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TO: School Board Members

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SUBJECT: **2017-18 FLORIDA STANDARDS ASSESSMENT (FSA) ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS
(ELA) THIRD GRADE RESULTS**

The Florida Department of Education (FDOE) released the 2017-18 Florida Standards Assessment English Language Arts (FSA-ELA) results for third grade students on May 24, 2018. This memorandum summarizes third grade ELA District, state, and school level results. The results show that **59 percent of third grade students met or exceeded grade level satisfactory performance (achievement level 3 or above) in ELA, up 2 points from 57 percent in 2016-17.**

Table 1 provides 2015, 2016, 2017, and 2018 student performance results on the FSA ELA for third grade students in Broward County Public Schools. The table also shows student performance at the five largest school districts in the state (Broward, Hillsborough, Miami-Dade, Orange, and Palm Beach) and the corresponding statewide results. **Among the five largest school districts in the state, Broward had the second highest percent of third grade students scoring at an achievement level of 3 or higher (59 percent). Moreover, Broward exceeded the statewide performance by two percentage points.**

Table 1. *Third Grade Student Performance on FSA ELA in Florida's Five Largest Districts and Statewide, 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17 and 2017-18.*

	% Achievement Level 1					% Achievement Level 3 to 5				
	2015	2016	2017	2018	Δ	2015	2016	2017	2018	Δ
Broward	24	23	20	19	-1	52	55	57	59	2
Hillsborough	23	23	20	23	3	50	52	56	53	-3
Miami-Dade	24	24	20	19	-1	53	54	58	61	3
Orange	20	23	21	24	3	55	54	57	55	-2
Palm Beach	24	25	22	22	0	51	52	54	56	2
Florida	22	22	19	20	1	53	54	58	57	-1

School Level Progress:

Fifty-eight percent (82 out of 142) of Broward's traditional elementary schools showed **increases** in the percent of third grade students scoring at or above grade level satisfactory performance

(achievement level 3 or above) on the FSA ELA. Twenty-four schools had an increase of 10 percentage points or greater. They are:

Broward Virtual (27 points), **Palmview** (24 points), **Dania** (23 points), **Oakland Park** (22 points), **Broward Estates** (20 points), **Dillard** (16 points), **Watkins** (16 points), **Cresthaven** (16 points), **Riverland** (15 points), **Robert C. Markham** (15 points), **Park Lakes** (15 points), **Cooper City** (14 points), **Tedder** (13 points), **Park Ridge** (12 points), **Sea Castle** (12 points), **Dolphin Bay** (12 points), **Collins** (11 points), **Deerfield Park** (11 points), **Sunland Park Academy** (11 points), **Royal Palm** (11 points), **Horizon** (11 points), **Davie** (11 points), **Pompano Beach** (10 points), **Lauderhill Paul Turner** (10 points).

Eight of these schools (underlined) were identified in 2016-17 as the Lowest 300 elementary schools in the state, which is determined based on English language arts achievement and learning gains points in the school grade model. Two schools, Sunland Park Academy and Lauderhill Paul Turner have increased 10 or more percentage points for consecutive years from 2016 to 2017 and from 2017 to 2018.

Promotion to Grade 4:

Student performance on the Grade 3 FSA ELA test is used as a criterion for promotion to the fourth grade. According to Florida Statute 1008.25 (5) (b), third grade students are eligible for promotion by either scoring at Achievement Level 2 or above on the FSA ELA subtest or demonstrating an exemption from this criterion through Good Cause. Today's data indicate that 81 percent of Broward's students have met the ELA requirement on the FSA. Students who did not meet this criterion will have additional opportunities to demonstrate readiness for promotion via Good Cause Criteria. Alternate assessments used to demonstrate readiness for promotion include the Portfolio Reading Assessment conducted throughout the school year and performance on other state approved alternate assessments. Typically, the percent of students retained in third grade is about 7 percent (6.7 percent in 2015-16 and 2016-17). Last year (2016-17), although 20 percent of students scored at Level 1 on the FSA ELA, only 6.7 percent of students were actually retained.

Parents will be able to access their child's scores on Broward Schools Virtual Counselor next week. This memorandum and a school-by-school report can be accessed on the Student Assessment and Research website at <http://www.broward.k12.fl.us/sar/>. **Questions regarding this release should be directed to Director Richard Baum, Student Assessment and Research at (754) 321-2500.**

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