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Martin County School District
District Earns “A” Grade for 8th Consecutive Year
2009 FCAT Results: 17 “A” Schools, 3 “B” Schools

June 18, 2009 - Today the Florida Department of Education released school grades for the 2008-2009 school year. Based on the results of the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT), the Martin County School District earned 17 “A” schools and 3 “B” schools. Martin County High School and Jensen Beach Elementary both raised their school grades, earning “A” grades in 2009 (each school earned a “B” in 2008)! Among the three schools that earned “B” grades in 2009, Crystal Lake Elementary earned enough points for an “A”, but was penalized one letter grade because less than 50% of its lowest quartile made learning gains in reading and math.

In addition to the individual school grades, the Martin County School District earned an overall “A” grade from the Florida Department of Education for an eighth consecutive year. The District also ranked among the top six school districts in the state for total FCAT points earned.

“I am very proud of all of our schools for their tremendous efforts throughout the school year. Our district continues to rank among the highest performing school districts in the state. This is a remarkable accomplishment. It is very exciting for Citrus Grove Elementary to earn the state’s highest grade in its inaugural year. I also commend each of our high schools for maintaining or improving their school grades, particularly considering the statewide trend showed a decline in school grades among high schools,” said Superintendent Nancy Kline. “The formula used by the state to calculate school grades for high schools will change next school year to also include graduation rates, SAT and ACT scores, and the percentages of students in advanced courses (AP, IB, Dual Enrollment, and Industry Certifications), as opposed to only FCAT scores. This will present a new challenge for our high schools,” said Mrs. Kline.

Schools	2009 FCAT Grade
Bessey Creek Elementary	A
Citrus Grove Elementary	A
Crystal Lake Elementary	B
Felix A. Williams Elementary	A
Hobe Sound Elementary	A
J.D. Parker School of Science, Math & Tech.	A
Jensen Beach Elementary	A
Palm City Elementary	A
Pinewood Elementary	B
Port Salerno Elementary	A
SeaWind Elementary	A
Warfield Elementary	A
Anderson Middle	A
Hidden Oaks Middle	A
Indiantown Middle	A
Murray Middle	A
Stuart Middle	A
Jensen Beach High	A
Martin County High	A
South Fork High	B

Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP)

The FLDOE also released Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) results under the Federal *No Child Left Behind Act*. This year, the proficiency rates in both Reading and Math increased. In 2009, four Martin County School District schools made AYP. Those schools are Hobe Sound Elementary, Palm City Elementary, Jensen Beach Elementary, and Jensen Beach High School.

AYP requires schools meet 100% of specific subgroup criteria. While 4 MCSD schools earned AYP, 11 additional schools met at least 95% of the AYP criteria.

Additional information on FCAT and AYP results can be accessed on the Florida Department of Education website, www.fldoe.org.