THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

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TO:

School Board Members

FROM:

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VIA:

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Superintendent of Schools

SUBJECT:

2009-10 TWENTIETH DAY ENROLLMENT REPORT BREAKDOWN

This memorandum provides the official school District enrollment to be used for statistical purposes. Recall that this data was secured on September 21, 2009, the twentieth day membership count. As can be seen in Appendices A through G, the total membership for this year on the twentieth day was 255,203 representing pre-kindergarten through grade 12 students enrolled in the District's 288 schools (141 elementary, 42 middle, 33 high schools, 16 centers, and 56 charter schools).

As shown in Table 1, District enrollment dropped 535 prekindergarten through twelfth grade students including centers and charters from 2008-09 marking the fifth consecutive year Broward County Public Schools experienced a decrease in student enrollment. In Appendix A, the District's elementary schools have 106,739 students (4,244 in pre-kindergarten and 102,495 in kindergarten through grade five). Middle schools (grades six through eight) have 52,952 students enrolled while grades nine through twelve have 70,234 students. The District has 4,676 students in its centers, while 20,602 students attend charter schools.

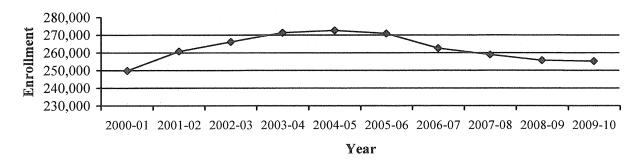
The count reflects decreases in elementary, middle, and high school enrollment and increases in pre-kindergarten, center and charter school enrollment when compared to the 2008-09 report. Overall, elementary totals (K-5 only) decreased by 1,868 students, middle school totals decreased by 891, and high school totals decreased by 6 students. Pre-kindergarten increased by 242 students, centers increased by 84, and charter school enrollment increased by 1,904 students over last year's figures.

Table 1: Twentieth Day Enrollment 2000-01 to 2009-10										
Year	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10
Enrollment	249,923	260,892	266,272	271,339	272,691	270,935	262,616	258,905	255,738	255,203

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The above graph illustrates historic twentieth day enrollment trends from 2000-01 to the present year. Appendix G provides a historic twentieth day enrollment report broken down by school and by administrative area.

The District is divided into three geographic administrative areas. When analyzing enrollment patterns by area for the 2009-10 year, Table 2 below demonstrates how the numbers of pre-kindergarten through grade 12 students vary among areas. Central has the highest student enrollment of 81,957. The remaining two areas serve 75,434 (North) and 76,771 (South) students.

Table 2: Twentieth Day Enrollment by Administrative Area and by Level 2009-10						
Administrative Area	PreK	K-5	6-8	9-12	Center	Total
North	1,132	33,588	17,309	23,043	362	75,434
Central	2,209	35,418	17,773	23,216	3,341	81,957
South	903	33,489	17,870	23,975	534	76,771
Charter	0	10,530	4,968	5,104	N/A	20,602
Districtwide*	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	439	439
Total	4,244	113,025	57,920	75,338	4,676	255,203

^{*} Off Campus Learning Center

As shown in Table 3 below, the Central Area enrolls the largest number of students at 81,957. This year each of the three administrative areas experienced enrollment declines at traditional and center schools (excluding charter schools).

Table 3: Twentieth Day Enrollment by Administrative Area							
A *	2008-09	2009-10	Decrease From				
Administrative Area	Total Students	Total Students	Previous Year				
North	75,783	75,434	349				
Central	82,781	81,957	824				
South	77,616	76,771	845				

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As is noted in Appendix E, the Central Area supports eight center school programs that serve 3,341 students, the highest number of students enrolled in center schools when compared to the other two areas (North, 362 students; and South, 534 students). Within the District there are five centers with programs that serve pre-kindergarten students in addition to those enrolled in kindergarten through grade 12. The pre-kindergarten enrollment includes: Hallandale Adult, 70; Dave Thomas Education Center, 180; Seagull Center, 117; The Quest Center, 94; and Whispering Pines, 6 for a total of 467 pre-kindergarten students.

Table 4 illustrates diversity breakdown Districtwide for the last year and the current year. Appendix D provides diversity breakdown by school, center, and charter schools.

Table 4: Twentieth Day Enrollment by Diversity							
	2008	8-09	2009-10				
Characteristic	Number	Percent	Number	Percent			
Male	131,629	51.5	131,587	51.6			
Female	124,109	48.5	123,616	48.4			
White	75,536	29.5	74,378	29.1			
Black	96,690	37.8	97,566	38.2			
Hispanic	66,621	26.1	64,621	25.3			
Asian	8,784	3.4	9,125	3.6			
Native American	524	.2	1,741	0.7			
Multiracial	7,583	3.0	7,772	3.1			
ELL	24,631	9.6	24,230	9.5			
ESE	29,316	11.5	30,368	11.9			
FRL	123,155	48.2	134,065	52.5			
Total	255,738		255,203				

As shown in Table 4 and as listed by school in Appendix D, the percentage of males and females remained relatively constant over the last two years. Black students comprise the highest number and proportion of students in Broward, 97,566 (38.2%), increasing by 876 students compared to last year. White students comprise the second highest number and proportion of students in Broward, 74,378 (29.1%), decreasing by 1,158 students compared to last year. The Hispanic student populations also decreased as compared to last year, while Asian, Native American and Multiracial student populations all increased. English Language Learners (ELL) experienced a decrease of 401 students while Exceptional Student Education (ESE) increased by 1,052 students. Students participating in Free or Reduced Lunch (FRL) increased by 10,910 students.

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Appendix E provides school enrollment disaggregated by grade levels of pre-kindergarten through grade 12. In addition, enrollment compared to 2009-10 projections is provided as well as September 2009 permanent FISH capacity. The projected enrollment (252,544) was 99.1% of the actual 2009-10 twentieth day enrollment count of 255,203 students. The twentieth day count as compared with permanent capacity reveals approximately 19,000 empty student seats in Broward County Public Schools. The total number of empty seats including charter schools is approximately 32,500. This memorandum and the attached reports can be accessed on the School Boundaries Web site located at: http://www.broward.k12.fl.us/schoolboundaries. If you need additional information please contact Jill Young, Director, School Boundaries at (754) 321-2480.

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Attachments: Appendices A through G

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