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TO: School Board Members

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

SUBJECT: 2019/20 BENCHMARK DAY ENROLLMENT REPORT

This memorandum provides the official school student enrollment to be used for statistical purposes, obtained on September 9, 2019. The benchmark enrollment count officially occurs on the Monday, or first school day thereafter, following the Labor Day holiday.

As can be seen in the attached appendices, the total enrollment for this year on the benchmark day was 267,970, representing prekindergarten through twelfth grade students enrolled in Broward County's 327 schools (135 elementary, 35 middle, 32 high and 11 combination schools, 18 centers, 7 ESE contract agency schools, and 89 charter schools). There are two new charter schools that opened in 2019/20, while one (Kidz Choice) closed since the 2018/19 benchmark day. The numbers of schools by category reported differs from previous years, and is the result of a unified effort across Broward County Public Schools to align school types and names with those listed in the Florida Department of Education Master School ID Database.

As shown in Table 1, the benchmark enrollment count reflects an overall decrease in District school enrollment of 3,365 students from last year, with decreases in all levels except center schools. District prekindergarten enrollment decreased by 444 students, grades kindergarten through five decreased by 2,391 students, grades six through eight decreased by 23 students, and grades nine through twelve decreased by 517 students, while center school enrollment increased by 10 students. Part of the decreases in prekindergarten through twelfth grade enrollment, as well as the increase in center school enrollment, reflects the shift in the counting of students attending the ESE Contract Agency Schools as center school students. Charter school enrollment increased by 785 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 Schools	2018/19	2019/20	Increase/(Decrease)
PreK	6,158	5,714	(444)
K-5	94,864	92,473	(2,391)
6-8	48,804	48,781	(23)
9-12	70,358	69,841	(517)
Centers	4,447	4,457	10
District Total	224,631	221,266	(3,365)

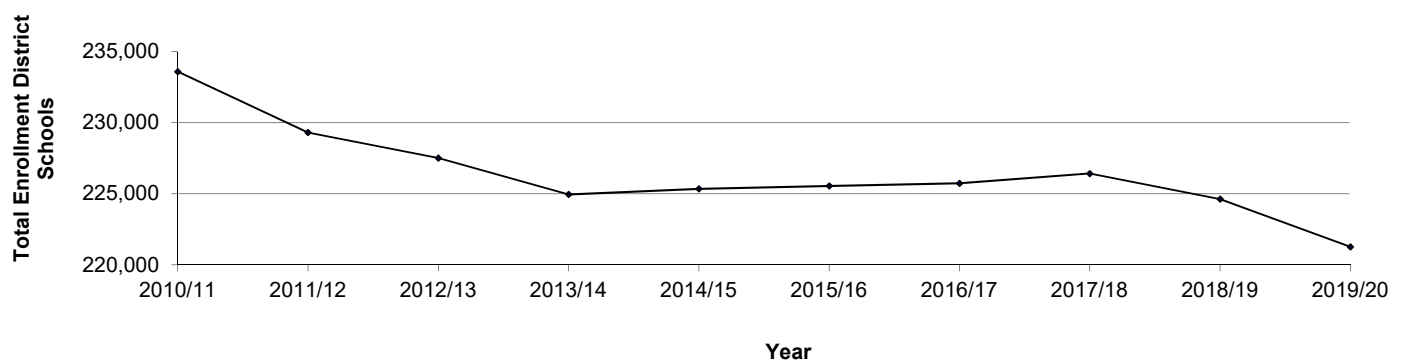
Charters	2018/19	2019/20	Increase/(Decrease)
PreK	0	0	0
K-5	25,055	25,406	351
6-8	12,875	13,145	270
9-12	7,989	8,153	164
Charter Total	45,919	46,704	785

	2018/19	2019/20	Increase/(Decrease)
District Total with Charters	270,550	267,970	(2,580)

Table 2 and the graph below illustrate historic benchmark day enrollment trends at District schools from 2010/11 to the present year.

Table 2: Ten Year District Schools Benchmark Day Enrollment

Year	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
Enrollment	233,598	229,314	227,517	224,955	225,349	225,554	225,740	226,424	224,631	221,266



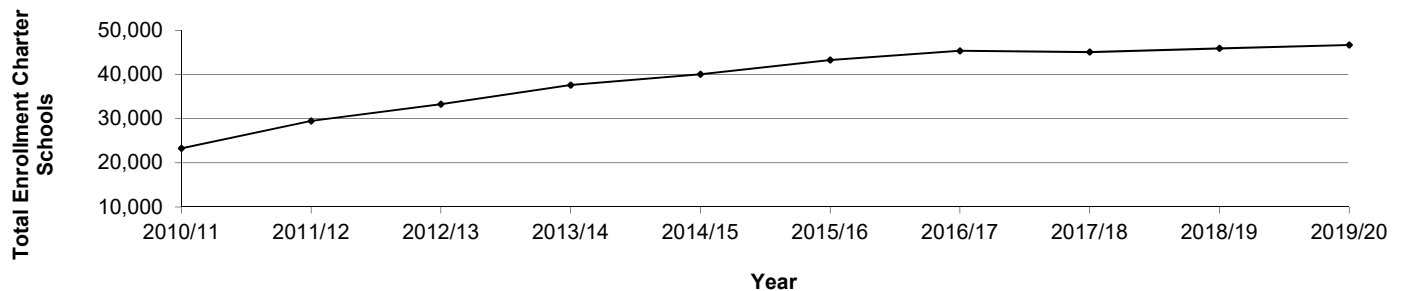
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Table 3 and the graph below illustrate historic benchmark day enrollment trends at charter schools from 2010/11 to the present year.

Table 3: Ten Year Benchmark Day Charter Enrollment										
Year	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
Enrollment	23,274	29,489	33,279	37,608	40,052	43,282	45,365	45,093	45,919	46,704



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 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 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 2015/16 through 2019/20 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 2015/16 through 2019/20, by school, for all District and charter schools.

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This memorandum and the attached reports can be accessed on the Demographics & Enrollment Planning Department website located at browardschools.com/Page/34033. If you need additional information please contact Jill Young, Director, Demographics & Enrollment Planning, at (754) 321-2480.

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Attachments: Appendices A through F

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