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Monroe County School District RONALD A. MARTIN 2011-2012 School Grades Released SCHOOL GRADES REFLECT NEW HIGHER STANDARDS

" - Tougher assessments, higher achievement levels, new performance components figure into school grade results -"

The Monroe County School District is pleased to announce the release of the 2011-2012 school grades as reported by the Florida Department of Education. This year's school grades include the transition to the FCAT 2.0 and changes with rigorous cut score implementation. The outstanding performance of our schools remains strong in elementary and combination grades.

"According to the 2012 school grades report for elementary, middle and some combination schools released today by the Florida Department of Education, 89 percent of schools (2,301) earned an A, B, or C grade and 11 percent (285) earned a D or F grade."

State Results Elementary, Middle and Combination Schools (without high school grades)

	2012		2011		Change in 2012	
Grade	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
A	1,124	43%	1,489	58%	-365	-15%
В	667	26%	460	18%	207	8%
C	510	20%	465	18%	45	2%
D	238	9%	118	5%	120	4%
F	47	2%	32	1%	15	1%

In Monroe County, nine out of twelve schools (High school grades pending until the fall) received an "A" rating, two a "B" rating, and one a "C." Gerald Adams School increased one letter grade and achieved an "A" distinction. The Monroe County School District continues to recognize the dedication and hard work of its students, educators, administrators, and staff. Despite statewide middle school grade decreases, the Monroe County middle and combination schools increased participation and performance in the advanced level course work including algebra, physical science, and geometry.

Dr. Jesus Jara said, "I would like to thank our students, parents, teachers, and administrators for their commitment to improve our schools' academic performance by working with the new rigorous standards. During a tough year of challenges, the teachers and students have

demonstrated that outstanding teaching and learning overcome adversity. Thank you again for your excellent contribution to our schools." Additional information is available at the Florida Department of Education website at www.fldoe.org. High School grades are expected to be released later in the fall.