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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 2017/18 BENCHMARK DAY ENROLLMENT REPORT**

Beginning in the 2013/14 school year, the District's benchmark enrollment reporting date was moved from the twentieth day of school to the Monday following the Labor Day holiday. However, due to the impacts of Hurricane Irma, which forced schools and district offices to close on September 7, 2017 and not reopen until September 18, 2017, an official enrollment date for statistical purposes for Broward County Public Schools needed to be selected. In order to allow students whose families may have evacuated South Florida in advance of the storm to return to school, as well as to capture any increase in enrollment due to displaced students from other counties, it was determined that the date would need to be extended. Monday, September 25, 2017 was selected as the date that allowed for the most accurate enrollment count, while reducing potential impact to the Boundary Process and Demographics & Student Assignments Department timelines for events and the release of critical statistical reports.

The District's total enrollment to be used for statistical purposes reported on Monday, September 25, 2017, was **271,517**, representing prekindergarten (PreK) through twelfth grade students enrolled in all District elementary, middle, high, combination, center, and charter schools. The final comprehensive Benchmark Day Enrollment Report, to be released on September 28, 2017, will additionally include individual school enrollment data disaggregated by gender, race, ethnicity, English Language Learners (ELL), Exceptional Student Education (ESE), and Free or Reduced Lunch (FRL).

Enrollment in District schools, including centers but not charter schools, **increased this year by 684 students compared to the 2016/17 benchmark day enrollment.** Enrollment at charter schools **decreased by 412 272 students.** The table below shows the historical benchmark day enrollment count change over the past five years.

Historical Benchmark Day Enrollment Count

Year	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-18
District PreK-12 Enrollment (Including Centers)	224,955	225,349	225,554	225,740	226,424
Enrollment Difference	(2,562)	394	205	186	684
Charter Enrollment	37,608	40,052	43,242	45,365	45,093
Charter Enrollment Increase	4,329	2,444	3,190	2,123	(272)
Total Enrollment	262,563	265,401	268,836	271,105	271,517
Total Increase	1,767	2,838	3,435	2,269	412

Attached to this preliminary enrollment count memorandum is Appendix D that provides school enrollment disaggregated by prekindergarten through twelfth grade levels. This appendix 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. Also attached is a revised Boundary Process Timeline that accounts for the later enrollment reporting date and the disruption to the lives of students and families. The new timeline will be communicated and shared through the District Advisory Council, municipal officials, directors and principals, and the District's Public Information Office communication tools. This memorandum, the attached report, and the revised Boundary Process Timeline can be accessed on the Demographics & Student Assignments Department website 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**.

RWR/LMB/PJS/JB/MD

Attachments

cc: Senior Leadership Team
 Directors of School Performance & Accountability
 Jody Perry, Director, Charter Schools Management/Support

2018-19 Boundary Process Timeline- Modified due to Hurricane Irma

Dates	Description	Status
May 31, 2017 – September 29, 2017 October 13, 2017	DSA to work with community members who want to draw boundary proposals. Process and proposals shared with principals, schools, city elected officials and community members; proposals to be posted on the DSA website as they become available	
June 19, 2017 – November 9, 2017	DSA provides an online forum for stakeholders to comment on posted boundary change proposals	
June 27, 2017	RSBM School Boundary Committee Resolution	
October 10, 2017 October 24, 2017	New School Board Workshop On All Concepts	
September 22, 2017 October 30, 2017	Deadline for one representative and one alternate from each I-Zone (through SAC/SAF) to be selected to the School Boundary Committee by the IZone Principal Facilitators	
October 2017	DSA holds community meetings with schools impacted by boundary change proposals	
October 16, 2017 – October 30, 2017 November 1, 2017 – November 9, 2017	Community map proposers that met the initial proposal deadline have the opportunity to submit revised proposals based on input from the communities	
October 20, 2017 November 8, 2017	DSA hosts a video orientation and training meeting for members of the School Boundary Committee	
November 2017	DSA holds a second round of community meetings with schools impacted by <i>revised</i> boundary change proposals	
November 17, 2017	DSA to host a public School Boundary Committee meeting to share all proposed boundary changes with the community at-large at a location closest to the impacted schools	
November 27, 2017	School Boundary Committee to meet and deliberate on all proposed boundary changes at a location closest to impacted schools	
November 9, 2017 January 9, 2018	Deadline for all comments on proposals	
January 23, 2018	School Boundary Committee representatives present the Committee’s recommendations to the School Board at a School Board workshop	
January 26, 2018	Superintendent’s memo on final boundary recommendations	
January 31, 2018	Public notice for two public hearings	
February 28, 2018 (Tentative)	School Board Boundary Public Hearing I	
March 14, 2018 (Tentative)	School Board Boundary Public Hearing II	
April 2018	School Board Boundary Public Hearing III (If Needed)	