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TO: School Board Members

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**SUBJECT: 2008-09 FIRST DAY HEAD COUNTS**

This year the first day of school has begun two days later than planned due to Tropical Storm Faye. On Wednesday, August 20, 2008, first day student enrollment decreased by 2,704 (1.16%) this year to 231,208 students. The student enrollment count includes all students who were in attendance at all schools, including charters and centers. Broward Virtual Middle and High School, as well as all schools implementing a year round schedule, will be included in the tenth day enrollment count.

The enrollment increases this year were evidenced only at the middle school level and charters schools. Middle schools increased by 1,015 (2.1%) students and charter schools increased by 1,233 (7.92%) students. Enrollment at all other levels and centers decreased. The table below depicts the number of students in attendance on the first day of school for the last three consecutive years.

First Day Head Counts by School Level							
Year	PreK	Elementary	Middle	High	Centers	Charters	Total
2006-07	3,162	102,408	51,308	65,002	2,261	14,963	239,104
2007-08	3,316	100,610	48,510	63,458	2,457	15,561	233,912
2008-09	1,896	98,176	49,525	62,715	2,102	16,794	231,208

Attached to this memorandum is the first day count for each school and center by area and grade level for the 2008-09 school year. The data supplied is not yet disaggregated for ethnicity, Limited English Proficiency (LEP), Exceptional Student Education (ESE), and Free and Reduced Lunch (FRL) curricula.

Last year the enrollment at the first day of school for 2007-08 was equal to 90.3% percent of the enrollment at the twentieth day. This year with an enrollment projection of 258,032, the first day enrollment is 89.6 percent of the projected twentieth day count. Due to Tropical Storm Faye delaying the opening of school this year, first day student enrollment may be skewed as families revise their schedules.

If you need additional information please contact **me at 754-321-2471 or Jill Young, Director, School Boundaries at 754-321-2480.**

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Attachment

cc: Executive Leadership Team  
Principals