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Florida School Districts Ranked by Student Achievement

~ Ranking allows parents and taxpayers to compare performance district-by-district ~

KEY WEST, FL - Parents and taxpayers now have a new way to view the performance of school districts in Florida. The Florida Department of Education today released a numerical ranking of the state's 67 school districts, one of the first such in the country.

The numerical ranking is based on each school's total points derived from FCAT scores. The total is the sum of scores for reading, math, science and writing; learning gains in reading and math; and scores for learning gains in reading and math among the lowest 25 percent of students in each school. The school district ranking is determined by the school grade points they earned based on the assessment scores of all students in the district that were enrolled for the full year.

Monroe County School District was ranked 8th out of 67 School Districts in Florida. "School grades represent the culmination of an entire year's academic progress and we congratulate the entire district's efforts to reflect Constant Improvement. I applaud the dedication and hard work of our students and staff for their commitment to improve academic performance as we look forward to building on our successful results," said Superintendent Jesus Jara.

"Florida is considered a national leader when it comes to measuring the success of our schools," said Florida Education Commissioner Gerard Robinson. "The Florida Department of Education developed the first-ever school grading program in 1999, and since then we have provided our model to other states that wish to replicate our exceptional accountability system."

"Ranking districts and schools based on data-driven results demonstrates Florida's focus on ensuring students receive a high quality education and provides another helpful tool for parents, educators and taxpayers," he said.

The district rankings can be found at <http://www.fldoe.org/SchoolDistrictRanking/>. You may view Commissioner Robinson's comments regarding the rankings at <http://www.youtube.com/educationfl>