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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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TO: School Board Members

THROUGH: Michael J. Burke, Superintendent 

FROM: Jamie Wyatt, Deputy Superintendent/Chief of Schools 
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SUBJECT: FY25 STATEWIDE ASSESSMENT RESULTS RELEASE

On June 25, 2025, the Florida Department of Education (FLDOE) released the FY25 results of the Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST) for grades 3 to 10 English Language Arts (ELA) and grades 3 to 8 Mathematics; B.E.S.T. Algebra 1 and Geometry End-of-Course (EOC) Exams; Biology, Civics, and U.S. History End-of-Course Exams, and State Science Assessments.

The FAST assessments for ELA (VPK through grade 10 Reading) and Mathematics (VPK through grade 8 Mathematics) are progress monitoring (PM) assessments and are administered three times per year. The administration of PM1 occurs at the very beginning of the school year and is designed to provide a baseline score so that teachers can begin to track student achievement progress. PM2 is administered mid-year, and PM3 is the summative assessment of standards-based learning for the school year. Per the FLDOE, FAST data from FY23 to FY25 should not be compared with prior year's performance due to the change in standards associated with the migration from the Florida Standards Assessment (FSA) to the new FAST progress monitoring system.

In light of the new progress monitoring system, the FLDOE instructs parents that results from PM1 and PM2 are for informational purposes only, are used to identify areas that may need additional instruction or support and should not be considered student achievement designations. The present report provides a high-level summary of the performance data at the end of year (PM3) for FY23 to FY25 scores for similar school districts, and the state of Florida overall.

FAST ELA

- Palm Beach increased the percentage of students scoring level 3 or higher in grades 3-10 combined at a similar rate to the State and Large Urban 7 Districts from FY24 to FY25.
- All grade levels, except grade 5, increased more than 3 percentage points of students scoring at Level 3 or higher in FY25 compared to FY24. The largest increase occurred in grade 7 (60%, up from 50%).
- Palm Beach performed higher than Florida overall in grades 6 through 10 and matched the state in grades 3 to 5.

- Among the Large Urban 7 Districts, Palm Beach made the largest increase in students scoring level 3 or higher in grade 7 (+10 percentage points).
- Palm Beach decreased the number of grade 3 students scoring at Level 1 by 1 percentage point from 24% to 23%.

FAST Math

- Palm Beach increased the percentage of students scoring level 3 or above in grades 3-8 and Math EOCs combined at rates similar to the State and Large Urban 7 Districts compared to FY24.
- All grade levels recorded increases of 4 or more in the percentage of students scoring at Level 3 or higher in FY25 compared to FY24, except grades 5 (+1) and 8 (+2).
- Palm Beach exceeded the state average in grades 3, 5, 6, and 8.
- Compared to the Large Urban 7 Districts, Palm Beach showed the largest increase in performance in grade 3 (+5 percentage points) and showed the highest performance among the Large Urban 7 Districts in grades 6 (65%) and 8 (65%).

BEST Algebra 1 and Geometry EOCs

- Performance in Algebra 1 increased by 4 percentage points from 58% to 62% at Level 3 or higher in FY25 compared to FY24.
- Performance in Geometry increased by 5 percentage points from 51% to 56% at Level 3 or higher in FY25 compared to FY24.
- Palm Beach exceeded the statewide performance in Algebra 1 and Geometry.

Statewide Science Assessment

- Palm Beach increased performance in grade 8 (+3 percentage points) compared to FY24.
- Palm Beach exceeded the state and four of the Large Urban 7 Districts in grade 8.
- Grade 5 Science performance was slightly lower than the state.

End-of-Course Exams

- Performance on the Biology EOC increased by 5 percentage points (67% to 72%) compared to FY24.
- Performance on the Civics EOC increased by 6 percentage points (66% to 72%) compared to FY24.
- Performance on the U.S. History EOC increased by 2 percentage points (64 to 66%) compared to FY24.
- Palm Beach exceeded the statewide performance in Biology and Civics but was 4 points below the state on the U.S. History EOC, compared to FY24.

Table 1: FY25 Number of Students Tested in Different Assessments

Assessment	Grade Levels	Number of Students Tested
FAST ELA	3–10	112,078
FAST Mathematics	3–8	74,660
BEST Algebra 1 EOC	7–12	15,377
BEST Geometry EOC	8–12	14,402
Statewide Science	5 & 8	28,040
Biology EOC	8–12	14,416
Civics EOC	6–8	13,694
U.S. History EOC	9–12	13,531

Table 2: Overall FAST ELA & Math Performance for the Large Urban 7 Florida Districts and State

District Name	Grades 3-10 ELA Combined					Grades 3-8 & EOC Math Combined				
	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY24-FY25 Diff	FY23-FY25 Diff	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY24-FY25 Diff	FY23-FY25 Diff
State	49	53	57	4	8	51	55	58	3	7
Broward	51	56	61	5	10	51	57	62	5	11
Miami-Dade	52	56	60	4	8	55	58	62	4	7
Duval	43	46	50	4	7	48	49	54	5	6
Hillsborough	48	50	54	4	6	51	53	55	2	4
Orange	49	52	57	5	8	51	55	59	4	8
Palm Beach	49	54	58	4	9	51	55	59	4	8
Pinellas	50	56	61	5	11	54	58	61	3	7

Table 3: FAST ELA – Grades 3, 4, and 5: Percentages of Students Scoring Level 3 or Higher for the Large Urban 7 Florida Districts and State: PM3

District Name	Grade 3					Grade 4					Grade 5				
	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY24-FY25 Diff	FY23-FY25 Diff	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY24-FY25 Diff	FY23-FY25 Diff	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY24-FY25 Diff	FY23-FY25 Diff
State	51	55	57	2	6	52	53	56	3	4	50	55	56	1	6
Broward	54	57	61	4	7	55	57	62	5	7	51	60	62	2	11
Miami-Dade	53	56	60	4	7	53	55	59	4	6	52	56	60	4	8
Duval	47	49	51	2	4	45	47	49	2	4	43	46	49	3	6
Hillsborough	47	51	53	2	6	48	49	53	4	5	48	51	52	1	4
Orange	53	57	59	2	6	55	54	58	4	3	50	58	57	-1	7
Palm Beach	49	54	57	3	8	53	52	56	4	3	52	57	56	-1	4
Pinellas	54	62	65	3	11	52	57	62	5	10	53	59	61	2	8

Diff. = Difference

Table 4: FAST ELA – Grades 6, 7, and 8: Percentages of Students Scoring Level 3 or Higher for the Large Urban 7 Florida Districts and State: PM3

District Name	Grade 6					Grade 7					Grade 8				
	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY24-FY25 Diff	FY23-FY25 Diff	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY24-FY25 Diff	FY23-FY25 Diff	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY24-FY25 Diff	FY23-FY25 Diff
State	50	54	60	6	10	47	50	57	7	10	48	51	55	4	7
Broward	53	57	65	8	12	49	54	60	6	11	50	52	59	7	9
Miami-Dade	53	57	62	5	9	51	55	62	7	11	52	54	60	6	8
Duval	41	45	48	3	7	40	42	48	6	8	42	45	47	2	5
Hillsborough	49	54	55	1	6	48	49	55	6	7	45	47	52	5	7
Orange	47	52	59	7	12	45	47	55	8	10	47	49	53	4	6
Palm Beach	48	56	62	6	14	49	50	60	10	11	48	53	56	3	8
Pinellas	50	57	61	4	11	49	54	59	5	10	48	52	59	7	11

Diff. = Difference

Table 5: FAST ELA – Grades 9 and 10: Percentages of Students Scoring Level 3 or Higher for the Large Urban 7 Florida Districts and State: PM3

District Name	Grade 9					Grade 10				
	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY24-FY25 Diff	FY23-FY25 Diff	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY24-FY25 Diff	FY23-FY25 Diff
State	48	53	56	3	8	47	53	58	5	11
Broward	49	55	58	3	9	47	54	61	7	14
Miami-Dade	51	54	56	2	5	52	56	60	4	8
Duval	42	46	50	4	8	42	46	53	7	11
Hillsborough	48	51	53	2	5	48	52	57	5	9
Orange	46	51	54	3	8	47	51	57	6	10
Palm Beach	48	53	57	4	9	47	54	59	5	12
Pinellas	46	55	59	4	13	45	51	59	8	14

Diff. = Difference

Table 6: FAST Mathematics – Grades 3, 4, and 5: Percentages of Students Scoring Level 3 or Higher for the Large Urban 7 Florida Districts and State: PM3

District Name	Grade 3					Grade 4					Grade 5				
	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY24-FY25 Diff	FY23-FY25 Diff	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY24-FY25 Diff	FY23-FY25 Diff	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY24-FY25 Diff	FY23-FY25 Diff
State	57	60	63	3	6	58	58	62	4	4	52	56	57	1	5
Broward	60	65	68	3	8	62	63	69	6	7	55	61	63	2	8
Miami-Dade	61	65	69	4	8	61	62	68	6	7	54	59	62	3	8
Duval	57	56	59	3	2	55	53	60	7	5	49	49	54	5	5
Hillsborough	53	56	58	2	5	55	55	59	4	4	50	53	54	1	4
Orange	57	62	63	1	6	59	58	64	6	5	52	58	58	0	6
Palm Beach	55	59	64	5	9	49	50	55	5	6	53	58	59	1	6
Pinellas	60	63	68	5	8	63	65	68	3	5	58	63	65	2	7

Diff. = Difference

Table 7: FAST Mathematics – Grades 6, 7, and 8: Percentages of Students Scoring Level 3 or Higher for the Large Urban 7 Florida Districts and State: PM3

District Name	Grade 6					Grade 7					Grade 8				
	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY24-FY25 Diff	FY23-FY25 Diff	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY24-FY25 Diff	FY23-FY25 Diff	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY24-FY25 Diff	FY23-FY25 Diff
State	49	56	60	4	11	46	47	50	3	4	53	54	57	3	4
Broward	48	55	63	8	15	49	55	59	4	10	43	43	47	4	4
Miami-Dade	53	60	64	4	11	46	49	54	5	8	57	58	60	2	3
Duval	37	44	47	3	10	38	36	43	7	5	43	46	47	1	4
Hillsborough	48	52	54	2	6	34	34	36	2	2	55	55	58	3	3
Orange	48	55	60	5	12	35	36	39	3	4	56	61	63	2	7
Palm Beach	49	60	65	5	16	34	36	42	6	8	62	63	65	2	3
Pinellas	53	59	63	4	10	33	27	33	6	0	59	60	64	4	5

Diff. = Difference

Table 8: BEST Algebra I EOC and BEST Geometry EOC: Percentages of Students Scoring Level 3 or Higher for the Large Urban 7 Florida Districts and State.

District Name	BEST Algebra I EOC					BEST Geometry EOC				
	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY24-FY25 Diff	FY23-FY25 Diff	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY24-FY25 Diff	FY23-FY25 Diff
State	51	55	60	5	9	46	53	55	2	9
Broward	49	58	65	7	16	44	53	62	9	18
Miami-Dade	57	61	66	5	9	50	56	58	2	8
Duval	53	56	57	1	4	51	55	57	2	6
Hillsborough	56	56	59	3	3	47	54	53	-1	6
Orange	51	53	63	10	12	44	54	56	2	12
Palm Beach	47	58	62	4	15	48	51	56	5	8
Pinellas	54	54	61	7	7	44	55	54	-1	10

Note. Summary based on all test takers on FY24 and FY25.

Table 9: Statewide Science Assessment Results – Percentages of Students Scoring Level 3 or Higher for Grades 5 and 8 for Large Urban 7 Florida Districts and State

District Name	Grade 5					Grade 8				
	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY24-FY25 Diff.	FY23-FY25 Diff.	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY24-FY25 Diff.	FY23-FY25 Diff.
State	51	53	55	2	4	44	45	49	4	5
Broward	46	52	57	5	11	38	41	45	4	7
Dade	50	53	56	3	6	40	42	46	4	6
Duval	48	49	52	3	4	35	37	37	0	2
Hillsborough	47	47	50	3	3	41	43	48	5	7
Orange	59	61	62	1	3	50	48	52	4	2
Palm Beach	51	53	54	1	3	46	48	51	3	5
Pinellas	60	64	67	3	7	47	50	58	8	11

Table 10: EOC Subjects – Percentages of Students Scoring Level 3 or Higher for the Large Urban 7 Florida Districts and State

District Name	Biology					Civics					U.S. History				
	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY24 -FY25 Diff.	FY23-FY25 Diff.	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY24-FY25 Diff.	FY23-FY25 Diff.	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY24-FY25 Diff.	FY23-FY25 Diff.
State	63	67	71	4	8	66	67	70	3	4	63	68	70	2	7
Broward	63	70	77	7	14	64	68	72	4	8	63	69	75	6	12
Dade	65	70	74	4	9	68	70	74	4	6	66	70	73	3	7
Duval	66	69	73	4	7	63	63	67	4	4	61	69	71	2	10
Hillsborough	62	64	68	4	6	64	65	62	-3	-2	65	68	73	5	8
Orange	63	69	73	4	10	61	62	69	7	8	63	69	70	1	7
Palm Beach	63	67	72	5	9	65	66	72	6	7	62	65	66	1	4
Pinellas	59	62	70	8	11	68	73	78	5	10	59	67	71	4	12

For questions about the School District of Palm Beach County’s FAST results, please contact Dr. Adam Miller, Chief of Performance Accountability, at 561-434-8851. If you have questions about instructional programs, please contact Maria Bishop, Chief Academic Officer, at 561-434-8618. If you have questions about individual school efforts and the FAST tests, please contact the appropriate Regional or Instructional Superintendent.

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