registered for Morrow Elementary School and amounted to a change of 36 percentage points over last year. Sea Castle and North Fork elementary schools likewise demonstrated increases of 30 or more percentage points. I am attaching the three lists that represent all schools in Florida for your reference.

Please know that the purpose of this report was to identify and commend schools that have shown the most progress towards improving student performance in writing. This report, however, does not recognize the many schools in Broward that have shown consistently high performance year after year. Please reference the previously released 2006 Florida Comprehensive Achievement Test (FCAT) Writing+ Assessment Results publication from April 20, 2006. This publication is available on the Student Assessment Web site www.broward.k12.fl.us/studentassessment/writing%202006.pdf.

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