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SUBJECT: **2023/24 BENCHMARK DAY ENROLLMENT COUNT**

This memorandum provides the official school student enrollment to be used for statistical purposes, obtained on September 11, 2023. 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 251,106, representing prekindergarten through twelfth grade students enrolled in Broward County's 323 schools (137 elementary, 35 middle, 32 high and 9 combination schools, 16 centers, 7 Exceptional Student Education contract agency schools, and 87 charter schools). No new charter schools opened for the 2023/24 school year, while two charter schools closed and another two schools consolidated since the last school year's benchmark enrollment count.

As shown in Table 1, the benchmark enrollment count reflects an overall decrease in District school (not including charter schools) enrollment of 3,278 students from last year, with decreases in all levels except prekindergarten. District prekindergarten enrollment increased by 441 students, grades kindergarten through five decreased by 1,549 students, grades six through eight decreased by 1,413 students, grades nine through twelve decreased by 794 students, and center school enrollment decreased by 133 students. 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

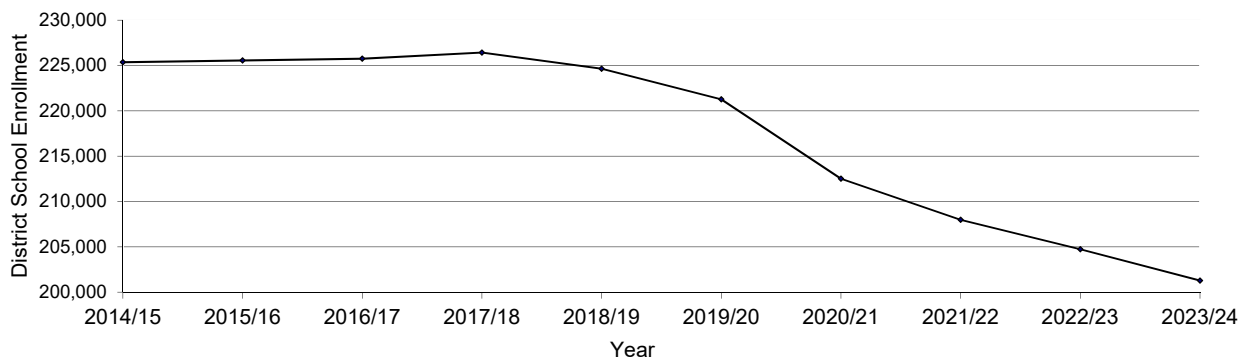
District Schools	2022/23	2023/24	Increase/(Decrease)
PreK	5,353	5,794	441
K-5	83,280	81,731	(1,549)
6-8	43,655	42,242	(1,413)
9-12	68,708	67,914	(794)
Centers	3,725	3,592	(133)
District Total	204,721	201,273	(3,448)

Charters	2022/23	2023/24	Increase/(Decrease)
PreK	0	0	0
K-5	25,601	25,585	(16)
6-8	14,169	14,251	82
9-12	9,893	9,997	104
Charter Total	49,663	49,833	170

	2022/23	2023/24	Increase/(Decrease)
District Total with Charters	254,384	251,106	(3,278)

Table 2 and the graph below it illustrate historic benchmark day enrollment trends at District schools from 2014/15 to the present year.

Table 2: Ten-Year District Schools Benchmark Day Enrollment										
Year	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Enrollment	225,349	225,554	225,740	226,424	224,631	221,266	212,507	207,975	204,721	201,273

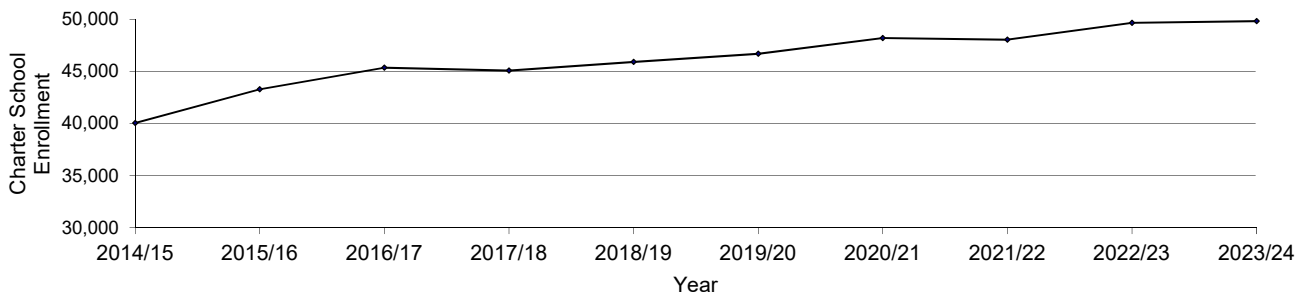


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Table 3 and the graph below it illustrate historic benchmark day enrollment trends at charter schools from 2014/15 to the present year.

Table 3: Ten-Year Benchmark Day Charter Enrollment										
Year	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Enrollment	40,052	43,282	45,365	45,093	45,919	46,704	48,208	48,046	49,663	49,833



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 2019/20 through 2023/24 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 2019/20 through 2023/24, 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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