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TO: School Board Members

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SUBJECT: **2020-21 STATE ASSESSMENT RESULTS**

On July 29, the Florida Department of Education (FDOE) released the official results for Spring 2020-21 Florida Standards Assessments (FSA) for:

- English Language Arts (ELA) Florida Standards Assessments (FSA), grades 4 to 10,
- Mathematics Florida Standards Assessments (FSA), grades 3 to 8,
- End-of-Course (EOC) Assessments (Algebra 1, Biology, Civics, Geometry, US History), and
- Statewide Science Assessments for grades 5 and 8.

This memorandum summarizes the results at the state and district levels. Individual student level and results have been provided to each school through data folder access. Additionally, scores are available to parents through the *Virtual Counselor* application at [sso.browardschools.com](https://sso.browardschools.com). Internal dashboards ([bit.ly/BCPSdashboards](https://bit.ly/BCPSdashboards)) on State Exams ([bit.ly/BCPSsa](https://bit.ly/BCPSsa)), FSA/EOC Subscores ([bit.ly/BCPSfsa](https://bit.ly/BCPSfsa)), and other topics will be updated this week.

Significant challenges exist in comparing these results with results from previous year's administration for a variety of factors. These factors include a reduced percentage of students who were assessed, the high percentage of students who returned to the school building only for the assessments after being engaged in the innovative learning modality throughout the year, mandatory masking protocols during testing, the hybrid instructional model used in school year 2020-21, and related pandemic mitigation efforts and impacts.

These scores provide teachers, principals, instructional support personnel, and the community with an achievement baseline from which to make decisions in supporting grade level instruction and gauge student growth. A workshop on these results is scheduled for August 24, 2021.

The 2020-21 results show that in 7 out of the 21 (33%) tested areas the percentage of Broward's students scoring at or above achievement level 3 met or exceeded the state average (**indicated in bold below**). Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the state canceled FSA testing in 2019-20; therefore, 2018-19 results are the most recent results to make comparisons. As described on page one of this memo, comparison of 2021 and prior results *should be undertaken with extreme caution*.

A summary of the results for 2020-21 released, and the change from the 2018-19 results, are provided below. The change from 2018-19 results is indicated in parentheses. State level, and other large district, performance by assessment instrument is provided in Tables 1-4 on following pages.

- The percentage of students meeting or exceeding grade level satisfactory performance on the FSA (achievement level 3 and above) in English Language Arts is:
  - 53% in Grade 3 (-7 points)
  - **52%** in Grade 4 (-10 points)
  - **54%** in Grade 5 (-5 points)
  - **53%** in Grade 6 (-4 points)
  - **50%** in Grade 7 (-5 points)
  - **53%** in Grade 8 (-6 points)
  - **50%** in Grade 9 (-7 points)
  - **52%** in Grade 10 (-1 point)
  
- The percentage of students meeting or exceeding grade level satisfactory performance on the FSA (achievement level 3 and above) in Mathematics is:
  - 42% in Grade 3 (-23 points)
  - 47% in Grade 4 (-20 points)
  - 45% in Grade 5 (-19 points)
  - 41% in Grade 6 (-17 points)
  - 40% in Grade 7 (-13 points)
  - 23% in Grade 8 (-22 points)
  
- The percentage of students meeting or exceeding grade level satisfactory performance (achievement level 3 and above) on the Statewide Science Assessments is:
  - 40% in Grade 5 (-9 points)
  - 36% in Grade 8 (-7 points)
  
- The percentage of students meeting or exceeding grade level satisfactory performance (achievement level 3 and above) on End-of-Course exams is:
  - 42% in Algebra 1 (-20 points)
  - 58% in Biology (-10 points)
  - 58% in Civics (-13 points)
  - 40% in Geometry (-16 points)
  - 57% in US History (-10 points)

Tables 1, 2, 3, and 4 provide 2018-19 and 2020-21 results on the FSA ELA, FSA Mathematics, EOC tests, and Statewide Science Assessments, respectively. The data are summarized for Broward County Public Schools, and the four other largest school districts in the state (Hillsborough, Miami-Dade, Orange, and Palm Beach), and Florida overall.

**Table 1. FSA ELA 2018-19 and 2020-21 Results-Percent Level 3 or Above, Spring**

District/ State	Grade 3		Grade 4		Grade 5		Grade 6		Grade 7		Grade 8		Grade 9		Grade 10	
	'19	'21	'19	'21	'19	'21	'19	'21	'19	'21	'19	'21	'19	'21	'19	'21
<b>Broward</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>52</b>
Hillsborough	52	51	55	49	54	52	53	51	54	47	53	50	55	49	53	50
Miami-Dade	60	57	64	55	60	55	58	55	56	51	60	55	55	51	53	52
Orange	55	55	57	50	54	53	52	52	48	46	54	51	52	48	50	51
Palm Beach	54	54	62	52	59	58	58	54	53	49	58	54	56	51	54	52
Florida	58	54	58	52	56	54	54	52	52	48	56	52	55	50	53	51

**Table 2. FSA Mathematics 2018-19 and 2020-21 Results-Percent Level 3 or Above, Spring**

District/ State	Grade 3		Grade 4		Grade 5		Grade 6		Grade 7		Grade 8	
	'19	'21	'19	'21	'19	'21	'19	'21	'19	'21	'19	'21
<b>Broward</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>23</b>
Hillsborough	54	49	57	50	54	51	49	42	62	29	31	42
Miami-Dade	67	50	69	52	65	46	58	43	53	43	40	27
Orange	62	51	63	52	57	51	43	40	49	46	36	31
Palm Beach	65	50	67	46	65	51	60	44	35	21	64	48
Florida	62	51	64	53	60	51	55	45	54	44	46	37

**Table 3. EOC 2018-19 and 2020-21 Results-Percent Level 3 or Above, Spring**

District/ State	Algebra 1		Biology		Civics		Geometry		US History	
	'19	'21	'19	'21	'19	'21	'19	'21	'19	'21
<b>Broward</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>57</b>
Hillsborough	63	54	67	60	67	61	57	47	73	67
Miami-Dade	63	46	68	61	73	62	55	41	71	59
Orange	63	44	68	61	66	61	53	45	70	64
Palm Beach	65	50	69	63	72	62	61	45	69	61
Florida	62	49	67	61	71	64	57	45	70	63

**Table 4. Statewide Science Assessment 2018-19 and 2020-21 Results- Percent Level 3 or Above, Spring**

District/ State	Grade 5		Grade 8	
	'19	'21	'19	'21
<b>Broward</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>36</b>
Hillsborough	51	44	47	42
Miami-Dade	53	43	43	37
Orange	54	50	49	46
Palm Beach	51	44	51	47
Florida	53	47	48	45

#### Links to access statewide assessment results

- Attached to this memorandum are Broward County Public Schools' school summary reports for the FSA ELA, FSA Mathematics, EOC exams, and Statewide Science Assessments. The 2019 results for the state, districts and schools may be accessed at <https://www.fldoe.org/accountability/assessments/k-12-student-assessment/results/2021.stml>. As described on page one of this memo, comparison of 2021 and prior results *should be undertaken with extreme caution*.
- Parents/guardians can access their child/children's test scores on the District's Virtual Counselor portal at <http://bcps.browardschools.com/VirtualCounselor/>.
- On Wednesday, August 4, 2021, teachers and school staff will be able to access their student's test scores on the District's BASIS portal.
- On Wednesday, August 4, 2021, BCPS District staff can view and interact with FSA data through the Department's FSA dashboard available on the SharePoint link below: <https://browardcountyschools.sharepoint.com/sites/Intranet/Academics/TSD/SAR/Pages/dash-stateexams.aspx>.

This memorandum and the attachments can be accessed on the Student Assessment & Research website at <https://www.browardschools.com/sar>.

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