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## HIGH SCHOOL GRADES REFLECT FLORIDA SUPERINTENDENTS' COMMITMENT TO PUBLIC EDUCATION

Tallahassee, FL – The Florida Association of District School Superintendents (FADSS) commends Florida's superintendents and other educators for their continued dedication to public education and the success of Florida public school students, as further evidenced by the stellar performance of Florida high schools for 2010-11 school year based on the recently released high school grades by the Florida Department of Education (DOE).

According to DOE, Florida's high schools increased in the number and percent of schools achieving high marks for the 2010-11 school year with 78 percent of the state's high schools earning either an "A" or "B" grade, an increase from 71 percent last year. These grades are based on the high school grading formula that was used for the first time in the 2009-10 school year, which takes into account additional factors like graduation rates, accelerated coursework, and certification exams; rather than the previous grading system that relied solely on Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test results.

"I am proud of the incredible leadership that my colleagues across the state continue to demonstrate, especially given the increased challenges of implementing higher academic standards with reduced funding for education," states FADSS President and Orange County Superintendent Ronald Blocker. "Florida superintendents and other educators are truly dedicated to preparing our students with the knowledge and skills for success in and beyond the classroom," adds Blocker.

Florida Superintendents look forward to continue working with Commissioner Robinson, the State Board of Education, the Florida Legislature, parents, students and the business community as we move down the path of higher academic standards and increased accountability, with the ultimate goal of increasing student achievement and academic success.

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