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Martin County School District
8th Grade and 10th Grade FCAT Writing #1 in the State
4th Grade FCAT Writing Scores 5th Highest in the State

April 30, 2009– The Florida Department of Education has released the 2009 *FCAT Writing* scores. For each grade level tested (4th, 8th, and 10th), Martin County School District students scored above the state average for both the percentage of students scoring at or above 3.5 (proficiency) and the percentage of students scoring at or above 4.0.

In addition, scores from Martin County 8th grade students ranked #1 in the state, 10th grade scores were tied for #1 in the state, and 4th grade results were tied for the 5th highest scores among Florida’s 67 school districts. These distinctions reflect the percentage of students scoring at 3.5 (proficiency) or higher.

In addition, 9% of all 8th grade students in the Martin County School District earned perfect scores (6.0). Statewide, 4% of 8th grade students had perfect scores. “These are tremendous scores! I congratulate all of our teachers, students, administrators, and staff for their outstanding efforts,” said Superintendent Nancy Kline.

FCAT Writing + (Essay Only)	% 3.5 or above		% 4.0 or above	
	District	State	District	State
4th Grade 2009	89%	85%	79%	73%
4th Grade 2008	85%	77%	75%	63%
8th Grade 2009	96%	90%	91%	80%
8th Grade 2008	92%	88%	85%	78%
10th Grade 2009	84%	77%	68%	60%
10th Grade 2008	85%	78%	70%	62%

The 2009 FCAT Writing results show significant achievements at many of the schools in the Martin County School District. Below are just a few of the notable accomplishments. Individual school results can be viewed on the Florida Department of Education website, www.fldoe.org.

MCSD 4th Grade:

Bessey Creek Elementary and **Port Salerno Elementary** tied for having the overall highest percentage of students scoring at 3.5 or above among all 4th grade students in the district (95%). **Bessey Creek Elementary** also had second highest increase in the district for the percentage of students scoring 3.5 or above. Bessey Creek Elementary increased from 82% in 2008 to **95% in 2009**.

Hobe Sound Elementary showed the *largest increase* in the district and among elementary schools for the percentage of students scoring at or above proficiency (3.5+). Hobe Sound Elementary increased from 73% in 2008 to **91% in 2009**.



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MCSD 8th Grade

Indiantown Middle School had the highest percentage both district-wide and in the number of 8th grade students in the district scoring 3.5 or above (99%). This is the second year in a row that Indiantown Middle School has earned the highest percentage district-wide for students scoring 3.5 or above.

Anderson Middle School showed the largest increase among 8th grade students in the district scoring 3.5 or above. Anderson Middle School increased from 83% in 2008 to **95% in 2009**.

MCSD 10th Grade:

Jensen Beach High School earned the highest percentage of 10th grade students in the district scoring 3.5 or above (88%).

South Fork High School showed the largest increase among high schools in the district for the percentage of 10th grade students scoring at or above proficiency (3.5+). South Fork High school increased from 78% in 2008, to **82% in 2009**.