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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: 2018/19 BENCHMARK DAY ENROLLMENT REPORT

This memorandum provides the official school student enrollment to be used for statistical purposes, obtained on September 11, 2018. The benchmark enrollment count officially occurs on the Monday, or first school day thereafter, following the Labor Day holiday.

As can be seen in Appendices A through F, the total enrollment for this year on the benchmark day was 270,550, representing prekindergarten through twelfth grade students enrolled in Broward County's 319 schools (136 elementary, 37 middle, 33 high and 8 combination schools, 17 centers, and 88 charter schools). There is 1 new charter school that opened in 2018/19, while 5 closed and 2 consolidated since the 2017/18 benchmark day.

As shown in Table 1, the benchmark enrollment count reflects an overall decrease in District innovative school enrollment of 1,793 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 219 students, grades kindergarten through five decreased by 1,510 students, grades six through eight increased by 469 students, grades nine through twelve decreased by 328 students, and center school enrollment decreased by 643 students. Charter school enrollment increased by 826 students over last year's enrollment, following an enrollment decline last school year. Detailed information on student enrollment by level is provided in Appendices A and B.

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

District Innovative Schools	2017/18	2018/19	Increase/(Decrease)
PreK	5,939	6,158	219
K-5	96,374	94,864	(1,510)
6-8	48,335	48,804	469
9-12	70,686	70,358	(328)
Centers	5,090	4,447	(643)
District Total	226,424	224,631	(1,793)

Charters	2017/18	2018/19	Increase/(Decrease)
PreK	0	0	0
K-5	24,718	25,055	337
6-8	12,364	12,875	511
9-12	8,011	7,989	(22)
Charter Total	45,093	45,919	826

	2017/18	2018/19	Increase/(Decrease)
District Total with Charters	271,517	270,550	(967)

Table 2 and the graph below illustrate historic benchmark day enrollment trends at District innovative schools from 2009/10 to the present year.

Year	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
Enrollment	234,601	233,598	229,314	227,517	224,955	225,349	225,554	225,740	226,424	224,631

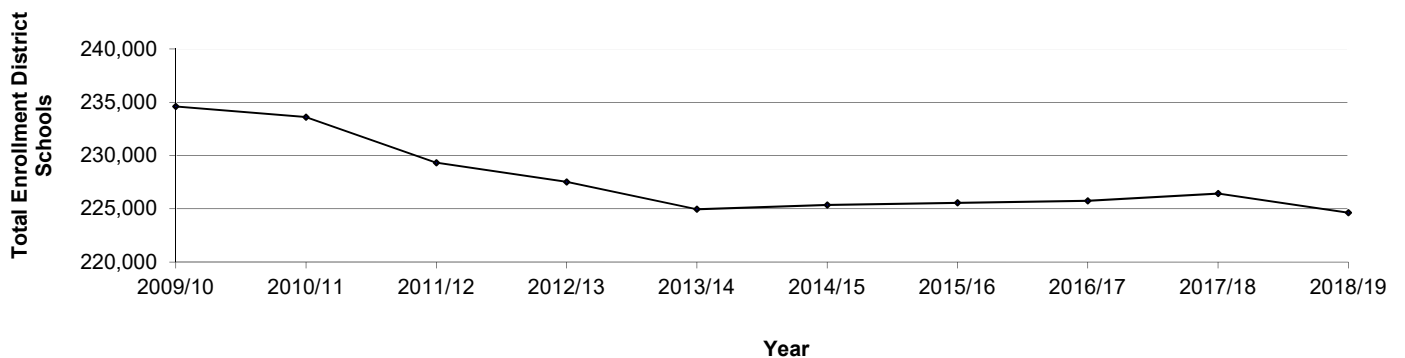
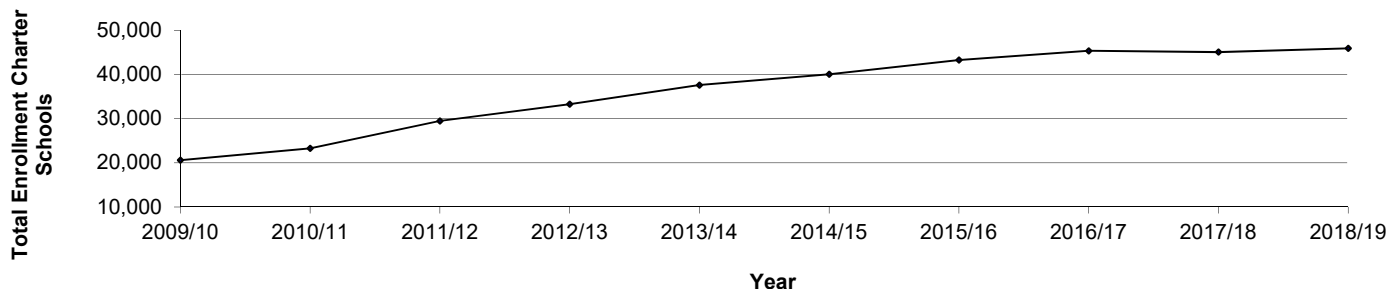


Table 3 and the graph below illustrate historic benchmark day enrollment trends at charter schools from 2009/10 to the present year.

Year	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
Enrollment	20,602	23,274	29,489	33,279	37,608	40,052	43,282	45,365	45,093	45,919



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 as 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 2014/15 through 2018/19 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 2014/15 through 2018/19, by school, for all District and charter schools.

The causes for the unexpected decline in District innovative school enrollment are not immediately apparent. District staff are currently studying possible contributing factors, including declining birth rates, emigration from Broward County, increased enrollment in private schools, increases in home schooling, and high school loss to credit recovery programs at alternative sites. The results of this study will be presented in a white paper to be released in the upcoming weeks.

This memorandum and the attached reports can be accessed on the Demographics & Student Assignments Department website located at <https://www.browardschools.com/Page/34033>. 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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