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**SUBJECT: 2010-11 SCHOOL ACCOUNTABILITY RESULTS: FLORIDA'S SCHOOL  
GRADE AND NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND**

The 2010-11 school accountability results, which include School Grades and Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) were released today. While 2011 was the first year that the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT) assessed the Next Generation Sunshine State Standards, the school grade and AYP calculations were not impacted. The only change to school grading for 2011 was the increase in Writing performance considered proficient (4.0 and above).

**School Grades**

**As a district, Broward received an "A" grade for the fourth consecutive school year.** School grade calculations are based on student performance as measured by the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test in Reading, Mathematics, Science, and Writing. The school grade formula is comprised of student performance in Reading, Mathematics, Science (Achievement Level 3 or higher), and Writing (essay score of 4.0 or higher); annual learning gains in Reading and Mathematics; and progress demonstrated by students struggling in Reading and/or Mathematics. This memorandum details School Grades for the elementary and middle levels only. High School Grades will not be computed until December, as these grades now include: graduation rate, accelerated course enrollments and performance, and readiness for college. An examination of this year's School Grade results revealed that 78% of Broward's elementary and middle schools earned a grade of "A" or "B" and 93.8% of schools earned a grade of "C" or higher. Table 1 displays school grades by school type and for the District.

Examination of Table 1 reveals that:

- **108 elementary schools and 34 middle schools received a grade of A for a total of 142 schools, up from 132 last year,**
- **26 elementary and 9 middle schools received a grade of B for a total of 35 schools, up from 33 last year,**
- **25 elementary and 11 middle schools received a grade of C for a total of 36 schools, similar to the 36 from last year,**
- **8 elementary and 2 middle school received a grade of D for a total of 10 schools, up from 8 last year,**
- **4 Charter School received a grade of F (Imagine North Lauderdale Elementary and Middle, Charter School of Excellence- Riverland, and Broward Community Charter).**

Table 1

*School Grades by Level, 2008-09 to 2010-11*

| Level      | Grade | 2008-09  |      | 2009-10  |      | 2010-2011 |      |
|------------|-------|----------|------|----------|------|-----------|------|
|            |       | <i>n</i> | %    | <i>n</i> | %    | <i>n</i>  | %    |
| Elementary | A     | 117      | 76.5 | 101      | 63.5 | 108       | 63.9 |
|            | B     | 16       | 10.5 | 20       | 12.6 | 26        | 15.4 |
|            | C     | 14       | 9.2  | 27       | 17.0 | 25        | 14.8 |
|            | D     | 4        | 2.6  | 7        | 4.4  | 8         | 4.7  |
|            | F     | 2        | 1.3  | 4        | 2.5  | 2**       | 1.2  |
|            | Total |          | 153  |          | 159  |           | 169  |
| Middle     | A     | 36       | 65.5 | 31       | 57.4 | 34        | 58.6 |
|            | B     | 11       | 20.0 | 13       | 24.1 | 9         | 15.5 |
|            | C     | 8        | 12.7 | 8        | 14.8 | 11        | 19.0 |
|            | D     | 0        | 0.0  | 1        | 1.9  | 2         | 3.4  |
|            | F     | 1        | 1.8  | 1        | 1.9  | 2**       | 3.4  |
|            | Total |          | 55   |          | 54   |           | 58   |
| Total*     | A     | 153      | 73.6 | 132      | 62.0 | 142       | 62.6 |
|            | B     | 27       | 13.0 | 33       | 15.5 | 35        | 15.4 |
|            | C     | 21       | 10.1 | 35       | 16.4 | 36        | 15.9 |
|            | D     | 4        | 1.9  | 8        | 3.8  | 10        | 4.4  |
|            | F     | 3        | 1.4  | 5        | 2.3  | 4**       | 1.8  |
|            | Total |          | 208  |          | 213  |           | 227  |

\* High School Grades will be released in December 2011 and are therefore not included in the total.

\*\* All F schools in 2011 were Charter Schools

Year-to-year progress in improving school grades is as important as the number of schools earning the highest grades of “A” and “B.” In this regard, **36 schools improved by one letter grade or more from the 2009-10 to 2010-11 school year. Furthermore, of the three traditional schools who received F grades in 2009-10 Dillard Elementary improved to a B and North Lauderdale and Walker improved to a C.**

The school grade calculation includes a provision for high schools to earn 10 bonus points if at least 50% of their 11th and 12th grade retake students meet the score required to earn a high school diploma. **Twenty-four High Schools earned the bonus points because 50% or more of their retake students met the FCAT graduation requirement.** In general, the trend in high school performance underscores positive effects from high school reform initiatives.

Table 2 displays school grade distributions for the State and the five largest school districts in Florida. Broward and Palm Beach Counties received a grade of A (Broward has received an A in 5 of the last 6 years). In addition, Broward, Orange, and Palm Beach each had over 75% of schools receiving an A and B grade. At the other end of the grading scale, the proportion of D and F schools in each of the counties and the state were similar with the exception that 7.2% of Miami-Dade Schools received a D.

Table 2

*School Grade Distributions for the Five Largest School Districts in Florida, 2010-11.*

|                | District<br>Grade | A          |             | B         |             | C         |             | D         |            | F        |            |
|----------------|-------------------|------------|-------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|------------|----------|------------|
|                |                   | <i>n</i>   | %           | <i>n</i>  | %           | <i>n</i>  | %           | <i>n</i>  | %          | <i>n</i> | %          |
| State          | NA                | 1,482      | 58.1        | 459       | 18.0        | 460       | 18.0        | 117       | 4.6        | 32       | 1.3        |
| <b>Broward</b> | <b>A</b>          | <b>142</b> | <b>62.6</b> | <b>35</b> | <b>15.4</b> | <b>36</b> | <b>15.9</b> | <b>10</b> | <b>4.4</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>1.8</b> |
| Miami-Dade     | B                 | 186        | 55.9        | 49        | 14.7        | 69        | 20.7        | 24        | 7.2        | 5        | 1.5        |
| Hillsborough   | B                 | 95         | 47.0        | 43        | 21.3        | 53        | 26.2        | 9         | 4.5        | 2        | 1.0        |
| Orange         | B                 | 95         | 57.9        | 30        | 18.3        | 30        | 18.3        | 6         | 3.7        | 3        | 1.8        |
| Palm Beach     | A                 | 97         | 65.5        | 22        | 14.9        | 22        | 14.9        | 6         | 4.1        | 1        | 0.7        |

**No Child Left Behind: Adequate Yearly Progress**

The No Child Left Behind (NCLB) legislation requires that specified student subgroups (five ethnic groups, students with disabilities, students learning English, and economically disadvantaged students) in schools, districts, and the state as a whole attain adequate yearly progress (AYP) in Reading, Mathematics, and Writing. The 2010-11 proficiency targets were 79% for Reading and 80% for Mathematics. In Writing, the proportion of proficient students must improve annually if the school is not at least 90% proficient. Additionally, in high school the graduation rate must increase by 2 percentage points on an annual basis if it is not already at or above 85%. **Statewide, 325 schools (9.6%) met AYP and 3,063 (90.4%) did not.**

Table 3 displays AYP designations for all Broward schools for the years 2008-09 through 2010-11. Of the 294 public schools in Broward County, 28 schools (9.5%) met AYP in 2010-11 (25 Elementary, 2 Middle, and 1 Center). A total of 266 Broward schools (90.5%) did not meet AYP (151 Elementary, 58 Middle, 44 High, and 13 Centers). A longitudinal review of the data revealed year-to-year decrease in the number of elementary, middle, and high schools making AYP. However, this trend is expected in light of the continuing increase in the requirements to make AYP. In 2011-12, the AYP criteria will increase to 86% proficiency in both Reading and Mathematics.

Table 3

*School AYP Designation, 2008-09 through 2010-11*

| Level      | Met<br>AYP | 2008-09  |       | 2009-10  |       | 2010-2011 |      |
|------------|------------|----------|-------|----------|-------|-----------|------|
|            |            | <i>n</i> | %     | <i>n</i> | %     | <i>n</i>  | %    |
| Elementary | Yes        | 72       | 45.0  | 35       | 20.7  | 25        | 14.2 |
|            | No         | 88       | 55.0  | 134      | 79.3  | 151       | 85.8 |
|            | Total      | 160      |       | 169      |       | 176       |      |
| Middle     | Yes        | 5        | 8.8   | 3        | 5.4   | 2         | 3.3  |
|            | No         | 52       | 91.2  | 53       | 94.6  | 58        | 96.7 |
|            | Total      | 57       |       | 56       |       | 60        |      |
| High       | Yes        | 4        | 9.3   | 2        | 4.7   | 0         | 0    |
|            | No         | 39       | 90.7  | 41       | 95.3  | 44        | 100  |
|            | Total      | 43       |       | 43       |       | 44        |      |
| Center     | Yes        | 0        | 0.0   | 0        | 0.0   | 1         | 7.7  |
|            | No         | 16       | 100.0 | 17       | 100.0 | 12        | 92.3 |
|            | Total      | 16       |       | 17       |       | 13        |      |
| District   | Yes        | 81       | 29.3  | 40       | 14.0  | 28        | 9.5  |
|            | No         | 195      | 70.7  | 245      | 86.0  | 266       | 90.5 |
|            | Total      | 276      |       | 285      |       | 294       |      |

In terms of Differentiated Accountability, Broward's two Intervene schools from 2009-10 both registered substantial improvement from 2009-10 to 2010-11. **Larkdale Elementary improved to a B school and made AYP and Martin Luther King Jr. Elementary improved to a C and made AYP.**

The Florida Department of Education has issued report cards for each school which provide school grades, AYP designations, supporting data, and information on options for parents. This information can be accessed through the Florida Department of Education's website at <http://schoolgrades.fldoe.org/>. Questions or comments concerning this memorandum should be addressed to **Paul Houchens, Director, Student Assessment & School Performance at 754-321-4257**. This report and historical School Grade and AYP data may be accessed via the Student Assessment Web site (<http://www.broward.k12.fl.us/studentassessment/>).

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