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**MANATEE COUNTY**  
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## **SCHOOL DISTRICT MOVES FROM "C" TO "B" GRADE; NO "F" SCHOOLS FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE 2009**

(Bradenton, FL – June 28, 2017) The Florida Department of Education released the official 2016-2017 school grades today, revealing that the School District of Manatee County received an overall District Grade of "B".

"I'm very proud of our students, teachers, faculty and administrators for their accomplishments," said Superintendent Dr. Diana Greene. "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, we know that we still have work to do. We're going to keep rolling up our sleeves and working hard."

Some highlights from today's grades release include the fact that 81% of all Manatee District schools received either an "A, B, or C" grade; the fact that no school received an "F" grade, for the first time since 2009; the fact that five of the Manatee District's schools, including four traditional public schools and one charter school, remained "A" grades; the fact that the number of "A" schools nearly tripled in one year, from five in 2015 to 14 in 2016; and the fact that 22 of our schools improved their grade from 2016 – including two schools, which improved their grade by two letters – Harlee Middle and Visible Men Academy improved from an "F" to a "C"; and one school, which improved its grade by three letters – Tillman Elementary went from an "F" grade to a "B."

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

**A schools (14):** Anna Maria Elementary, Braden River Elementary, Gullett Elementary, McNeal Elementary, Palma Sola Elementary, Tara Elementary, Willis Elementary, Witt Elementary, Johnson Middle, Nolan Middle, Lakewood Ranch High, and charter schools including: Team Success, Palmetto Charter School, and State College of Florida Collegiate School.

**B schools (13):** Mills Elementary, Sea Breeze Elementary, Stewart Elementary, Tillman Elementary, Wakeland Elementary, Williams Elementary, Haile Middle, King Middle, Braden River High, Manatee High, Southeast High, along with charter schools: Imagine Charter at Lakewood Ranch, and Manatee School for the Arts.

**C schools (21):** Abel Elementary, Bashaw Elementary, Blackburn Elementary, Freedom Elementary, Kinnan Elementary, Manatee Elementary, Miller Elementary, Moody Elementary, Myakka City Elementary, Palmetto Elementary, Samoset Elementary, Buffalo Creek Middle, Braden River Middle, Harlee Middle, Lincoln Middle, Bayshore High, Palmetto High, and charter schools including: Imagine Charter School at North Manatee, Oasis Middle, Rowlett Academy for Arts and Communication, and Visible Men Academy.

**D schools (11):** Ballard Elementary, Bayshore Elementary, Daughtrey Elementary, Lee Middle, Oneco Elementary, Palm View Elementary, Prine Elementary, Rogers Garden-Bullock Elementary, Sugg Middle, along with charter schools: Manatee Charter School and Manatee School of Arts and Sciences.

"After examining the grades, I'm pleased - but we have more work to do. In reviewing our "D" schools all of them were within a few points of earning a "C" grade. I am very proud of all of our schools and together we will continue to make gains and stay on the right path towards student success and achievement and "A"dvance our School District," said Deputy Superintendent Cynthia Saunders.

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