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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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TO: School Board Members

THROUGH: Michael J. Burke, Superintendent *MJB*

FROM: Jamie Wyatt, Deputy Superintendent/Chief of Schools *JW*
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SUBJECT: FY25 FEDERAL HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION RATES

The Florida Department of Education (FDOE) has released high school graduation rates for the State of Florida and the School District of Palm Beach County. The FY25 Federal High School Graduation Rate includes standard diplomas but excludes special diplomas and General Education Diplomas (GEDs). Students with Disabilities (SWD) on Access Points curriculum are working to earn a standard diploma and are included as graduates, if successful.

Summary of Results

In FY25, the District's overall graduation rate was 93.5%. The District's overall graduation rate continues to exceed the state average. When comparing FY25 to FY21, the District's graduation rates increased overall and for each subgroup.

From FY24 to FY25, the District graduation rate:

- **Increased from 92.1% to 93.5% (+1.4) overall and from 95.9% to 96.7% (+0.8) for District-operated schools.**
- Increased for Black students by 3.4, for Hispanic students by 1.3, for English Language Learners (ELL) by 4.4, for Free or Reduced-Price Lunch (FRL) students by 2.2, and for Students with Disabilities (SWD) by 1.2 percentage points.

During the five years from FY21 to FY25, the District graduation rate:

- Increased by 2.5 percentage points from 91.0% to 93.5%.
- Increased for Black students by 3.6, Hispanic students by 2.9, for White students by 1.7, for ELL students by 5.1, for FRL students by 3.6, for SWD students by 7.6 percentage points.

The attached tables provide five-year (FY21-FY25) historical summaries. Table 1 reports the graduation rates for Florida, the District, and six other large urban school districts. Table 2 shows the graduation rates for Black, Hispanic, White, ELL, FRL, and SWD students. Table 3 reports the graduation rates for District-operated and Charter

schools. Tables 4 to 6 reports graduation rates for District-operated high schools, Charter high schools, and Alternative schools, respectively. Notably for District-operated schools:

- The graduation rates for all 25 (100%) of the District-operated high schools exceeded 92%.
- Ten high schools had graduation rates of 99% or higher: Alexander W. Dreyfoos (100%), Dr. Joaquín García (99.4%), Glades Central (99.5%), Olympic Heights (99.8%), Pahokee (99.0%), Spanish River (99.2%), Suncoast (100%), Village Academy (100%), Wellington (99.9%), and West Boca Raton (99.7%).
- Five high schools increased their graduation rates by 2 or more percentage points from FY24. Atlantic showed the largest single year change with a 5-percentage point increase, followed by Forest Hill with a 4.7 percentage point increase.
- Ten high schools showed a positive five-year change in excess of 1 percentage point. Glades Central showed the largest five-year change with a 12-percentage point increase followed by John I. Leonard with a 5-percentage point increase.
- Of the District Alternative and ESE Centers, Turning Points Academy increased 12.2 percentage points.
- Royal Palm School and Palm Beach Virtual maintained a graduation rate of 100%.

Next Steps for Schools:

Using the Executive Summary and the Graduation Rate Analysis Tool¹ (anticipated availability by January 23, 2026), reflect on the following questions:

1. How does our overall rate compare to the prior year? The last five years? What trends do you see?
2. Are there differences between groups of students by race/ethnicity or gender?
3. Which of the “W” (withdrawal) codes had the greatest increase or decrease?
4. What percentage of students compared to the prior year are non-graduates, Dropouts? Why?
5. Did the percentage of Graduates who met the assessment requirement with a concordant score increase or decrease? Which students? Why? How can we better support them?
6. Did the percentage of non-Graduates who did not meet the credit or GPA requirement increase or decrease? Why? Which students? How can we better support them?
7. What are we doing to monitor students beginning in the ninth grade and tracking them to graduation?

It should be noted that due to COVID-19, assessment requirements for graduation were waived for FY20 and FY21 seniors ([Emergency Order No. 2021-EO-02](#)) who had yet to meet those requirements. This fact should be kept in mind when examining longitudinal trends. If you have questions about graduation rates, please contact Dr. Adam Miller, Chief of Performance Accountability, at 561-434-8851. For information regarding District initiatives to increase graduation rates, please contact Jamie Wyatt, Deputy Superintendent/ Chief of Schools, at 561-969-5829. For questions regarding specific schools, contact the appropriate Regional/Instructional Superintendent.

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Attachments

- c: Academic and Operating Chiefs
Regional/Instructional Superintendents
Academic Directors
Principals

¹ The Graduation Rate Analysis Tool will be available at <https://www.palmbeachschools.org/Page/514>

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Table 1. FY21-FY25 Federal Graduation Rates for Florida and Large Urban Districts

	FY21*	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	1-Year Change	5-Year Change
Florida	90.1	87.3	88.0	89.7	92.2	2.5	2.1
Palm Beach	91.0	89.0	90.5	92.1	93.5	1.4	2.5
Broward	89.1	87.2	88.7	89.0	91.4	2.4	2.3
Dade	90.1	88.2	90.3	91.8	93.1	1.3	3.0
Duval	89.6	85.6	87.2	90.9	94.3	3.4	4.7
Hillsborough	89.2	87.9	86.2	88.0	90.9	2.9	1.7
Orange	90.4	87.0	89.1	89.3	92.7	3.4	2.3
Pinellas	92.0	88.1	87.7	91.5	93.4	1.9	1.4

*FY21 students were able to graduate without certain requirements due to COVID-19 exemptions.

Table 2. FY21-FY25 Federal Graduation Rates for Florida and District by Student Subgroup

	Subgroup	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	1-Year Change	5-Year Change
Florida	Black	87.1	82.0	83.2	85.3	89.2	3.9	2.1
	Hispanic	89.4	85.9	86.8	89.0	91.6	2.6	2.2
	White	91.8	90.6	91.0	92.4	94.0	1.6	2.2
	ELL	86.1	73.0	76.1	80.7	86.3	5.6	0.2
	FRL	87.2	83.1	83.8	86.2	89.5	3.3	2.3
	SWD	82.3	83.5	85.5	86.8	89.1	2.3	6.8
Palm Beach	Black	88.8	83.8	86.7	89.0	92.4	3.4	3.6
	Hispanic	88.6	86.5	88.4	90.2	91.5	1.3	2.9
	White	94.7	95.1	95.7	96.8	96.4	-0.4	1.7
	ELL	82.7	69.3	76.1	83.4	87.8	4.4	5.1
	FRL	88.0	84.9	86.6	89.4	91.6	2.2	3.6
	SWD	83.7	86.3	88.8	90.1	91.3	1.2	7.6

Table 3. FY21-FY25 Federal Graduation Rates for District Operated and Charter Schools*

	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	1-Year Change	5-Year Change
District Operated Schools	95.9	92.8	94.1	95.9	96.7	0.8	0.8
Charter Schools	57.8	61.1	67.1	66.3	71.6	5.3	13.8

* Estimated from School level Graduation Data

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Table 4. FY21-FY25 Federal Graduation Rates for District Operated High Schools

Region	School#	School	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	1-Year Change	5-Year Change
C	1561	DR. JOAQUÍN GARCÍA HIGH SCHOOL				NR	99.4	NA	NA
C	0581	FOREST HILL COMMUNITY HIGH	95.0	85.9	91.8	92.7	97.4	4.7	2.4
C	1361	JOHN I. LEONARD HIGH	93.5	91.0	93.5	96.4	98.5	2.1	5.0
C	0691	LAKE WORTH HIGH	95.4	90.7	87.8	99.0	95.6	-3.4	0.2
C	2631	PALM BEACH CENTRAL HIGH	96.5	95.4	94.4	97.0	97.4	0.4	0.9
C	2331	ROYAL PALM BEACH HIGH	95.0	91.8	94.5	96.0	95.7	-0.3	0.7
C	2191	WELLINGTON HIGH	97.8	97.8	97.9	99.4	99.9	0.5	2.1
G	2301	GLADES CENTRAL HIGH	87.5	90.8	97.2	98.0	99.5	1.5	12.0
G	1771	PAHOKEE MIDDLE-SENIOR HIGH	99.0	100.0	98.9	98.0	99.0	1.0	0.0
N	0395	ALEXANDER W DREYFOOS JR HIGH	99.4	99.4	99.7	99.7	100.0	0.3	0.6
N	0081	JUPITER HIGH	95.8	95.1	95.4	97.2	98.0	0.8	2.2
N	1371	PALM BEACH GARDENS HIGH	94.6	90.0	92.4	93.6	93.6	0.0	-1.0
N	1851	PALM BEACH LAKES HIGH	91.6	79.7	84.1	90.7	93.6	2.9	2.0
N	3861	SEMINOLE RIDGE COMM. HIGH	97.3	96.0	98.1	97.9	97.6	-0.3	0.3
N	0151	SUNCOAST COMMUNITY HIGH	100.0	99.0	99.7	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0
N	2201	WILLIAM T. DWYER HIGH	98.3	96.8	93.8	96.3	97.7	1.4	-0.6
S	0862	ATLANTIC HIGH	94.9	88.6	91.1	92.3	97.3	5.0	2.4
S	0961	BOCA RATON COMMUNITY HIGH	98.7	96.5	96.8	95.7	96.8	1.1	-1.9
S	2361	BOYNTON BEACH COMM. HIGH	90.0	80.7	88.1	90.7	92.7	2.0	2.7
S	2181	OLYMPIC HEIGHTS COMM. HIGH	99.6	100.0	99.8	100.0	99.8	-0.2	0.2
S	2001	PARK VISTA COMMUNITY HIGH	98.2	97.9	98.3	98.4	98.3	-0.1	0.1
S	1611	SANTALUCES COMMUNITY HIGH	97.6	92.1	92.8	96.3	97.4	1.1	-0.2
S	1681	SPANISH RIVER COMM. HIGH	99.8	100.0	99.7	100.0	99.2	-0.8	-0.6
S	2811	VILLAGE ACADEMY CENTER	97.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	3.0
S	3251	WEST BOCA RATON HIGH	98.0	98.2	99.0	99.1	99.7	0.6	1.7

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Table 5. FY21-FY25 Federal Graduation Rates for District Charter Schools

Region	School #	School	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	1-Year Change	5-Year Change
CH	3400	BELIEVERS ACADEMY	30.4	50.0	45.0	30.0	55.6	25.6	25.2
CH	2521	ED VENTURE CHARTER	33.3	28.0	33.3	34.8	51.9	17.1	18.6
CH	3398	EVERGLADES PREP. ACADEMY	93.5	81.5	67.3	71.4	90.0	18.6	-3.5
CH	4081	FLORIDA FUTURES ACADEMY- NORTH	0.0	5.4	0.0	5.1	10.0	4.9	10.0
CH	3396	G-STAR	92.5	94.1	91.7	94.3	95.7	1.4	3.2
CH	1461	INLET GROVE COMMUNITY HIGH	97.4	95.4	99.5	99.3	100.0	0.7	2.6
CH	3083	LEARNING ACADEMY ELS CENTER	66.7	88.2	94.1	86.7	93.8	7.1	27.1
CH	3971	PALM BEACH PREP CHARTER ACADEMY	11.0	54.7	59.4	48.5	48.4	-0.1	37.4
CH	3924	PALM BEACH MARITIME ACADEMY	100.0	89.7	92.9	87.5	95.1	7.6	-4.9
CH	2941	PALM BEACH SCHOOL FOR AUTISM	100.0	92.3	NR	82.1	95.7	13.6	-4.3
CH	3401	QUANTUM HIGH	21.3	8.3	15.1	22.0	36.8	14.8	15.5
CH	3391	SEAGULL ACADEMY	40.0	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
CH	4103	SLAM BOCA		100.0	89.4	100.0	99.2	-0.8	99.2
CH	4111	SLAM HIGH SCHOOL PALM BEACH		53.5	74.4	92.9	92.4	-0.5	92.4
CH	4013	SOMERSET ACADEMY CANYONS HIGH	98.6	96.7	97.8	97.9	100.0	2.1	1.4
CH	1571	SOUTH TECH ACADEMY	96.5	96.9	97.3	98.5	100.0	1.5	3.5
CH	3386	TOUSSAINT L'OUVERTURE HIGH	10.0	0.0	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
CH	3421	WORTHINGTON HIGH	27.5	9.4	22.3	34.1	40.5	6.4	13.0

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Table 6. FY21-FY25 Federal Graduation Rates for District Alternative Schools

Region	School #	School	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	1-Year Change	5-Year Change
AL	3039	ALT. PROGRAM CENTRAL	NR	25.0	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
AL	3101	CROSSROADS ACADEMY	81.8	52.5	61.0	92.6	91.8	-0.8	10.0
AL	3024	HIGHRIDGE FAMILY CENTER	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
AL	3355	RIVIERA BEACH PREP & ACHIEVE	64.0	53.3	62.5	81.4	73.8	-7.6	9.8
AL	3046	SOUTH INTENSIVE TRANSITION	30.8	25.0	NR	NR	55.6	NR	24.8
AL	0842	TURNING POINTS ACADEMY	0.0	15.4	43.8	33.3	45.5	12.2	45.5
DJ	3010	PACE CENTER FOR GIRLS	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
DJ	3002	PALM BEACH COUNTY JAIL	NR	37.5	52.6	61.1	41.7	-19.4	NR
DJ	3354	PB JUVENILE CORRECTIONAL	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
DJ	3006	PB REGIONAL DETENTION CNTR	NR	NR	NR	0.0	0.0	0.0	NR
ES	2411	INDIAN RIDGE	NR	71.4	NR	80.0	61.5	-18.5	NR
ES	1801	ROYAL PALM	87.5	100.0	82.6	100.0	100.0	0.0	12.5
VS	7004	PALM BEACH VIRTUAL	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0
VS	7001	EDGENUITY – GRADES KG-12				100.0	NR	NR	NR
VS	7001	GRADUATION ALLIANCE - GRADES 09-12				7.0	8.0	1.0	8.0

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