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September 13, 2021

TO: School Board Members

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SUBJECT: **2021/22 BENCHMARK DAY ENROLLMENT COUNT**

This memorandum provides the official school student enrollment to be used for statistical purposes, obtained on September 13, 2021. 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 256,021, representing prekindergarten through twelfth grade students enrolled in Broward County's 331 schools (135 elementary, 35 middle, 32 high and 11 combination schools, 18 centers, 7 ESE contract agency schools, and 93 charter schools). Two new charter schools opened in 2021/22, while one existing charter schools closed at the end of the 2020/21 school year.

As shown in Table 1, the benchmark enrollment count reflects an overall decrease in District school (not including charter schools) enrollment of 4,532 students from last year, with decreases in all levels except ninth through twelfth grade. District prekindergarten enrollment decreased by 290 students, grades kindergarten through five decreased by 2,030 students, grades six through eight decreased by 1,618 students, and center school enrollment decreased by 660 students. Enrollment increased by 66 students in ninth through twelfth grades. 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

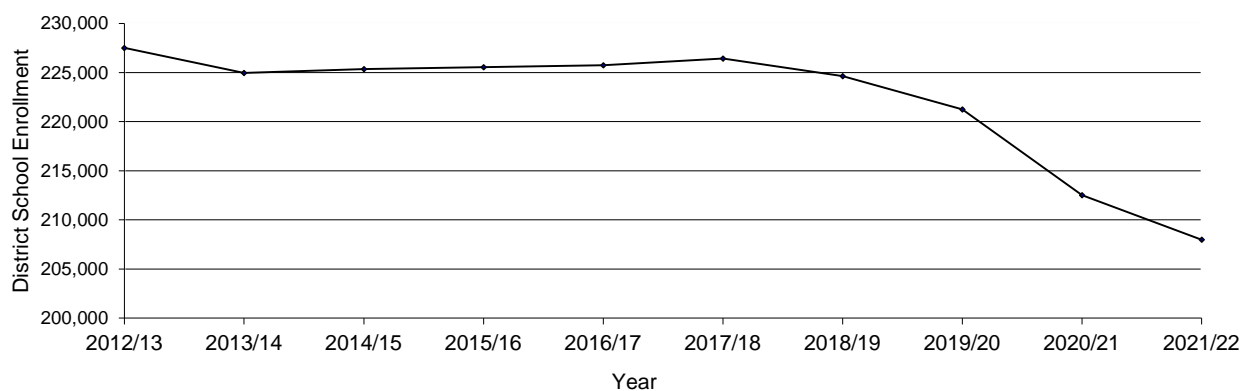
District Schools	2020/21	2021/22	Increase/(Decrease)
PreK	5,061	4,771	(290)
K-5	86,141	84,111	(2,030)
6-8	47,309	45,691	(1,618)
9-12	69,893	69,959	66
Centers	4,103	3,443	(660)
District Total	212,507	207,975	(4,532)

Charters	2020/21	2021/22	Increase/(Decrease)
PreK	0	0	0
K-5	25,652	25,178	(474)
6-8	13,539	13,555	16
9-12	9,017	9,313	296
Charter Total	48,208	48,046	(162)

	2020/21	2021/22	Increase/(Decrease)
District Total with Charters	260,715	256,021	(4,694)

Table 2 and the graph below illustrate historic benchmark day enrollment trends at District schools from 2012/13 to the present year.

Table 2: Ten Year District Schools Benchmark Day Enrollment										
Year	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
Enrollment	227,517	224,955	225,349	225,554	225,740	226,424	224,631	221,266	212,507	207,975



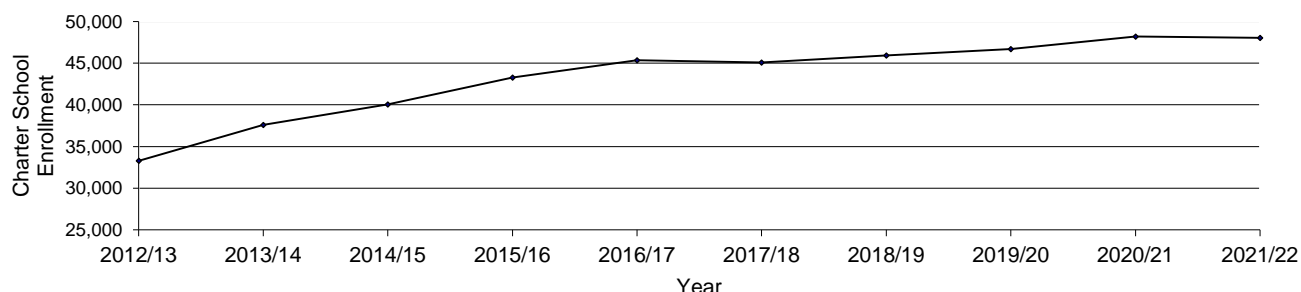
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Table 3 and the graph below illustrate historic benchmark day enrollment trends at charter schools from 2012/13 to the present year.

Table 3: Ten Year Benchmark Day Charter Enrollment										
Year	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
Enrollment	33,279	37,608	40,052	43,282	45,365	45,093	45,919	46,704	48,208	48,046



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. 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 2017/18 through 2021/22 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 2017/18 through 2021/22, 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/dep. If you need additional information, **please contact Jill L. Young, Director, Demographics & Enrollment Planning, at 754-321-2565.**

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Attachments

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