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SUBJECT: 2024/25 BENCHMARK DAY ENROLLMENT COUNT

This memorandum provides the official school student enrollment to be used for statistical purposes, obtained on September 9, 2024. 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 247,501, representing prekindergarten through twelfth grade students enrolled in Broward County's 324 schools (137 elementary, 35 middle, 32 high and 9 combination schools, 16 centers, 7 Exceptional Student Education contract agency schools, and 88 charter schools). One new charter school opened for the 2024/25 school year, and no charter schools closed 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 3,439 students from last year, with decreases in all levels except prekindergarten. District prekindergarten enrollment decreased by 240 students, grades kindergarten through five decreased by 1,412 students, grades six through eight decreased by 1,715 students, grades nine through twelve decreased by 331 students, while center school enrollment increased by 259 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

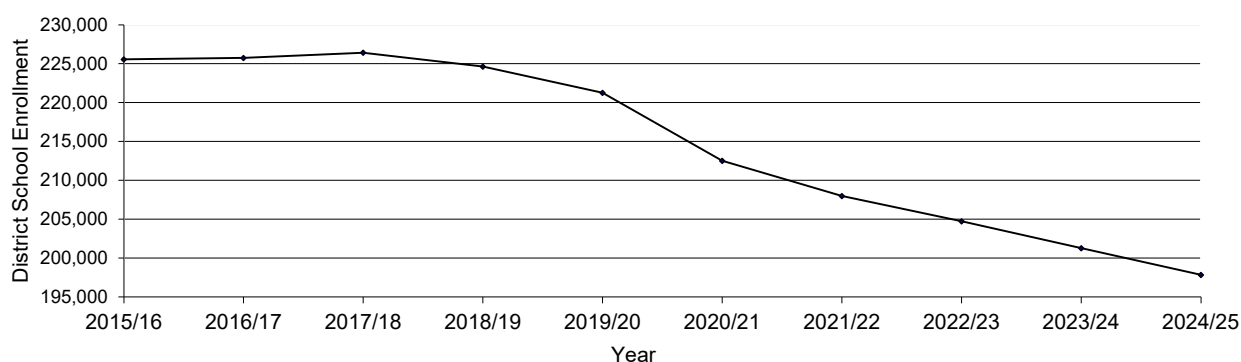
District Schools	2023/24	2024/25	Increase/(Decrease)
PreK	5,794	5,554	(240)
K-5	81,731	80,319	(1,412)
6-8	42,242	40,527	(1,715)
9-12	67,914	67,583	(331)
Centers	3,592	3,851	259
District Total	201,273	197,834	(3,439)

Charters	2023/24	2024/25	Increase/(Decrease)
PreK	0	0	0
K-5	25,585	25,204	(381)
6-8	14,251	14,370	119
9-12	9,997	10,093	96
Charter Total	49,833	49,667	(166)

	2023/24	2024/25	Increase/(Decrease)
District Total with Charters	251,106	247,501	(3,605)

Table 2 and the graph below it illustrate historic benchmark day enrollment trends at District schools from 2015/16 to the present year.

Table 2: Ten-Year District Schools Benchmark Day Enrollment										
Year	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
Enrollment	225,554	225,740	226,424	224,631	221,266	212,507	207,975	204,721	201,273	197,834



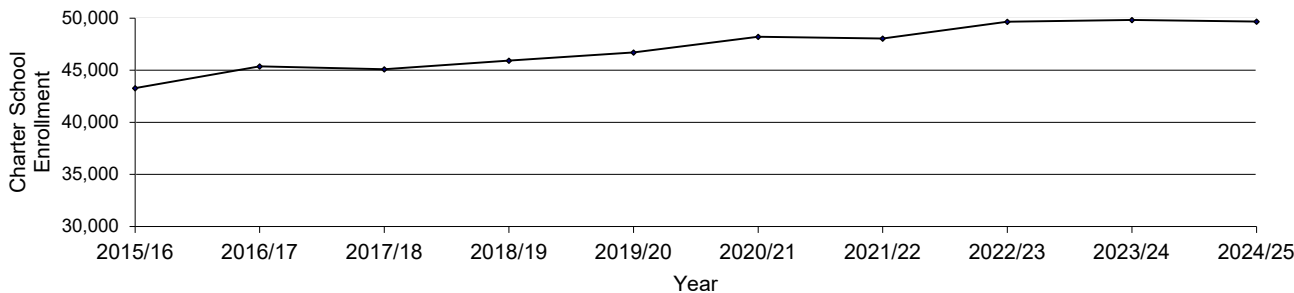
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Table 3 and the graph below it illustrate historic benchmark day enrollment trends at charter schools from 2015/16 to the present year.

Table 3: Ten-Year Benchmark Day Charter Enrollment										
Year	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
Enrollment	43,282	45,365	45,093	45,919	46,704	48,208	48,046	49,663	49,833	49,667



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 2020/21 through 2024/25 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 2020/21 through 2024/25, 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 Joseph Beck, Director, Demographics & Enrollment Planning, at 754-321-2565.**

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