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TO: School Board Members

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SUBJECT: **FLORIDA SCHOOL GRADES, BASED ON 2018-19 ASSESSMENT DATA**

This memorandum summarizes the school grade results released today by the Florida Department of Education at the school, district, and state levels.

Review of the 2019 school grades revealed the following:

- Sixty-nine (33%) of Broward's traditional schools earned an "A" grade in 2018-19.
- Fifty-one schools (24%) improved their grade from 2017-18.
- Twenty-two schools (10%) decreased their grade from 2017-18.
- Four schools increased by two or more letter grades:
  - North Side Elementary School increased from a "F" to a "C"
  - Nova Blanche Forman Elementary School increased from a "C" to an "A"
  - Silver Shores Elementary School increased from a "C" to an "A"
  - Wilton Manors Elementary School increased from a "C" to an "A"
- Three school decreased by two letter grades:
  - Fairway Elementary School decreased from an "B" to a "D"
  - Nob Hill Elementary School decreased from an "A" to a "C"
  - Sunshine Elementary School decreased from an "A" to a "C"
- Nine out of ten of Broward's traditional schools who received a "D" or "F" in 2017-18, improved to a "C" grade in 2018-19.
- For the first time since the state adopted the new school grade model in 2014-15, Broward has **no traditional schools who received an "F" grade.**
- Overall, **Broward earned a District grade of "B" (61%),** narrowly missing an "A" ( $\geq 62\%$ ) by one percentage point. The District has improved overall from 56% to 61% (five percentage points) since 2015-16.

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The 2018-19 school grades, with charter schools, were computed following the rules adopted by the Florida Board of Education at its January 17, 2018 meeting. Detailed information on the computation of the school grades is available on the Florida Department of Education website at: <http://www.fldoe.org/accountability/accountability-reporting/school-grades/index.stml>.

Table 1 shows the state's overall school grade percentage scale.

Table 1. *School Grade Scale, 2018-19*

	A	B	C	D	F
Percentage of Total Possible Points	≥ 62%	54% to 61%	41% to 53%	32% to 40%	≤ 31%

School grade distributions for the five largest Florida school districts and the state overall, are displayed in Table 2.

Table 2A. *School Grade **Percentage** Distributions for the Five Largest School Districts in Florida, 2018-19\**

	A (%)		B (%)		C (%)		D (%)		F (%)	
	2019	Chg**	2019	Chg**	2019	Chg**	2019	Chg**	2019	Chg**
Broward	36	+6	24	0	35	-4	5	-2	0	0
Hillsborough	26	+1	23	+4	38	-4	10	-1	3	0
Miami-Dade	47	0	30	+2	22	-2	1	-1	0	0
Orange	35	+5	24	0	35	-3	5	-2	0	-1
Palm Beach	45	+3	23	+1	30	-3	2	-1	0	-1
State	36	+5	27	+1	32	-4	5	-1	0	-1

\* Elementary, middle, high, combination, and charter schools are included.

\*\* Change in percentage points from 2018 to 2019 (latest 2018 school grades spreadsheet downloaded from schoolgrades.fldoe.org on 7/10/19).

Table 2B. *School Grade **Count** Distributions for the Five Largest School Districts in Florida, 2018-19\**

	A (Count)		B (Count)		C (Count)		D (Count)		F (Count)	
	2019	Chg**	2019	Chg**	2019	Chg**	2019	Chg**	2019	Chg**
Broward	105	+18	68	-3	101	-13	13	-6	1	0
Hillsborough	68	+3	59	+11	99	-10	27	-2	8	+1
Miami-Dade	203	-1	129	+7	97	-6	6	-2	0	-1
Orange	75	+12	52	+2	75	-6	11	-3	0	-3
Palm Beach	89	+6	45	+1	59	-6	4	-1	0	-1
State	1172	129	902	41	1054	-128	157	-38	15	-20

\* Elementary, middle, high, combination, and charter schools are included.

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Table 3 provides a more detailed examination of the change in grades for Broward’s traditional, non-charter schools.

Table 3. *Changes in School Grades for Traditional (Non-Charter Schools), 2018-19 (percentages will not add to 100 percent, see \* & \*\*)*

	2019		Change % Points***
	Count	Percent	
Schools Receiving an “A” *	69	32.7	+5.8
Schools Maintaining the Same Grade From Prior Year **	138	65.4	-4.3
Schools Improving Grade From Prior Year **	51	24.2	+9.5
Schools Decreasing in Grade From Prior Year **	22	10.4	-5.7
Schools Receiving an “F” *	0	0.0	0
Schools Receiving an “I” Grade	1	0.0	0

\* Out of all schools that received a grade in the indicated year.

\*\* Out of schools that received grades in both 2018 and 2019 (211 schools).

\*\*\* Change in percentage points from 2018 to 2019.

Table 4 (next page) provides a breakdown of school grades for all of Broward’s schools receiving a grade.

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Table 4. School Grade Distributions for BCPS, 2018-19

Grade	Elementary			Middle			High			Combination			Total			
	<i>n</i>	%	Chg % Points*	<i>n</i>	%	Chg % Points*	<i>n</i>	%	Chg % Points*	<i>n</i>	%	Chg % Points*	<i>n</i>	%	Chg % Points*	
Traditional and Charter Schools																
A	57	34	+8	17	35	+1	16	43	+6	15	44	+11	105	36	+6	
B	45	27	+1	13	27	-1	4	11	-1	6	18	-6	68	24	0	
C	54	32	-7	19	39	+5	16	43	-3	12	35	-1	101	35	-4	
D	12	7	-1	0	0	-4	0	0	-5	1	3	-3	13	5	-2	
F	0	0	-1	0	0	0	1	3	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	
Total	168			49			37			34			288			
Traditional Schools																
A	44	33	+9	9	26	-3	14	45	+4	2	20	0	69	33	+6	
B	37	27	0	11	31	+2	3	10	+4	3	30	+10	54	26	+2	
C	47	35	-6	15	43	0	14	45	-8	4	40	-20	80	38	-6	
D	7	5	-2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	10	10	8	4	0	
F	0	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Total	135			35			31			10			211			
Charter Schools																
A	13	39	+3	8	57	+10	2	33	+11	13	54	+15	36	47	+9	
B	8	24	+3	2	14	-13	1	17	-16	3	13	-13	14	18	-7	
C	7	21	-9	4	29	+16	2	33	+11	8	33	+7	21	27	+2	
D	5	15	+3	0	0	-13	0	0	-22	0	0	-9	5	6	-7	
F	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	17	+17	0	0	0	1	1	+1	
Total	33			14			6			24			77			

\* Change in percentage points from 2018 to 2019. Note 4 schools received an Incomplete and are not included in the table above.