



## Media Release

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# SCHOOL DISTRICT MAINTAINS "B" GRADE; INCREASED SCHOOL GRADES BY 9% OVER PREVIOUS YEAR

**(Bradenton, FL – June 27, 2018)** The Florida Department of Education released the official 2017-2018 school grades today, revealing that the School District of Manatee County maintained an overall District Grade of "B".

"I'm very proud of our students, teachers, faculty and administrators for their accomplishments," said Deputy Superintendent of Instructional Services, Cynthia Saunders. "This is a win for the entire community. It takes all of us working together to improve the lives and education of our children. Although we're excited that we no longer have any "D" secondary schools and we've improved our ranking from 39<sup>th</sup> in the state to 33<sup>rd</sup>, we know that we still have work to do. We are working hard towards earning an "A" for our District."

Some highlights from today's grades release include the fact that 90% of all Manatee District schools received either an "A, B, or C" grade; the fact that no school received an "F" grade for the second year since 2009; the fact that 11 of the Manatee District's schools, including eight traditional public schools and three charter schools, remained "A" grades; the fact that the number of "D" schools was nearly cut in half, from 11 in 2016 to six in 2017; and the fact that 16 of our schools improved their grade from 2017 – including two schools, which improved their grade by two letters – Myakka City Elementary School and Visible Men Academy both improved from a "C" to "A" schools.

Manatee District grades are listed below. Schools which are underlined are Title I schools, meaning that all students qualify for free or reduced lunch prices:

**A schools (15):** Myakka City Elementary, Braden River Elementary, Gullett Elementary, McNeal Elementary, Willis Elementary, Witt Elementary, Johnson Middle, Nolan Middle, Braden River High, Lakewood Ranch High, Stewart Elementary and charter schools including: Team Success, Palmetto Charter School, State College of Florida Collegiate School and Visible Men Academy.

**B schools (18):** Anna Maria Elementary, Bashaw Elementary, Freedom Elementary, Miller Elementary, Mills Elementary, Sea Breeze Elementary, Tara Elementary, Tillman Elementary, Wakeland Elementary, Williams Elementary, Braden River Middle, Buffalo Creek Middle, Haile Middle, King Middle, Manatee High, along with charter schools including: Manatee School for the Arts, Oasis Middle and Rowlett Middle Academy.

**C schools (20):** Abel Elementary, Bayshore Elementary, Kinnan Elementary, Manatee Elementary, Moody Elementary, Oneco Elementary, Palma Sola Elementary, Palmetto Elementary, Prine Elementary, Lincoln Middle, Sugg Middle, Lee Middle, Bayshore High, Palmetto High, Southeast High and charter schools including: Imagine Charter at Lakewood Ranch, Imagine Charter School at North Manatee, Manatee Charter, Manatee School of Arts/Sciences and Rowlett Academy for Arts and Communication.

**D schools (6):** Ballard Elementary, Blackburn Elementary, Rogers Garden-Bullock Elementary, Palm View Elementary, Daughtrey Elementary and Samoset Elementary.

"After examining the grades, I'm proud to be leaving the District on a high note. I look forward to watching the District work together to continue on the right path towards its ultimate goal of becoming an "A" District," said Superintendent Dr. Diana Greene.

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