



MARTIN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Congratulations on 2009 FCAT Scores!

Today the Florida Department of Education released FCAT Scores in reading, math, and science for 4th-11th grade students. The results show Martin County students scored above the state average in each subject area and grade level. District scores in science also increased from 2008 for each grade level tested (5th, 8th, and 11th). I would like to commend all of our teachers, administrators and staff for their efforts to prepare students for this important test. I also congratulate our students for their hard work; families, guardians, and community for their ongoing support in helping students reach their potential.

2009 FCAT % Scoring in Levels 3-5	Reading		Math		Science	
	MCS D	State	MCS D	State	MCS D	State
4th Grade	81	74	81	75	N/A	
5th Grade	77	71	69	62	53	46
6th Grade	76	66	67	55	N/A	
7th Grade	77	67	72	60	N/A	
8th Grade	64	54	77	66	54	41
9th Grade	58	47	80	68	N/A	
10th Grade	50	37	83	69	N/A	
11th Grade	N/A		N/A		51	37

Budget Update:

On Tuesday, March 26, 2009, the District conducted a School Board Workshop that included information on both the Capital Budget and the Operating Budget. During the Capital portion of the workshop, District staff presented information on the 5-Year Capital Budget Plan, Capital Revenues, and Population Projections for the next several years. It was interesting to note that while District enrollment projections show a slight dip in student enrollment for the 2010 school year, the projections do call for a return to minimal enrollment growth for 2011, 2012, and 2013.

School districts statewide are also in the 3rd year of what financial experts predict is a 5-year cycle for reduced state education funding. For the 2009-2010 school year, the District is basing its budget on projected state cuts of approximately \$9 million. Approximately \$6 million in federal stabilization funds is helping to offset the funding reduction. Throughout the budget process the District's priorities have been to have the least possible impact to students/educational programs and to maintain as many employee positions as fiscally possible.

In identifying budget reduction recommendations, it has been my goal to be as collaborative as possible. In January 2009, District staff began receiving input on budget reduction strategies from the district's two unions (Teachers' Union and Non-Instructional Union) school administrators, and a variety of community groups/organizations. Three School Board Budget Workshops have been conducted since April 20, 2009, to gain additional feedback on budget priorities. The District continues to adhere to all state, Florida Department of Education, and TRIM requirements for preparing the 2009-2010 budget.

Missed Days at Felix A. Williams Elementary and South Fork High School Waived

During a Special School Board Meeting on Wednesday, May 27th, the School Board approved two waivers issued by The Florida Department of Education. The District requested the waivers for:

- One day missed at Felix A. Williams Elementary due to the recent brush fire (School was closed on March 26th).
- One day missed at South Fork High School due to a gas leak (School was closed on May 4th).

Staff at those two schools will also not be required to make-up the missed days.

Sincerely,
Nancy Kline, Superintendent