

Rudolph F. Crew, Superintendent of Schools

SUBJECT: FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (FLDOE) 2005 FLORIDA COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMENT TEST (FCAT) THIRD GRADE TEST SCORES

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

In recent weeks, the Florida Department of Education (FLDOE) has begun to release official results of student performance on the 2005 Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT). In memoranda dated May 3 and April 27, I shared summary information about Grade 3 reading and mathematics and Grades 4, 8, and 10 writing. The May 18 Board meeting will be the first opportunity to meet together, with the public, to discuss the implications of these important outcome data for our district.

As you know, more than 61% of third-graders Grade 3 students scored in levels 3-5 on the FCAT reading test and 63 percent on the math test, a 4 and 6 percent increase, respectively, over last years results. In both ZONE and STELLAR schools, the percentages of 3rd graders scoring at Achievement Level 1 on the FCAT reading and math decreased by significant 10 percentage points over 2004. As more official FCAT results become available on May 11 and in ensuing weeks for grade 4-10, I look forward to discussing these outcome data with you as well.

Copies of the official Florida Department of Education (FLDOE) 2005 Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT) Spring 2005 Grade 3 SSS and NRT District and State Results will be transmitted to School Board Members under separate cover and will be available for inspection by the public in the Office of Board Recording Secretary, Room 924, and the Citizen Information Center, Room 158, 1450 N.E. Second Avenue, Miami, Florida 33132.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida receive the Florida Department of Education (FLDOE) 2005 Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT) Spring 2005 Grade 3 SSS and NRT District and State Results.