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TO: School Board Members

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SUBJECT: **FLORIDA SCHOOL GRADES, BASED ON 2016-17 ASSESSMENT DATA**

This memorandum summarizes the school grade results released today by the Florida Department of Education at the school, district, and state levels.

Review of the 2017 school grades revealed the following:

- **Broward increased the proportion of “A” grades from 23% in 2016 to 31% in 2017 and decreased the proportions of “D” grades from 13% to 4% and “F” grades from 5% to 2%.**
- 59 (28%) of Broward’s traditional schools received an “A” grade in 2016-17.
- Thirteen schools increased by two or more letter grades.
  - Silver Lakes Elementary increased three letter grades from a “D” to an “A.”
  - Mary Bethune Elementary, Oakland Park Elementary, Park Lakes Elementary, and Park Ridge Elementary increased from an “F” to “C.”
- Overall, **Broward earned a District grade of “B”** for the fourth year in a row.
- Broward reduced the number of traditional elementary schools on the state’s Lowest 300 list from 28 to 22.

The 2016-17 school grades were computed following the rules adopted by the Florida Board of Education at its January 6, 2016 meeting. Detailed information on the computation of the school grades is available on the Florida Department of Education website at: <http://schoolgrades.fldoe.org>.

Table 1. *School Grade Scale, 2016-17*

	A	B	C	D	F
Percentage	≥ 62%	54% to 61%	41% to 53%	32% to 40%	≤ 31%

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School grade distributions for the five largest Florida school districts and the state overall, are displayed in Table 2.

Table 2. *School Grade Distributions for the Five Largest School Districts in Florida, 2016-17\**

	A (%)		B (%)		C (%)		D (%)		F (%)	
	2017	Chg**	2017	Chg**	2017	Chg**	2017	Chg**	2017	Chg**
Broward	31%	+8	21%	0	43%	+5	4%	-9	2%	-3
Hillsborough	26%	-4	17%	-6	42%	+7	13%	+3	2%	0
Miami-Dade	39%	+19	28%	+11	28%	-13	5%	-12	0%	-4
Orange	30%	+8	26%	+5	35%	-5	7%	-5	2%	-2
Palm Beach	36%	+5	24%	0	34%	0	4%	-2	3%	-2
State	30%	+7	27%	+4	35%	-4	7%	-5	1%	-2

\* Elementary, middle, high, combination, and charter schools are included.

\*\* Change in percentage points from 2016 (latest 2016 school grades spreadsheet downloaded from schoolgrades.fldoe.org on 6/28/17) to 2017.

Table 3 provides a more detailed examination of the change in grades for Broward’s traditional, non-charter schools.

Table 3. *Changes in School Grades for Non-Charter Schools, 2016-17 (percents will not add to 100 percent, see \* & \*\*)*

	2017		Change % Points***
	Count	Percent	
Schools Receiving an “A” *	59	28%	+9
Schools Maintaining the Same Grade From Prior Year **	135	65%	+14
Schools Improving Grade From Prior Year **	63	30%	+11
Schools Decreasing in Grade From Prior Year **	10	5%	-25
Schools Receiving an “F” *	2	1%	-3
Schools that Did Not Receive a Grade	4	2%	+2

\* Out of all schools that received a grade in the indicated year.

\*\* Out of schools that received grades in both 2016 and 2017.

\*\*\* Change in percentage points from 2016 to 2017.

Table 4 (next page) provides a breakdown of school grades for all of Broward’s schools receiving a grade.

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cc: Senior Leadership Team  
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Table 4. School Grade Distributions for BCPS, 2016-17

Grade	Elementary			Middle			High			Combination			Total		
	<i>n</i>	%	Chg % Points*	<i>n</i>	%	Chg % Points*	<i>n</i>	%	Chg % Points*	<i>n</i>	%	Chg % Points*	<i>n</i>	%	Chg % Points*
Traditional and Charter Schools															
A	47	29%	9%	16	35%	7%	14	35%	9%	10	32%	7%	87	31%	8%
B	37	23%	3%	12	26%	-2%	5	13%	-5%	4	13%	-6%	58	21%	0%
C	69	42%	5%	18	39%	2%	20	50%	-1%	13	42%	11%	120	43%	5%
D	8	5%	-12%	0	0%	-7%	1	3%	0%	2	6%	-10%	11	4%	-9%
F	3	2%	-4%	0	0%	0%	0	0%	-3%	2	6%	-3%	5	2%	-3%
Total	164			46			40			31			281		
Traditional Schools															
A	35	26%	10%	9	26%	5%	13	42%	15%	2	22%	4%	59	28%	9%
B	34	25%	4%	10	29%	-5%	3	10%	-8%	0	0%	0%	47	23%	1%
C	57	43%	3%	15	44%	2%	15	48%	0%	7	78%	42%	94	45%	4%
D	6	4%	-14%	0	0%	-3%	0	0%	-3%	0	0%	-18%	6	3%	-10%
F	2	1%	-3%	0	0%	0%	0	0%	-3%	0	0%	-27%	2	1%	-4%
Total	134			34			31			9			208		
Charter Schools															
A	12	40%	8%	7	58%	16%	1	11%	-6%	8	36%	7%	28	38%	5%
B	3	10%	-6%	2	17%	1%	2	22%	5%	4	18%	-11%	11	15%	-4%
C	12	40%	13%	3	25%	-1%	5	56%	-11%	6	27%	-2%	26	36%	6%
D	2	7%	-7%	0	0%	-16%	1	11%	11%	2	9%	-5%	5	7%	-6%
F	1	3%	-8%	0	0%	0%	0	0%	0%	2	9%	9%	3	4%	-1%
Total	30			12			9			22			73		

\* Change in percentage points from 2016 to 2017.