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**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION RELEASES GRADE 3 ELA TEST RESULTS –  
MARTIN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT ABOVE AVERAGE**

Stuart, FL – The Florida Department of Education released standardized test results from the Grade 3 English Language Arts (ELA) Spring testing administration. Results show that the Martin County School District is above the state average in Grade 3 ELA with 60 percent of students showing proficiency in reading, an increase of seven percentage points from last year. The Grade 3 Reading assessment is essential for students to show satisfactory reading proficiency to progress to the fourth grade.

“We are very pleased with the increased proficiency rates for our schools, particularly the Title 1 schools that demonstrated double digit growth,” says Laurie J. Gaylord, Superintendent, Martin County School District. Our schools have worked very hard to improve academic achievement for students. They have certainly demonstrated their commitment to our mission of educating all students for success.”

Overall, the Martin County School District increased seven percentage points over last year’s scores, almost twice the average increase for the state. Nearly all the elementary schools demonstrated growth from last year with four schools displaying a double digit increase (including two Title 1 schools): Jensen Beach Elementary showed 21 percentage points growth; Crystal Lake showed 14 percentage points growth; Warfield Elementary showed 12 percentage points growth; and JD Parker showed 11 percentage points growth. In addition, 75 percent of Martin County elementary schools exceeded the state average in proficiency. The top scoring schools are Citrus Grove Elementary with 82 percent proficiency; Bessey Creek Elementary with 81 percent proficiency; and Jensen Beach Elementary with 75 percent proficiency.

### Grade 3 ELA Proficiency Percentage: Year to Year Comparison

	2017	2016
Bessey Creek Elementary	81	74
Citrus Grove Elementary	82	75
Crystal Lake Elementary	69	55
Felix A. Williams Elementary	70	70
Hobe Sound Elementary	58	59
J.D. Parker Elementary	54	43
Jensen Beach Elementary	75	54
Palm City Elementary	68	64
Pinewood Elementary	51	49
Port Salerno Elementary	28	19
Seawind Elementary	60	54
Warfield Elementary	47	35
<i>District</i>	<i>60</i>	<i>53</i>
<i>State</i>	<i>58</i>	<i>54</i>

*The Martin County School District (MCSD) is an Academically High-Performing School District in Florida and is fully accredited by AdvancED, the parent organization of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Council on Accreditation and School Improvement. More information about MCSD can be found online at [www.martinschools.org](http://www.martinschools.org).*

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