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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   
Adam Miller, Ph.D., Chief of Performance Accountability 

**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 Tool<sup>1</sup> (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

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

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: FY25 FEDERAL HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION RATE****Table 1. FY21-FY25 Federal Graduation Rates for Florida and Large Urban Districts**

|                   | <b>FY21*</b> | <b>FY22</b> | <b>FY23</b> | <b>FY24</b> | <b>FY25</b> | <b>1-Year Change</b> | <b>5-Year Change</b> |
|-------------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Florida           | 90.1         | 87.3        | 88.0        | 89.7        | 92.2        | 2.5                  | 2.1                  |
| <b>Palm Beach</b> | <b>91.0</b>  | <b>89.0</b> | <b>90.5</b> | <b>92.1</b> | <b>93.5</b> | <b>1.4</b>           | <b>2.5</b>           |
| 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**

|            | <b>Subgroup</b> | <b>FY21</b> | <b>FY22</b> | <b>FY23</b> | <b>FY24</b> | <b>FY25</b> | <b>1-Year Change</b> | <b>5-Year Change</b> |
|------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| 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\***

|                           | <b>FY21</b> | <b>FY22</b> | <b>FY23</b> | <b>FY24</b> | <b>FY25</b> | <b>1-Year Change</b> | <b>5-Year Change</b> |
|---------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| 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

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: FY25 FEDERAL HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION RATE

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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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: FY25 FEDERAL HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION RATE

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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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: FY25 FEDERAL HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION RATE

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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