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TO: School Board Members

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SUBJECT: **HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION RATES, 2015-16**

On December 16, 2016, the Florida Department of Education (FDOE) released Federal graduation rates for Florida and the 67 Florida school districts. State and district data are located online at the FDOE Education Information & Accountability Services Website:

<http://www.fldoe.org/core/fileparse.php/7584/urlt/GradRates1516.pdf>

Highlights from this data include:

- Broward County Public Schools (BCPS) achieved its highest graduation rate since Florida adopted the Federal Uniform Graduation Rate method in 2010-11.
- BCPS Federal graduation rate was **78.7% in 2015-16**, which is an increase of 2.1 percentage points from 76.6% in 2014-15.
- BCPS traditional high schools achieved a graduation rate of **92.2% in 2015-16**, which exceeded the 91.7% achieved in 2014-15.
- Black (70.6%), Hispanic (81.3%), and White (86.1%) students improved their graduation rates. **Black students showed a greater improvement in graduation rate, closing the gap with White students by 2.4 percentage points.**
- 23 traditional high schools had a graduation rate of 90% or higher.
- **23 of 33 traditional high schools improved or maintained their graduation rate.**
- South Broward High School increased their graduation rate by more than five percentage points compared to 2014-15. William T. McFatter Technical College, College Academy, and Pompano Beach High School achieved graduation rates of 100%.
- Florida's Federal graduation rate was 80.7% in 2015-16, which is an increase of 2.8 percentage points from 77.9% in 2014-15.

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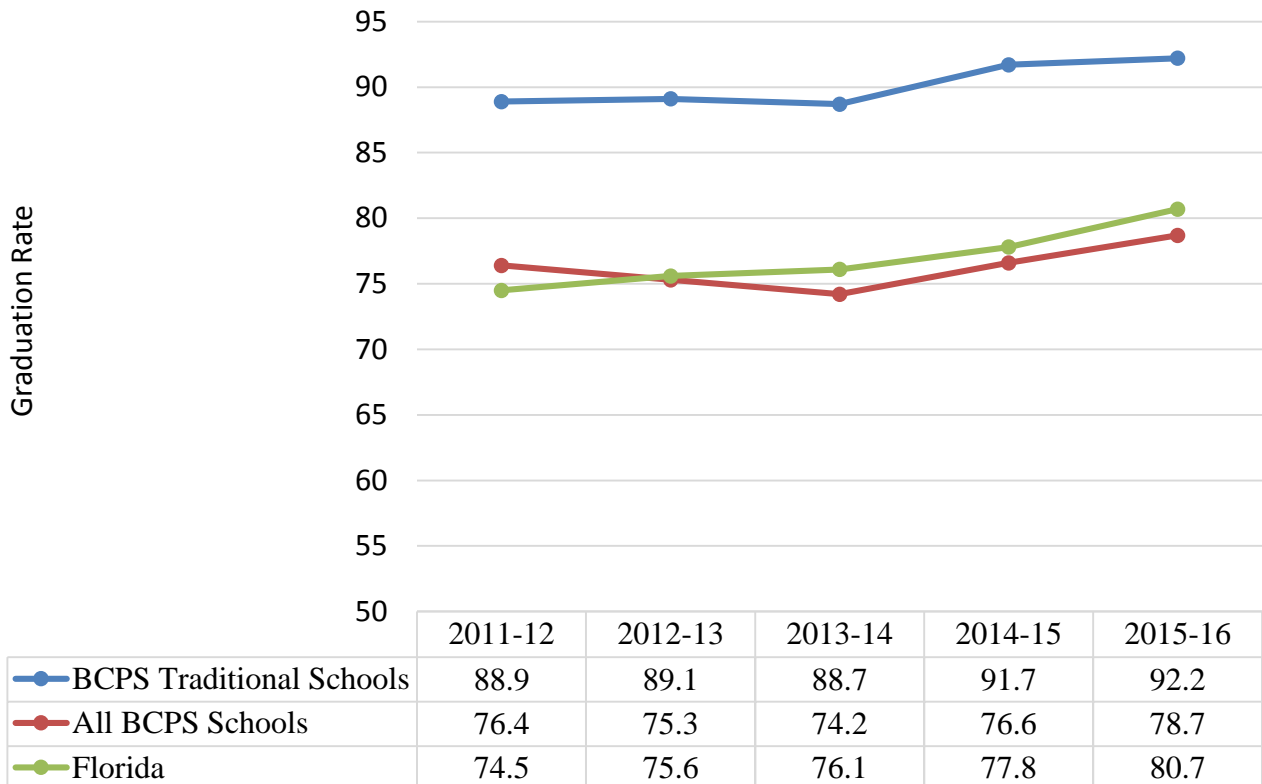
**Table 1** displays the historical graduation rates for Florida’s five largest districts and the State overall. In 2015-16, Broward had a graduation rate of 78.7, which was lower than Hillsborough, Miami-Dade, Orange, Palm Beach, and Florida. All of the big five districts increased their graduation rates by over two percentage points.

*Comparison of BCPS Federal Graduation Rates with Other Large Florida School Districts, 2011-12 through 2015-16*

	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	Change 2014-15 to 2015-16
<b>Broward</b>	<b>76.4</b>	<b>75.3</b>	<b>74.2</b>	<b>76.6</b>	<b>78.7</b>	<b>2.1</b>
Hillsborough	72.6	74.1	73.5	76.0	79.1	3.1
Miami-Dade	76.0	77.2	76.6	78.1	80.4	2.3
Orange	73.9	75.9	74.6	77.6	81.3	3.7
Palm Beach	77.0	76.3	77.9	79.4	82.3	2.9
<b>Florida</b>	<b>74.5</b>	<b>75.6</b>	<b>76.1</b>	<b>77.8</b>	<b>80.7</b>	<b>2.9</b>

**Figure 1** illustrates the five-year historical graduation rates for BCPS traditional high schools, BCPS overall (including centers and charter schools), and Florida. BCPS traditional schools achieved graduation rates that were consistently higher than the state, reaching 92.2% in 2015-16.

Figure 1. Historical Graduation Rates



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**Table 2** shows the graduation rates for the major race/ethnicity groups served in BCPS. The graduation rate increased for all three groups; however, Black students showed a greater increase than did their peers. In 2015-16, the gap between Black and White students decreased by 2.4 percentage points and the gap between Hispanic and White students was stable.

*Graduation Rates and Gaps by Major Race/Ethnicity Groups, 2014-15 and 2015-16*

	2014-15		2015-16		Change in Graduation Rate Gap 2014-15 to 2015-16
	Graduation Rate	Gap	Graduation Rate	Gap	
White, Non-Hispanic	85.2	--	86.1	--	--
Black, Non-Hispanic	67.3	17.9	70.6	15.5	-2.4
Hispanic	80.0	5.2	81.3	4.8	-0.4

**Appendix A** shows the graduation rates for the five most recent cohorts attending Broward. Review of the appendix shows that **23 traditional high schools had a graduation rate of 90% or higher**. Twenty-three of BCPS' traditional high schools improved or maintained their graduation rate. South Broward High School improved their graduation rate by more than five percentage points. William T. McFatter Technical College, College Academy, and Pompano Beach High School all attained 100% graduation rates.

The Florida Department of Education issued data for each district and school through the PK-12 Education Information Portal (<https://edstats.fldoe.org/SASPortal/main.do>). BCPS District staff can view and interact with graduation data for the past 4 years through the Department's graduation dashboard available on the SharePoint link below.

<https://browardcountyschools.sharepoint.com/sites/Intranet/Academics/TSD/SAR/Pages/dash-gradrate.aspx>

**If you have any questions regarding this release, please contact Director Richard Baum, Student Assessment & Research at (754) 321-2500.** This memorandum and a school-by-school report can be accessed on the Student Assessment & Research Website at <http://www.broward.k12.fl.us/sar/Releases.htm>.

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## Appendix A Graduation Rates by School, 2011-12 to 2015-16

School	Graduation Cohort					Change from 2014-15 to 2015-16
	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	
<b>Traditional High Schools</b>						
<b>DISTRICT OVERALL</b>	76.4%	75.3%	74.2%	76.6%	78.7%	2.1%
ATLANTIC TECHNICAL COLLEGE	96.8%	98.4%	99.2%	100.0%	98.4%	-1.6%
BLANCHE ELY HIGH	87.3%	84.4%	90.3%	90.9%	88.6%	-2.3%
BOYD H. ANDERSON HIGH	78.3%	84.3%	79.5%	91.3%	92.0%	0.7%
BROWARD VIRTUAL FRANCHISE	84.7%	91.5%	92.4%	95.3%	96.9%	1.6%
CHARLES W FLANAGAN HIGH	93.9%	92.3%	90.8%	93.4%	93.8%	0.4%
COCONUT CREEK HIGH	76.5%	69.4%	63.3%	82.4%	78.9%	-3.5%
COLLEGE ACADEMY AT BCC	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	0.0%
COOPER CITY HIGH	95.2%	94.7%	91.2%	93.8%	95.8%	2.0%
CORAL GLADES HIGH	83.8%	85.2%	87.1%	91.0%	90.1%	-0.9%
CORAL SPRINGS HIGH	87.3%	89.5%	88.4%	89.6%	86.8%	-2.8%
CYPRESS BAY HIGH	96.8%	94.7%	94.9%	97.0%	97.7%	0.7%
DEERFIELD BEACH HIGH	78.9%	85.7%	82.9%	85.1%	89.7%	4.6%
DILLARD 6-12	91.0%	90.6%	85.9%	93.7%	88.6%	-5.1%
EVERGLADES HIGH	86.9%	88.4%	85.6%	89.9%	92.6%	2.7%
FORT LAUDERDALE HIGH	85.2%	91.6%	91.4%	93.8%	96.0%	2.2%
HALLANDALE HIGH	89.9%	89.1%	85.6%	90.7%	92.0%	1.3%
HOLLYWOOD HILLS HIGH	78.0%	76.4%	88.1%	90.4%	92.5%	2.1%
J. P. TARAVELLA HIGH	87.9%	88.3%	90.1%	89.3%	92.5%	3.2%
MARJORY STONEMAN DOUGLAS HIGH	95.3%	94.4%	94.3%	94.3%	95.9%	1.6%
MCCARTHUR HIGH	89.8%	89.4%	87.6%	89.9%	88.3%	-1.6%
MIRAMAR HIGH	90.4%	90.1%	86.5%	91.8%	91.0%	-0.8%
MONARCH HIGH	88.3%	88.1%	86.7%	91.1%	88.3%	-2.8%
NORTHEAST HIGH	92.9%	92.4%	85.1%	85.1%	82.3%	-2.8%
NOVA HIGH	94.9%	94.5%	94.3%	95.1%	98.2%	3.1%
PIPER HIGH	82.2%	84.9%	81.9%	84.0%	85.1%	1.1%
PLANTATION HIGH	88.9%	84.7%	88.7%	90.3%	92.3%	2.0%
POMPANO BEACH HIGH	99.7%	99.3%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	0.0%
SOUTH BROWARD HIGH	84.1%	80.8%	79.6%	86.5%	92.2%	5.7%
SOUTH PLANTATION HIGH	77.9%	86.8%	87.5%	90.3%	93.8%	3.5%
STRANAHAN HIGH	84.2%	86.6%	89.5%	85.7%	89.7%	4.0%
WEST BROWARD HIGH	96.1%	96.4%	92.4%	97.0%	97.5%	0.5%
WESTERN HIGH	89.8%	89.3%	89.7%	94.7%	91.7%	-3.0%
WILLIAM T. MCFATTER TECHNICAL COLLEGE	97.7%	94.6%	99.3%	99.3%	100.0%	0.7%

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School	Graduation Cohort					Change from 2014-15 to 2015-16
	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	
<b>Centers</b>						
BRIGHT HORIZONS	*	0.0%	0.0%	*	0.0%	
CROSS CREEK SCHOOL	16.7%	26.7%	38.9%	36.4%	50.0%	13.6%
CYPRESS RUN ALTERNATIVE/ESE	0.0%	*	*	*	*	
DAVE THOMAS EDUCATION CENTER	8.2%	12.3%	10.2%	17.6%	20.3%	2.7%
HALLANDALE ADULT/COMMUNITY CTR	1.6%	1.7%	5.6%	7.1%	6.4%	-0.7%
LANIER-JAMES EDUCATION CENTER	14.3%	11.1%	0.0%	*	10.0%	
OFF CAMPUS LEARNING	1.2%	1.6%	2.3%	9.2%	4.2%	-5.0%
PINE RIDGE ALTERNATIVE CENTER	6.7%	8.3%	6.7%	*	*	
SEAGULL SCHOOL	11.3%	13.9%	14.3%	13.0%	10.6%	-2.4%
SUNSET SCHOOL	12.0%	30.8%	*			
THE QUEST CENTER	0.0%	*	0.0%	*	0.0%	
WHIDDON RODGERS ED. CENTER	12.7%	16.3%	15.1%	9.2%	8.6%	-0.6%
WHISPERING PINES SCHOOL	4.2%	16.0%	18.4%	10.5%	14.3%	3.8%
WINGATE OAKS CENTER	0.0%	*	*	*	*	
<b>Charter Schools</b>						
ACADEMIC SOLUTIONS HIGH			8.3%	6.1%	12.7%	6.6%
BEN GAMLA CHARTER HIGH			87.5%	81.3%	57.6%	-23.7%
CITY OF CORAL SPRINGS CHARTER	97.5%	98.4%	98.9%	99.5%	99.1%	-0.4%
CITY/PEMBROKE PINES CHARTER HS	96.4%	99.3%	92.9%	99.3%	99.8%	0.5%
DOLPHIN PARK HIGH	8.0%	9.2%	8.9%	11.4%	6.6%	-4.8%
FLAGLER HIGH			6.7%	9.4%	14.7%	5.3%
INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF BROWARD	45.9%	62.5%	93.9%	63.0%	75.0%	12.0%
LAUDERHILL HS	11.3%	11.2%	4.3%	15.0%	9.2%	-5.8%
MAVERICKS HIGH OF CENTRAL BROWARD COUNTY	11.3%	6.7%	9.2%	16.0%	17.6%	1.6%
MAVERICKS HIGH OF NORTH BROWARD COUNTY	9.2%	11.3%	5.2%	4.9%	5.0%	0.1%
MELROSE HIGH			4.3%	9.7%	9.4%	-0.3%
NORTH UNIVERSITY HIGH	20.3%	8.9%	6.6%	8.5%	9.2%	0.7%
PIVOT CHARTER SCHOOL			42.4%	41.7%	79.2%	37.5%
SOMERSET ACADEMY CHARTER HIGH	94.5%	96.4%	95.0%	98.7%	98.9%	0.2%
SOMERSET ACADEMY CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL MIRAMAR	92.3%	76.2%	79.2%	85.1%	98.4%	13.3%
SOMERSET ARTS CONSERVATORY	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	0.0%

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	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	
SOMERSET PREP ACADEMY HIGH AT N LAUDERDALE		*	75.5%	78.0%	96.4%	18.4%
SUNED HIGH SCHOOL		0.6%	7.9%	5.9%	5.6%	-0.3%
SUNED HIGH SCHOOL OF NORTH BROWARD				7.2%	11.5%	4.3%

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