

MEMORANDUM

May 27, 2010

TO: The Honorable Chair and Members of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida

FROM: Alberto M. Carvalho, Superintendent of Schools 

SUBJECT: **UPDATE: STATE RELEASE OF RESULTS FOR THE SPRING 2010 FLORIDA COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMENT TEST (FCAT): GRADE 3**

On May 27, 2010, School, District, and State Summary Reports from the Spring 2010 administration of the FCAT to students in Grade 3 were released by the Florida Department of Education. Only student-level data were provided initially on May 25, 2010, with preliminary local summaries calculated by the Office of Assessment, Research, and Data Analysis. The reports released today facilitate statewide comparisons.

Highlights of the District's performance in relation to the state are provided below, and an updated table of longitudinal results is attached. The complete State Report of Districts and District Report of Schools may be accessed at <http://oada.dadeschools.net/FCAT/FCAT.asp>.

- For the first time, M-DCPS third grade students' performance matched the state, with 78% scoring high on FCAT Mathematics.
- The level of growth shown by M-DCPS third grade students in both Reading and Mathematics exceeded that of the state.
 - In Mathematics, the percentage of M-DCPS third graders scoring in Levels 3 or above increased by two points from 2009 to 2010, while the state remained the same.
 - In Reading, our third graders posted larger increases in the percentage scoring high (Levels 3 and above), and larger decreases in the percentage scoring in Level 1.
 - The percentage of M-DCPS third graders scoring in Levels 3 or above in Reading increased by three points from 2009 to 2010 while the state increased by only one.
 - M-DCPS reduced the percentage of Grade 3 students scoring in Level 1 in Reading by two points, while the state only posted a decrease of one point.
- M-DCPS surpassed or matched every large district in the state on gains posted in the percentages scoring high in both Reading and Mathematics.

Should you have any questions about the attached results, please contact Ms. Deborah Karcher, Chief Information Officer, Information Technology Services, at 305-995-3751, or Ms. Gisela Feild, Administrative Director, Assessment, Research, and Data Analysis, at 305-995-7512.

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Attachment

cc: School Board Attorney
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Table 1
Grade 3: FCAT Reading and Mathematics
State and District, 2008, 2009, and 2010
Percentages Scoring in Achievement Levels 1, 2, and 3-5

	DISTRICT				STATE			
	Percent ALL Students			Difference 2009- 2010	Percent ALL Students			Difference 2009- 2010
	2008	2009	2010		2008	2009	2010	
READING								
<i>Number tested:</i>	27,722	27,386	27,217	-169	204,251	205,135	205639	+504
Level 1	21	22	20	-2	16	17	16	-1
Level 2	13	13	12	-1	12	12	12	0
Levels 3-5	67	65	68	+3	72	71	72	+1
MATHEMATICS								
<i>Number tested:</i>	27,720	27,389	27,230	-159	204,180	205,135	205720	+585
Level 1	11	10	9	-1	10	10	9	-1
Level 2	14	13	13	0	13	13	13	0
Level 3-5	75	76	78	+2	76	78	78	0

Note: Percentages may not sum to 100 percent due to mathematical rounding, and include all students tested, including students with disabilities and English language learners.