

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

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TO: School Board Members

FROM: Leslie M. Brown, Chief Officer
Office of Portfolio Services

VIA: Robert W. Runcie
Superintendent of Schools

SUBJECT: **PRELIMINARY 2014-2015 BENCHMARK DAY ENROLLMENT REPORT**

Beginning last year the District's benchmark enrollment reporting date was moved from the twentieth day of school to the Monday following the Labor Day holiday. This new benchmark day replaces the tenth and twentieth day enrollment counts reported in previous years. The enrollment reported on the Monday following Labor Day is statistically comparable to the annual enrollment reported on the twentieth day of school and allows for school planning processes to begin earlier than in previous years.

The District's total enrollment to be used for statistical purposes reported on Monday, September 8, 2014, was **265,401**, representing prekindergarten (PreK) through twelfth grade students enrolled in all District elementary, middle, high and combination schools, centers, and charter schools. The final Benchmark Day Enrollment Report, will include individual school enrollment data disaggregated by gender, race, ethnicity, English Language Learners (ELL), Exceptional Student Education (ESE), and Free or Reduced Lunch (FRL).

The Districtwide enrollment including centers and charter schools **increased this year by 2,838 students compared to the 2013-2014 benchmark day enrollment.** The table below shows the historical benchmark day enrollment count change over the past five years.

Historical Benchmark Day Enrollment Count

| Year | 2010-2011 | 2011-2012 | 2012-2013 | 2013-2014 | 2014-2015 |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| District PreK-12 Enrollment (Including Centers) | 233,598 | 229,314 | 227,517 | 224,955 | 225,349 |
| Enrollment Difference | (1,003) | (4,284) | (1,797) | (2,562) | 394 |
| Charter Enrollment | 23,274 | 29,489 | 33,279 | 37,608 | 40,052 |
| Charter Enrollment Increase | 2,672 | 6,215 | 3,790 | 4,329 | 2,444 |
| Total Enrollment | 256,872 | 258,803 | 260,796 | 262,563 | 265,401 |
| Total Increase | 1,669 | 1,931 | 1,993 | 1,767 | 2,838 |

Attached to this preliminary enrollment count memorandum is Appendix D that provides school enrollment disaggregated by prekindergarten through twelfth grade levels. This appen ix also provides the difference between the actual and projected enrollment in addition to the number of students over or under each school's Florida Inventory of School Houses (FISH) permanent capacity. This memorandum and the attached report can be accessed on the Demographics & Student Assignments Department Web site located at: <http://www.broward.k12.fl.us/dsa/enrollmentcounts.shtml>. If you need additional information please contact **Patrick Sipple, Director, Demographics & Student Assignments Department at (754) 321-2480.**

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Attachment

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