

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

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TO: School Board Members

FROM: Joanne W. Harrison, Ed.D., Deputy Superintendent
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VIA: James F. Notter
Superintendent of Schools

SUBJECT: 2009-2010 FIRST DAY HEAD COUNTS

On the first day of school, only students who are physically present are counted in the reported enrollment. This “head count” is lower than membership expected later in September as many students do not appear in school until the second or third week of classes.

The head count for the first day of classes, Monday, August 24, 2009, was 231,495. This number represents an increase of 287 as compared to last year’s first day count of 231,208. The student enrollment count includes all students who were in attendance at all schools, including charter schools, centers, and other non-Full Time Equivalent (FTE) student sites.

The enrollment increases this year were evidenced only at the high, center, and charter schools. High schools increased by 1,625 (2.6%) students, centers increased by 218 (10.4%) students and charters increased by 2,142 (12.8%) students.

| Table 1: First Day Head Counts by School Level | | | | | | | |
|---|-------------|-------------------|---------------|-------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Year | PreK | Elementary | Middle | High | Centers | Charters | Total |
| 2007-08 | 3,316 | 100,610 | 48,510 | 63,458 | 2,457 | 15,561 | 233,912 |
| 2008-09 | 1,896 | 98,176 | 49,525 | 62,715 | 2,102 | 16,794 | 231,208 |
| 2009-10 | 1,877 | 96,005 | 48,017 | 64,340 | 2,320 | 18,936 | 231,495 |

As the District moves towards the twentieth day enrollment count, staff monitors the enrollment based on the 2009-2010 projected twentieth day enrollment count as described in paragraph 1.

Attached to this memorandum is the first day count for each school and center by area and grade level for the 2009-10 school year. The data supplied is not disaggregated for ethnicity, English Language Learners (ELL), Exceptional Student Education (ESE), and Free and Reduced Lunch (FRL) curricula.

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Last year the enrollment at the first day of school for 2008-09 was equal to 90.4% percent of the enrollment at the twentieth day. This year with an enrollment projection of 252,544 the first day enrollment is 91.7 percent of the projected twentieth day count. This year's first day count is 287 (.12%) students higher than last year's first day count.

If you need additional information please contact **Jill Young, Director, School Boundaries at 754-321-2480.**

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Attachment

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