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MIAMI-DADE'S SENIOR HIGHS EARN OUTSTANDING SCHOOL PERFORMANCE GRADES

Northwestern High improves to an 'A'; for the third year in a row, M-DCPS has no 'F' schools

MIAMI – Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) Superintendent Alberto M. Carvalho announced today that M-DCPS has surpassed the state in the percentage of senior high schools earning a school performance grade of "A." Carvalho made the announcement at Miami Northwestern Senior High, which received its first ever performance grade of "A."

"Today we are celebrating at a school that was labeled as a failing school for many years," said Carvalho. "We have seen that our students, with the support of family, community and organizations like Florida International University and JP Morgan Chase can move from being known as a failure to being a champion. You are looking at success today – in students, teachers and administrators."

Among the District's accomplishments:

- 60 percent of M-DCPS' senior high schools (34 schools) received an "A." Florida averaged 48 percent.
- M-DCPS outperformed the state in the percent of "A" and "B" senior high schools.
- 86 percent of M-DCPS' senior high schools (49 schools) received either an "A" or "B."
- 95 percent of M-DCPS' high schools received a school performance grade of "C" or better.
- For the third consecutive school year, M-DCPS has no "F" senior high schools.

During the 2008 legislative session, Senate Bill 1908 significantly changed the way senior high schools were to be graded beginning with the 2009-2010 school year. The bill required high school grades to include alternate measures of student achievement in addition to the vital foundation of Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT) results in Grades 9, 10, and 11. The additional measures provide an equal focus on college readiness, access to and performance on accelerated coursework, and graduation rates for all students and for those who are academically at-risk.

Complete school performance grade information is available at schoolgrades.fldoe.org.

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