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**SUBJECT: HIGHLIGHTS OF STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT: DISTRICT TRENDS OF FLORIDA COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMENT TEST (FCAT) SUNSHINE STATE STANDARDS (SSS) WRITING, READING, AND MATHEMATICS RESULTS**

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

As a result of a systemic reform effort that included the creation of the School Improvement Zone (SIZ) and the Schools Targeting Excellence in Learning Literacy and Reading (STELLAR) schools, increasing support services for classroom instruction, and the implementation of comprehensive professional development initiatives, the performance of Miami-Dade County students has made significant improvements in 2005. The 2005 Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT) results recently released by the Florida Department of Education (FLDOE) provide evidence in support of the higher performance levels demonstrated by all of our students, and most notably, the students in the Zone and STELLAR schools.

The FLDOE official results of the 2005 FCAT Writing for grades 4, 8, and 10, the FCAT Sunshine State Standards (SSS) and norm-referenced test (NRT) reading and mathematics for grades 3 – 10 have been transmitted to The School Board over the past few weeks, from April 27 through May 11, 2005. The major findings of the 2005 FCAT SSS released to date, including results by ethnicity, by Zone and STELLAR schools, and three and five-year trend data where applicable, are presented graphically as the *Highlights of Student Achievement: District Trends of FCAT SSS Writing, Reading, and Mathematics Results*. Because of the volume of FCAT data available, results are summarized across grades (e.g., 3 – 5, 6 – 8, 9 -10) where possible, to facilitate displaying the achievement trends.

Copies of the presentation, *Highlights of Student Achievement: District Trends of FCAT SSS Writing, Reading, and Mathematics 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 *Highlights of Student Achievement: District Trends Of Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT) Sunshine State Standards (SSS) Writing, Reading, and Mathematics Results*.