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TO: School Board Members

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SUBJECT: 2010-11 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 enrollment expected later in September on the twentieth day of school 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 23, 2010, was 232,850. This number represents an increase of 1,355 as compared to last year’s first day count of 231,495. 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.

As compared with the first day count for 2009-10, the enrollment increases this year were evidenced at the prekindergarten, center, and charter schools. Elementary schools first day count decreased by 1,219 (1.3%) students, middle schools first day count decreased by 568 (1.2%) students, and high schools first day count decreased by 916 (1.4%) students. Prekindergarten first day count increased by 1,478 (78.7%) students, centers first day count increased by 306 (13.2%) students and charters first day count increased by 2,274 (12.0%) students.

Table 1: First Day Head Counts by School Level							
Year	PreK	Elementary	Middle	High	Centers	Charters	Total
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
2010-11	3,355	94,786	47,449	63,424	2,626	21,210	232,850

As the District moves towards the twentieth day enrollment count, staff monitors the enrollment based on the 2010-11 projected twentieth day enrollment count as described in paragraph 1.

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Attached to this memorandum is the first day count for each school and center by area and grade level for the 2010-11 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.

Last year the enrollment on the first day of school for 2009-10 was equal to 90.7% of the enrollment at the twentieth day. This year with an enrollment projection of 255,640 the first day enrollment is 91.1% of the projected twentieth day count. This year's first day count, which includes the increase noted in prekindergarten, centers and charter schools, is 1,355 (0.59%) 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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