

**MEMORANDUM**

**July 26, 2013**

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

**FROM:** Alberto M. Carvalho, Superintendent of Schools *AMC/B*

**SUBJECT: 2012-2013 SCHOOL PERFORMANCE GRADES**

Today the Florida Department of Education (FLDOE) released the School Performance Grades for Elementary, K-8 and Middle Schools. The procedures used in calculating the school grades have changed substantially for the past three years. As a result, 39 significant changes to the school grading formula were made in the last 36 months, increasing the rigor of the accountability measure. As predicted, these changes resulted in lower School Performance Grades statewide.

Notwithstanding the disproportionately high number of English Language Learners and concentration of disadvantaged students, Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) succeeded in reducing the rate of increase of "F" schools at a better rate than the State as well as mitigating the rate of decrease of "A" schools when compared to the State.

District	11-12 Number Schools	12-13 Number Schools	Percent								
			A			F			D or F		
			11-12	12-13	Difference	11-12	12-13	Difference	11-12	12-13	Difference
Miami-Dade	345	353	49	35	-14	2	4	+2	10	17	+7
Broward	234	236	48	28	-20	2	6	+4	9	21	+12
Duval	142	141	40	23	-17	1	8	+7	17	26	+9
Palm Beach	150	152	58	40	-18	0	3	+3	7	12	+5
FLORIDA	2597	2618	48	29	-19	2	4	+2	10	18	+8

**Highlights include:**

- The percentage of schools receiving School Performance Grades of "A" decreased by 19 percentage points statewide, with M-DCPS experiencing far less decline than the State and other surrounding Florida districts.
- The percentage of "D" and "F" schools in the state increased by 8 percentage points, while Miami-Dade experienced a lower rate of decline as compared to the State and other surrounding Florida districts.
  - The number of charter schools receiving an "F" quadrupled, from 1 to 4; while the number of district-operated schools doubled, from 5 to 10.

Despite the transition to new, more rigorous assessments, the addition of new accountability components, and the inclusion all students in both performance and growth in the calculation of the grading formula, M-DCPS fared well in comparison to the state and other large districts.

The School Performance Grades released today include the points earned by each school on the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT) components. These points only represent 50 percent of the final School Performance Grades for senior high schools; as such they are not presented here. The 2012-2013 School Performance Grades are computed using student results from the FCAT 2.0 Reading in Grades 3 through 10, Mathematics in Grades 3 through 8, and FCAT 2.0 Science in Grades 5 and 8; FCAT Writing in Grades 4, 8, and 10; and end-of-course exams.

Individual school performance grade results are available on the District website at: <http://oada.dadeschools.net>. Should you have any questions regarding the results, please contact Ms. Gisela Feild, Administrative Director, Assessment, Research, and Data Analysis, at 305 995-2943.

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#### Attachments

cc: School Board Attorney  
Superintendent's Cabinet  
Superintendent's Senior Staff  
Assessment, Research, and Data Analysis Staff

**Table 1**  
**School Performance Grade Distributions, 2009-10 through 2012-13**  
**for Elementary/K-8 Center, Middle, and Senior High Schools**

School Level:	A				B				C				D				F			
	09-10	10-11	11-12	12-13	09-10	10-11	11-12	12-13	09-10	10-11	11-12	12-13	09-10	10-11	11-12	12-13	09-10*	10-11	11-12	12-13
Elementary/ K-8 Centers	144	146	134	90	22	34	54	59	53	48	47	70	14	14	18	32	9	5	2	9
Middle	38	33	27	23	12	14	15	8	17	20	21	29	10	10	11	14	1	0	4	5
Senior**	NA	6	8	10	NA	1	1	1	NA	1	2	2	NA	0	1	1	NA	0	0	0
<b>All Levels</b>	182	186	169	123	34	49	70	68	70	69	70	101	24	24	30	47	10	5	6	14
M-DCPS			125	84			60	55			63	85			24	40	5	3	5	10***
Charter			44	39			10	13			7	16			6	7	5	2	1	4
<b>Percent Total</b>	57%	55%	49%	35%	11%	15%	20%	19%	22%	20%	20%	29%	8%	7%	9%	13%	3%	2%	2%	4%

Note. All four ESE centers eligible to receive school grades are pending release of the high school accountability components. Five M-DCPS schools received School Performance Grades of "Incomplete." The table has been updated for prior years to include schools with successful appeals.

\* Includes one alternative education center that had sufficient membership to receive a school performance grade 2009-10.

\*\* Includes any new senior high schools that received School Performance Grades based on the 800 FCAT points only.

\*\*\* School grade disputed for one M-DCPS school.

**Table 2**  
**School Performance Grade Distributions, 2011-12 and 2012-13**  
**Florida and Selected Districts**

District	11-12 Number Schools		12-13 Number Schools		A		B		C		D		F						
	N	%	11-12	12-13	Difference	11-12	12-13	Difference	11-12	12-13	Difference	11-12	12-13	Difference					
<b>Miami-Dade</b>	N		345	353		169	123	-46	70	68	-2	70	101	30	47	+17	6	14*	+8
	%					49	35	-14	20	19	-1	20	29	9	13	+4	2	4	+2
<b>Broward</b>	N		234	236		112	65	-47	52	59	+7	49	63	16	36	+20	5	13	+8
	%					48	28	-20	22	25	+3	21	27	7	15	+8	2	6	+4
<b>Duval</b>	N		142	141		57	33	-24	27	33	+6	34	38	22	26	+4	2	11	+9
	%					40	23	-17	19	23	+4	24	27	15	18	+3	1	8	+7
<b>Palm Beach</b>	N		150	152		87	61	-26	28	38	+10	25	35	10	13	+3	0	5	+5
	%					58	40	-18	19	25	+6	17	23	7	9	+2	0	3	+3
<b>FLORIDA</b>	N		2597	2618		1242	762	-480	609	675	+66	494	721	212	353	+141	40	107	+67
	%					48	29	-19	23	26	+3	19	28	8	13	+5	2	4	+2

\*Data reflects 4 non district-operated charter schools.

**Table 3**  
**District Schools Designated as "F" for 2012-13**

<b>Traditional Schools Operated by M-DCPS</b>	
1.	0081 LENORA BRAYNON SMITH ELEMENTARY
2.	0661 CARIBBEAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
3.	1361 FREDERICK R. DOUGLASS ELEMENTARY
4.	1441 PAUL LAURENCE DUNBAR K-8 CENTER*
5.	2981 LIBERTY CITY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
6.	4461 PINE VILLA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
7.	4651 ETHEL F. BECKFORD/RICHMOND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
8.	6011 ALLAPATTAH MIDDLE SCHOOL
9.	6051 CAROL CITY MIDDLE SCHOOL
10.	6391 MADISON MIDDLE SCHOOL
<b>Charter Schools</b>	
11.	3024 FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL ELEMENTARY ACADEMY
12.	5020 BRIDGEPOINT ACADEMY INTERAMERICAN
13.	6005 RAMZ ACADEMY 6-8 MIDDLE, MIAMI CAMPUS
14.	6049 RIVER CITIES COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL

\* School grade disputed for one M-DCPS school.