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August 26, 2016

Mr. Ralph Casals, Town Manager  
Town of Cutler Bay  
10720 Caribbean Boulevard  
Cutler Bay, FL 33189

Dear Mr. Casals:

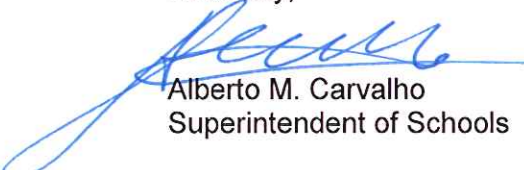
On Friday, July 8, 2016, the Florida Department of Education released the 2015-2016 School Performance Grades for all schools. These results are based on the new school grading rule and scale that were adopted by the State Board of Education in Tallahassee on January 6, 2016. There were several important changes to the school grading formula this year. This formula focuses on student success measures: achievement, learning gains, graduation and earning college credit and/or industry certifications. It also maintains a focus on students who need the most support. English Language Learners (ELLs) are included in the achievement portion of the calculation only after a student has been in an American school system for two years. As 2015-2016 was the second year of the administration of a new state assessment, these School Performance Grades include learning gains. Learning gains have historically represented an important component of the school grades calculation as it takes into account student growth, particularly for the large population of ELLs and special education students in Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS). All Florida Preliminary 2015-2016 School Performance Grades can be found at <http://oada.dadeschools.net>.

M-DCPS outpaced schools statewide in the percentage receiving "A" ratings:

- 25% of M-DCPS elementary schools, compared to 21% statewide;
- 27% of M-DCPS middle schools, compared to 25% statewide;
- 31% of M-DCPS senior high schools, compared to 22% statewide; and
- 42% of M-DCPS combination grade schools, compared to 33% statewide.

Attached please find a list of school performance grades for schools within your municipal boundaries. If you have questions about the report or need additional information, please contact Ms. Iraida R. Mendez-Cartaya, Associate Superintendent, Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, Grants Administration, and Community Engagement, at 305 995-1497, or [imendez@dadeschools.net](mailto:imendez@dadeschools.net).

Sincerely,

  
Alberto M. Carvalho  
Superintendent of Schools

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Attachment

cc: School Board Members  
Ms. Iraida R. Mendez-Cartaya

EDUCATION COMPACT PARTNER: Town of Cutler Bay

School Name	2015-2016 SCHOOL GRADE
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BEL-AIRE ELEMENTARY	C
CUTLER BAY SENIOR HIGH	A
CUTLER BAY MIDDLE	C
CUTLER RIDGE ELEMENTARY	B
DR EDWARD L WHIGHAM ELEMENTARY	C
GULFSTREAM ELEMENTARY	A
WHISPERING PINES ELEMENTARY	C