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TO: School Board Members

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SUBJECT: **FLORIDA SCHOOL GRADES, BASED ON 2017-18 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 2018 school grades revealed the following:

- Fifty-Seven (27%) of Broward’s traditional schools received an “A” grade in 2017-18.
- Thirty-one schools (15%) improved their grade from 2017
- Two schools increased by two or more letter grades.
  - Sunshine Elementary School increased from a “C” to an “A”
  - Dr. Martin Luther King Elementary School increased from an “F” to a “C”
- Overall, **Broward earned a District grade of “B”** for the fifth year in a row, narrowly missing an “A” designation by two percentage points.

The 2017-18 school grades 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. *School Grade Scale, 2017-18*

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

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

Table 2. *School Grade Distributions for the Five Largest School Districts in Florida, 2017-18\**

	A (%)		B (%)		C (%)		D (%)		F (%)	
	2018	Chg**	2018	Chg**	2018	Chg**	2018	Chg**	2018	Chg**
Broward	31	+1	24	+3	39	-4	6	+2	0.4	-2
Hillsborough	26	0	19	+1	42	0	11	-3	3	+1
Miami-Dade	47	+8	28	+1	24	-5	2	-3	0	-1
Orange	30	-1	24	-1	38	+3	7	0	1	-1
Palm Beach	42	+7	22	-1	33	-1	2	-2	1	-3
State	32	+2	26	-1	36	0	6	-1	1	0

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

\*\* Change in percentage points from 2017 (latest 2017 school grades spreadsheet downloaded from schoolgrades.fldoe.org on 6/27/18) to 2018.

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 Non-Charter Schools, 2017-18 (percents will not add to 100 percent, see \* & \*\*)*

	2018		Change % Points***
	Count	Percent	
Schools Receiving an “A” *	57	27.4	-1
Schools Maintaining the Same Grade From Prior Year **	144	69.2	+4
Schools Improving Grade From Prior Year **	31	14.9	-15
Schools Decreasing in Grade From Prior Year **	33	15.9	+11
Schools Receiving an “F” *	1	0.4	-1
Schools that Did Not Receive a Grade	4	1.9	0

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

\*\* Out of schools that received grades in both 2017 and 2018 (208 schools).

\*\*\* Change in percentage points from 2017 to 2018.

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

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cc: Senior Leadership Team  
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Table 4. School Grade Distributions for BCPS, 2017-18

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	44	27%	-2%	17	34%	1%	15	38%	4%	11	35%	6%	87	31%	1%
B	42	25%	2%	14	28%	1%	5	13%	1%	8	26%	12%	69	24%	3%
C	66	40%	-2%	17	34%	-7%	17	44%	-7%	10	32%	-14%	110	39%	-4%
D	12	7%	2%	2	4%	4%	2	5%	3%	2	6%	0%	18	6%	2%
F	1	1%	-1%	0	0%	0%	0	0%	0%	0	0%	-6%	1	0%	-2%
Total	165			50			39			31			285		
Traditional Schools															
A	32	24%	-2%	10	29%	4%	13	43%	2%	2	22%	0%	57	27%	-1%
B	37	28%	2%	10	29%	-2%	2	7%	-2%	2	22%	22%	51	25%	2%
C	56	42%	0%	15	43%	-1%	15	50%	0%	5	56%	-22%	91	44%	-1%
D	8	6%	2%	0	0%	0%	0	0%	0%	0	0%	0%	8	4%	1%
F	1	1%	0%	0	0%	0%	0	0%	0%	0	0%	0%	1	0%	-1%
Total	134			35			30			9			208		
Charter Schools															
A	12	39%	0%	7	47%	-7%	2	22%	11%	9	41%	10%	30	39%	3%
B	5	16%	4%	4	27%	12%	3	33%	11%	6	27%	8%	18	23%	7%
C	10	32%	-7%	2	13%	-18%	2	22%	-34%	5	23%	-12%	19	25%	-13%
D	4	13%	7%	2	13%	13%	2	22%	11%	2	9%	1%	10	13%	7%
F	0	0%	-3%	0	0%	0%	0	0%	0%	0	0%	-8%	0	0%	-4%
Total	31			15			9			22			77		

\* Change in percentage points from 2017 to 2018. Note 7 schools received an Incomplete and are not included in the table above.