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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: 2016-17 BENCHMARK DAY ENROLLMENT REPORT

This memorandum provides the official school student enrollment to be used for statistical purposes, obtained on September 12, 2016. 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 271,105, representing prekindergarten through twelfth grade students enrolled in Broward County's 334 schools (136 elementary, 38 middle, 33 high and 7 combination schools, 19 centers, and 101 charter schools). There are 4 new charter schools that opened in 2016-17, while 5 closed since the 2014-2015 benchmark day.

As shown in Table 1, the benchmark enrollment count reflects an overall increase in District school enrollment of 186 students from last year, with increases in Prekindergarten and middle school enrollment, and decreases in District elementary, high, and center school enrollment. District prekindergarten enrollment increased by 392 students, grades kindergarten through five decreased by 95 students, grades six through eight increased by 34 students, grades nine through twelve decreased by 64 students, and center school enrollment decreased by 81 students. Charter school enrollment increased by 2,083 students over last year's enrollment. Detailed information on student enrollment by level 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	2015-16	2016-17	Increase/(Decrease)
PreK	5,339	5,731	392
K-5	97,359	97,264	(95)
6-8	47,113	47,147	34
9-12	70,468	70,404	(64)
Centers	5,275	5,194	(81)
District Total	225,554	225,740	186

Charters	2015-16	2016-17	Increase/(Decrease)
PreK	0	0	0
K-5	24,820	25,211	391
6-8	10,735	11,862	1,127
9-12	7,727	8,292	565
Charter Total	43,282	45,365	2,083

	2015-16	2016-17	Increase/(Decrease)
District Total with Charters	268,836	271,105	2,269

Table 2 and the graph below illustrate historic benchmark day enrollment trends at District schools from 2007-08 to the present year.

Table 2: Ten Year District Schools Benchmark Day Enrollment

Year	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
Enrollment	241,783	237,040	234,601	233,598	229,314	227,517	224,955	225,349	225,554	225,740

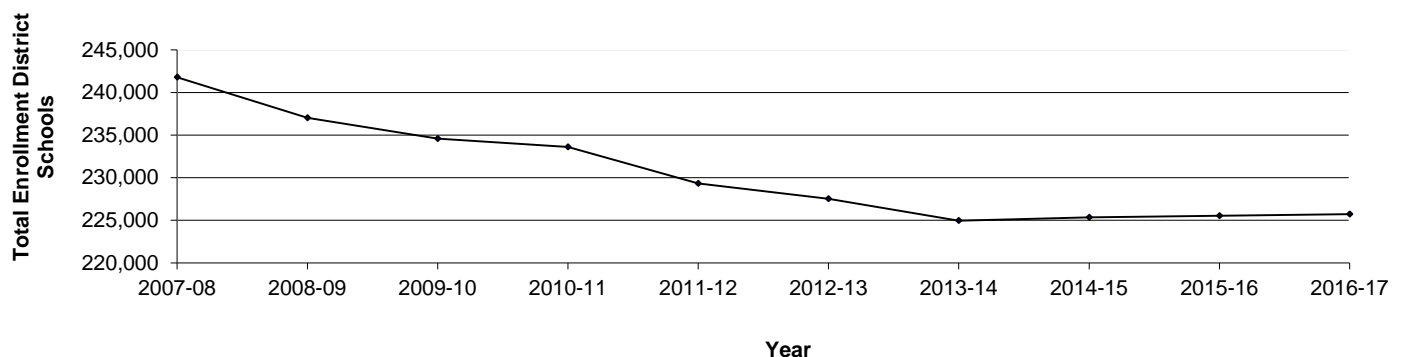


Table 3 and the graph below illustrate historic benchmark day enrollment trends at charter schools from 2007-08 to the present year.

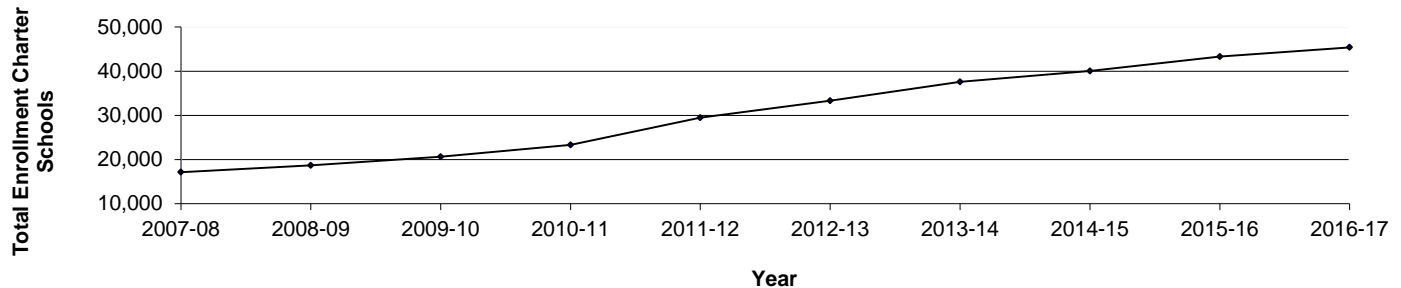
Table 3: Ten Year Benchmark Day Charter Enrollment

Year	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
Enrollment	17,122	18,698	20,602	23,274	29,489	33,279	37,608	40,052	43,282	45,365

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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 2012-13 through 2016-17 at twenty-day intervals from the 1st through 180th day of school, including the 10th day and benchmark day enrollment counts.

Appendix F reports historical benchmark day enrollment for the five year period from 2012-13 through 2016-17, by school, for all District and charter schools.

This memorandum and the attached reports can be accessed on the Demographics & Student Assignments Department website located at: [http:// browardschools.com/dsa](http://browardschools.com/dsa). 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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