

## MANATEE DISTRICT STUDENTS IMPROVE ACROSS THE BOARD ACCORDING TO FSA RESULTS

(Bradenton, FL – June 14, 2018) School District of Manatee County students improved their scores in a wide variety of academic areas according to Florida Standards Assessments (FSA) results released today by the Florida Department of Education.

The percentage of Manatee District students scoring Level 3 or higher went up in four of eight grades tested in English Language Arts and in four of six grades tested in Mathematics. The percentage of Manatee District students scoring Level 3 or higher also went up in Fifth-Grade science; Eighth-Grade Science; Algebra 1; Biology and U.S. History.

"We saw improvements across the board and I am proud of our students, teachers and school communities," said Cynthia Saunders, Deputy Superintendent of Instructional Services. The School Board selected Ms. Saunders to serve as Interim Superintendent once current Superintendent Dr. Diana Greene becomes Superintendent in Duval County on July 1, 2018. "I am especially proud that we made advancements academically even in light of some serious challenges, such as Hurricane Irma and concerns about school security in the wake of the Parkland tragedy."

In English Language Arts, students in grades 5, 8 and 10 all raised their Level 3 or higher percentage by four points. In Mathematics, grades 3 and 5 each went up by five points. In Biology, Manatee District students improved by seven percentage points.