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TO: School Board Members

FROM: Leslie M. Brown, Chief Officer  
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VIA: Robert W. Runcie  
Superintendent of Schools

SUBJECT: **2014-2015 BENCHMARK DAY ENROLLMENT REPORT**

This memorandum provides the official school student enrollment to be used for statistical purposes, obtained on September 8, 2014. Beginning in the 2013-2014 school year, the District's benchmark enrollment reporting date was moved from the twentieth day of school to the Monday following the Labor Day holiday. This new benchmark day replaces the tenth and twentieth day enrollment counts reported in previous years. The enrollment reported on the Monday following Labor Day is statistically comparable to the annual enrollment reported on the twentieth day of school and allows for school planning processes to begin sooner than in previous years.

As can be seen in Appendices A through F, the total enrollment for this year on the benchmark day was 265,401 representing prekindergarten through twelfth grade students enrolled in Broward County's 335 schools (137 elementary, 40 middle, 33 high and 6 combination schools, 19 centers, and 100 charter schools). There are 9 new charter schools that opened in 2014-15,

As shown in Table 1, the enrollment count reflects an overall increase in District school enrollment of 394 students from last year, with increases in Prekindergarten, elementary, and high school enrollment, and decreases in District middle school and center school enrollment. District prekindergarten increased by 516 students, grades kindergarten through five increased by 592 students and grades nine through twelve increased by 897 students, while enrollment decreased for grades six through eight by 1,308 students, and enrollment at center schools decreased by 303 students. Charter school enrollment increased by 2,444 students over last year's enrollment. Detailed information is provided in Appendices A and B.

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Table 1. Comparison of Last Year's Benchmark Day Enrollment to This Year

District	2013-14	2014-15	Increase/(Decrease)
PreK	4,323	4,839	516
K-5	97,368	97,960	592
6-8	49,135	47,827	(1,308)
9-12	68,496	69,393	897
Centers	5,633	5,330	(303)
<b>District Total</b>	<b>224,955</b>	<b>225,349</b>	<b>394</b>

Charters	2013-14	2014-15	Increase/(Decrease)
PreK	0	0	0
K-5	21,036	22,152	1,116
6-8	9,153	9,817	664
9-12	7,419	8,083	664
<b>Charter Total</b>	<b>37,608</b>	<b>40,052</b>	<b>2,444</b>

	2013-14	2014-15	Increase/(Decrease)
<b>District Total with Charters</b>	<b>262,563</b>	<b>265,401</b>	<b>2,838</b>

Table 2 and the graph below illustrate historic benchmark day enrollment trends at District schools from 2005-06 to the present year.

Table 2: Ten Year District Schools Benchmark Day Enrollment

Year	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
<b>Enrollment</b>	255,799	246,516	241,783	237,040	234,601	233,598	229,314	227,517	224,955	225,349

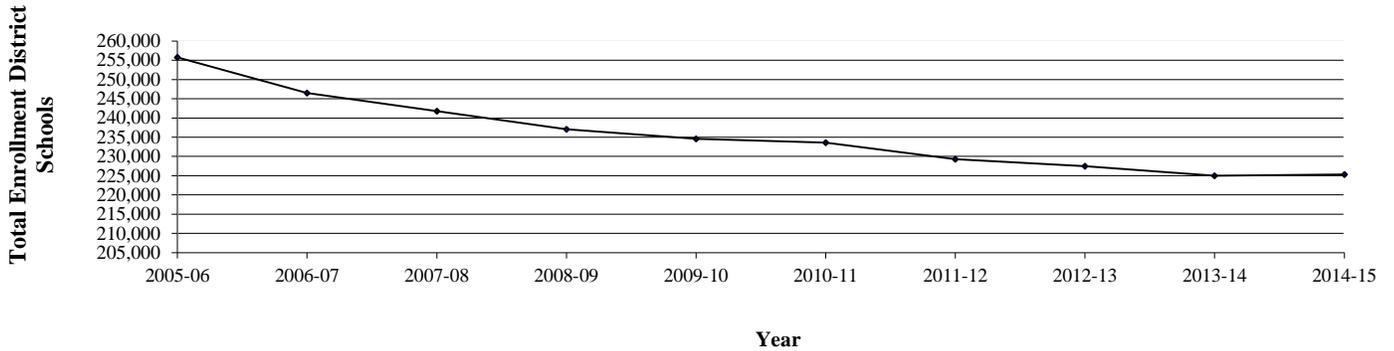
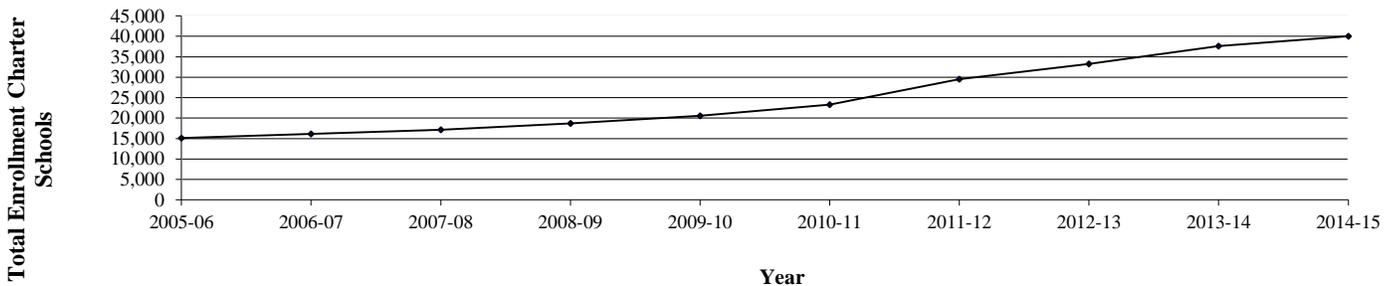


Table 3 and the graph below illustrate historic benchmark day enrollment trends at charter schools from 2005-06 to the present year.

Table 3: Ten Year Benchmark Day Charter Enrollment

Year	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
<b>Enrollment</b>	15,136	16,100	17,122	18,698	20,602	23,274	29,489	33,279	37,608	40,052



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Appendix C reports demographic data for all District schools, including gender, race, Hispanic ethnicity, English language learners, student exceptionality, and students eligible to receive free or reduced lunches. "Hispanic" is now reported as an ethnicity rather than a race in order to comply with the District adopted racial and ethnic diversity classification system mandated by the Florida Department of Education to align with the U.S. 2010 Census reporting format required by all federal reporting systems.

Appendix C.2 is provided to allow comparison of the current reporting of race to historical reporting formats, by listing the numbers of ethnically Hispanic and non-Hispanic members in each race category.

Appendix D reports enrollment by grade and level at all District schools as well center and charter schools.

Appendix E reports the total enrollment for District schools, charter schools, and District and charter schools combined for the five year period 2010-11 through 2014-15 at twenty-day intervals from the 1<sup>st</sup> through 180<sup>th</sup> day of school, including the 10<sup>th</sup> day and benchmark day enrollment counts.

Appendix F reports historical benchmark day enrollment for the five year period from 2010-11 through 2014-15, by school, for all District and charter schools.

This memorandum and the attached reports can be accessed on the Demographics & Student Assignments Department Web site located at: <http://www.broward.k12.fl.us/dsa/EnrollmentCounts.shtml>. If you need additional information please contact **Patrick Sipple, Director, Demographics & Student Assignments at (754) 321-2480.**

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Attachments: Appendices A through F

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