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Palm Beach County Public Schools (PBCPS)

**ACALETICS®**  
**Evidence of Effectiveness**  
**and**  
**Successful Florida Partnerships**



**2003-2014**

**ACALETICS® Math Partnerships**

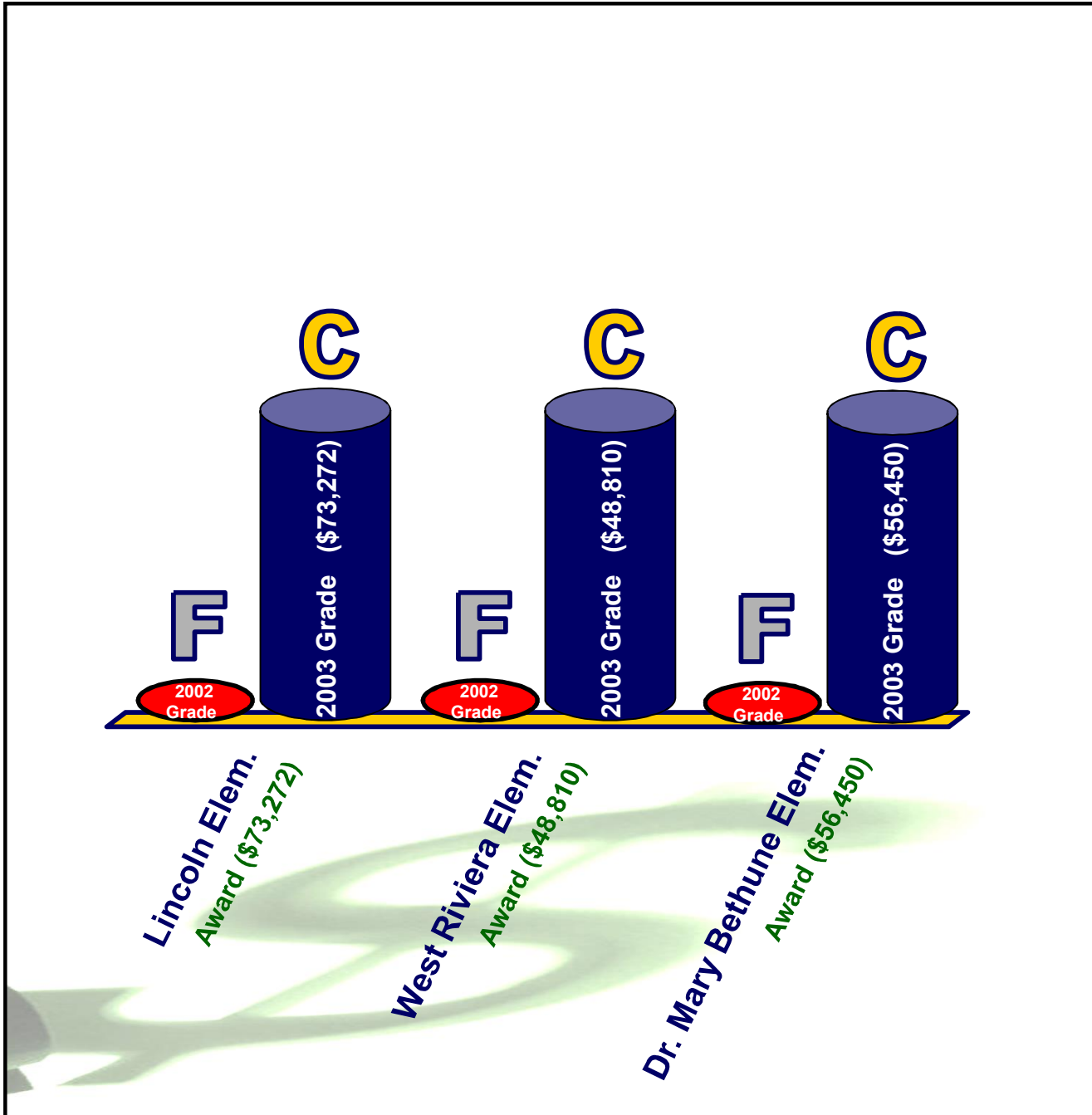
# Executive Summary

“As school systems nationwide sign multi-million dollar contracts with universities and educational companies to save their struggling schools, Educational Development Associates signs individual schools at a fraction of the cost and often produces immediate results using its innovative program ACALETICS®.”  
- The Miami Herald

- “ On July 19, 2010, ACALETICS® was recognized by the Florida Department of Education and the Council for Educational Change (CEC), established by the Florida Annenberg Challenge, as a Best Practice in Mathematics at the 8th Florida Leadership Academy held at the University of South Florida in Tampa.
- “ 3 “F”-Schools (Bethune, Lincoln and West Riviera Elementary Schools) went to a “C “ in one year under the leadership of Dr. Beverly Barton, Palm Beach County School District Executive. (See Exhibit #1 – Page 1)
- “ From 2004 to 2007, the total Florida Schools Recognition Program Award during the Kirklane Elementary - ACALETICS® partnership was \$410,329. (See Exhibit #2 – Page 2)
- “ In 2006, ACALETICS® partner, Roosevelt Elementary was one of 100 elementary schools in Florida recognized by Commissioner Winn for making progress. (See Exhibit #3 – Page 3)
- “ Northboro Elementary increased its English Language Learners (ELL) subgroup for Percent Scoring At/Above Proficiency by +33 percentage points from 2006 to 2007 resulting in a “Gap Reversal”! (See Exhibit #4 – Page 4)
- “ From 2010 to 2014, Pleasant City Elementary ranked #1 in Palm Beach County among elementary schools for its Math Composite Change (change in % Math Proficiency + Math Gains + Lowest 25% Math Gains). (See Exhibit #5 – Page 5)
- “ The principal of Cypress Springs Elementary School attributes its achievements in math to ACALETICS®. (See Exhibit #5 – Page 5)
- “ From 2008 to 2011, the total Florida Schools Recognition Program Award during the L.C. Swain Middle - ACALETICS® partnership was \$303,930. (See Exhibit #6 – Page 6)
- “ Current Commissioner of Education Pam Stewart during her term as principal partnered with ACALETICS® to take Reddick-Collier Elementary from an “F” to a “C” in one year. (See Exhibit #7 – Page 7)
- “ Manatee County School District improves struggling schools. (See Exhibit #8 – Page 8)
- “ During the 2014 School Year, 7 out of 9 schools that partnered with ACALETICS® received funds under the Florida Schools Recognition Program for improving at least one performance grade. (See Exhibit #9 – Page 9)
- “ Twin Lakes Elementary increased its Hispanic subgroup for Percent Scoring At/Above Proficiency by +26 percentage points from 2003 to 2010 resulting in a “Gap Reversal”! (See Exhibit #10 – Page 10)
- “ In 2013, Gadsden County is ranked #3 in the state with 71% of its third-graders performing at or above proficiency in math compared to the State average of 58%. (See Exhibit #11 – Page 11)
- “ In 2011, Westside Elementary (Volusia County) was projected to be an “F” school. Through its ACALETICS® partnership, Westside Elementary obtained a ‘B”. (See Exhibit #12– Page 12)
- “ ACALETICS® partner, Mr. Griffin was honored as the 2010 Florida Principal of the Year. (See Exhibit #13 – Page 13)
- “ ACALETICS® Value Proposition - ACALETICS® provides its clients with an extremely high Return On Investment (ROI). (See Exhibit #14 – Page 14)



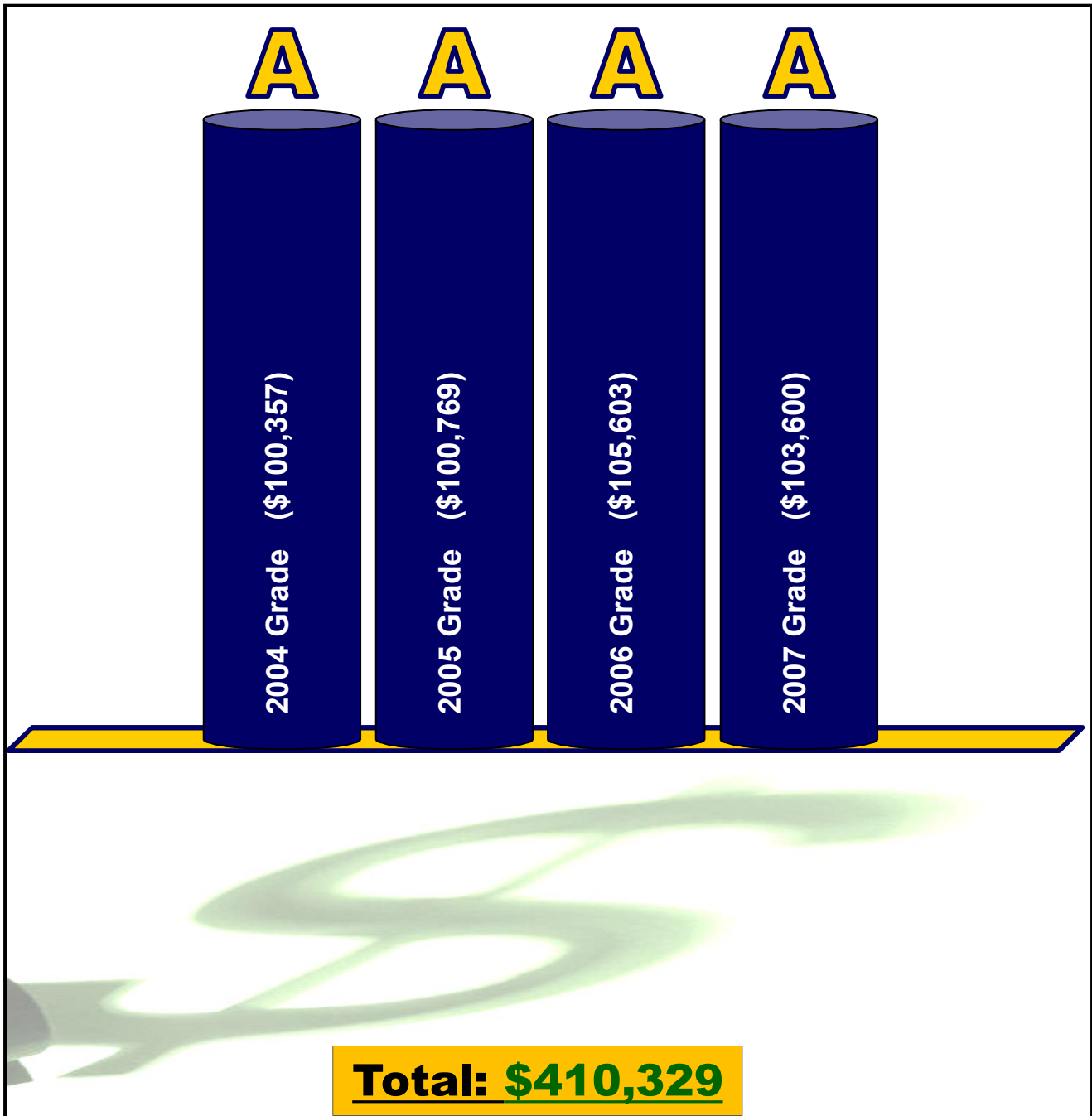
**2003 PBCPS-ACALETICS® Partnerships  
Florida School Recognition Program**



For the 2003 School Year, 3 “F” schools that partnered with ACALETICS® all went from an “F” to a “C” in one year under the leadership of Dr. Beverly Barton, Palm Beach County School District Executive. The total Florida School Recognition Program Award was **\$178,532**.



**Kirklane Elementary-ACALETICS® Partnership  
2004 to 2007  
Florida School Recognition Program**



Kirklane Elementary's partnership with ACALETICS® from 2004 to 2007 resulted in 4 consecutive As, along with \$410,329 under the Florida School Recognition Program.



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### PRESS RELEASE

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#### Commissioner Winn Announces **Top Schools for Making Progress** *Schools recognized for improvement during 2005-2006*

TALLAHASSEE – Education Commissioner John L. Winn today announced **the top schools in Florida for making progress in student achievement**. Schools recognized for progress were honored for the highest increase in total points for school grades when compared to last year.

“Honoring schools with the greatest gains in student achievement highlights the extraordinary progress made with many of Florida’s most struggling students,” said Commissioner Winn.

The top 100 elementary schools, 75 middle schools, 50 high schools, and 50 combination schools were recognized for making the most year-to-year progress in school grade points. This recognition is for schools that had the highest increase in the total points a school received on the school grading criteria for the 2005-2006 academic year compared to the previous year. Broward County and Polk County each have two elementary schools in the top 10. Broward County and Miami-Dade each have three middle schools in the top 10. Broward County has four high schools in the top 10. Orange County has two combination schools in the top 10.

ACALETICS Schools are Highlighted!

### Top 100 Elementary Schools for Making Progress

Rank	School	District	Points Earned 2006	Points Earned 2005	Difference 2005 to 2006
44	<b>Roosevelt Elementary School</b>	<b>Palm Beach</b>	<b>399</b>	<b>327</b>	<b>72</b>
44	Bethune Mary M Elementary School	Broward	412	340	72
44	<b>Watkins Elementary School</b>	<b>Broward</b>	<b>432</b>	<b>360</b>	<b>72</b>
44	Liberty Elementary School	Broward	448	376	72
44	Lakeview Elementary School	Dade	483	411	72
50	The Imagine School	Palm Beach	305	234	71
50	Cornerstone Elementary School	Flagler	384	313	71

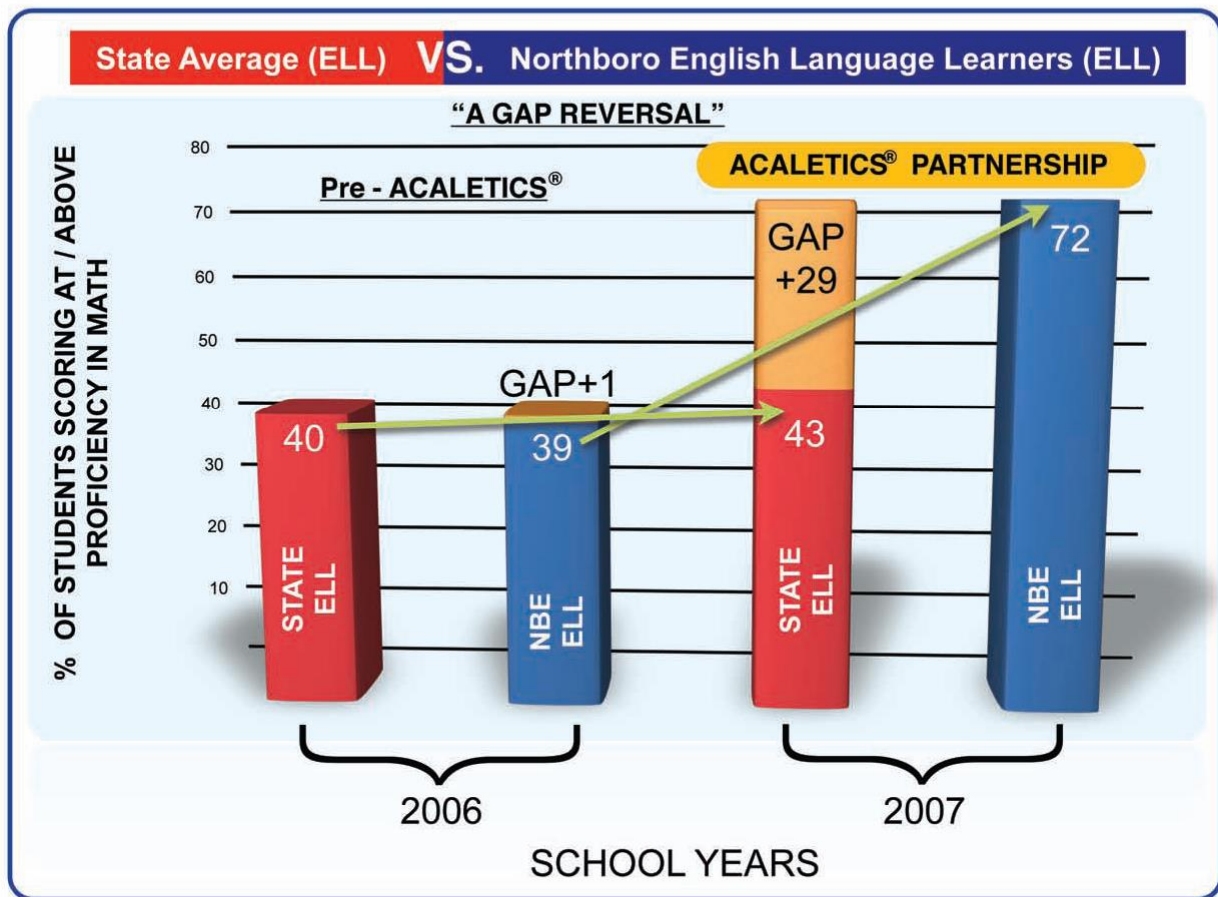
**In 2006, ACALETICS® partner, Roosevelt Elementary was one of 100 elementary schools recognized by Commissioner Winn for making progress.**



# ACALETICS® Subgroup Gap Analysis - Math



**NORTHBORO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (NBE)**  
**2006 – 2007 Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP)**



**Northboro Elementary School (NBE):**

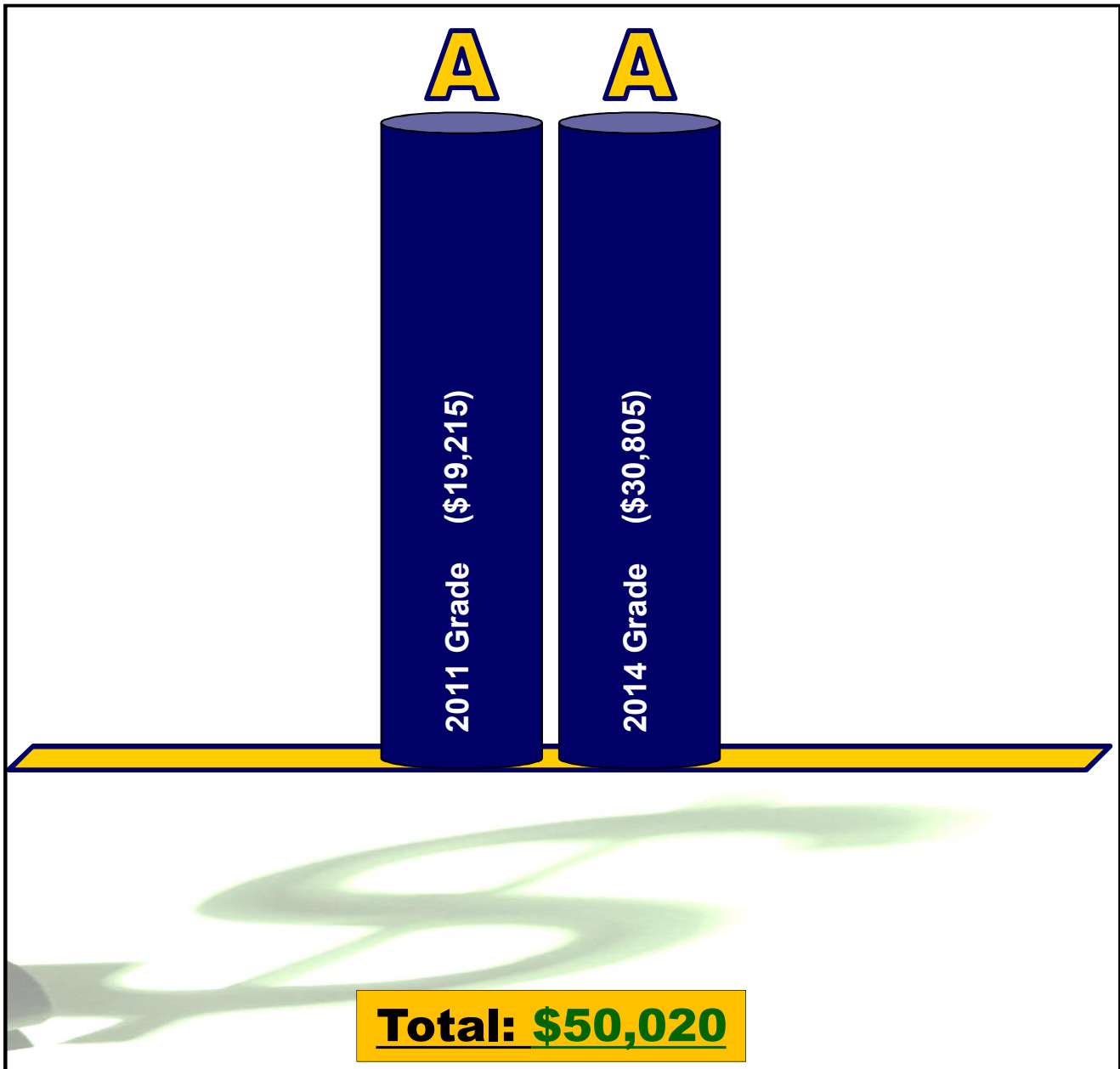
Data Source: Vermont Department of EDUCATION

- NBE increased its English Language Learners by **+33** percentage points in its Percent of Students Scoring At/Above Proficiency in Math from 2006 to 2007!
- In 2006, NBE’s English Language Learners subgroup was below (-1 percentage point) the State (ELL) Subgroup in Percent of Students Scoring At/Above Proficiency in Math. During the one-year **ACALETICS®** partnership, NBE exceeded the achievement of the State by **+29** percentage points (“A Gap Reversal”) in 2007!





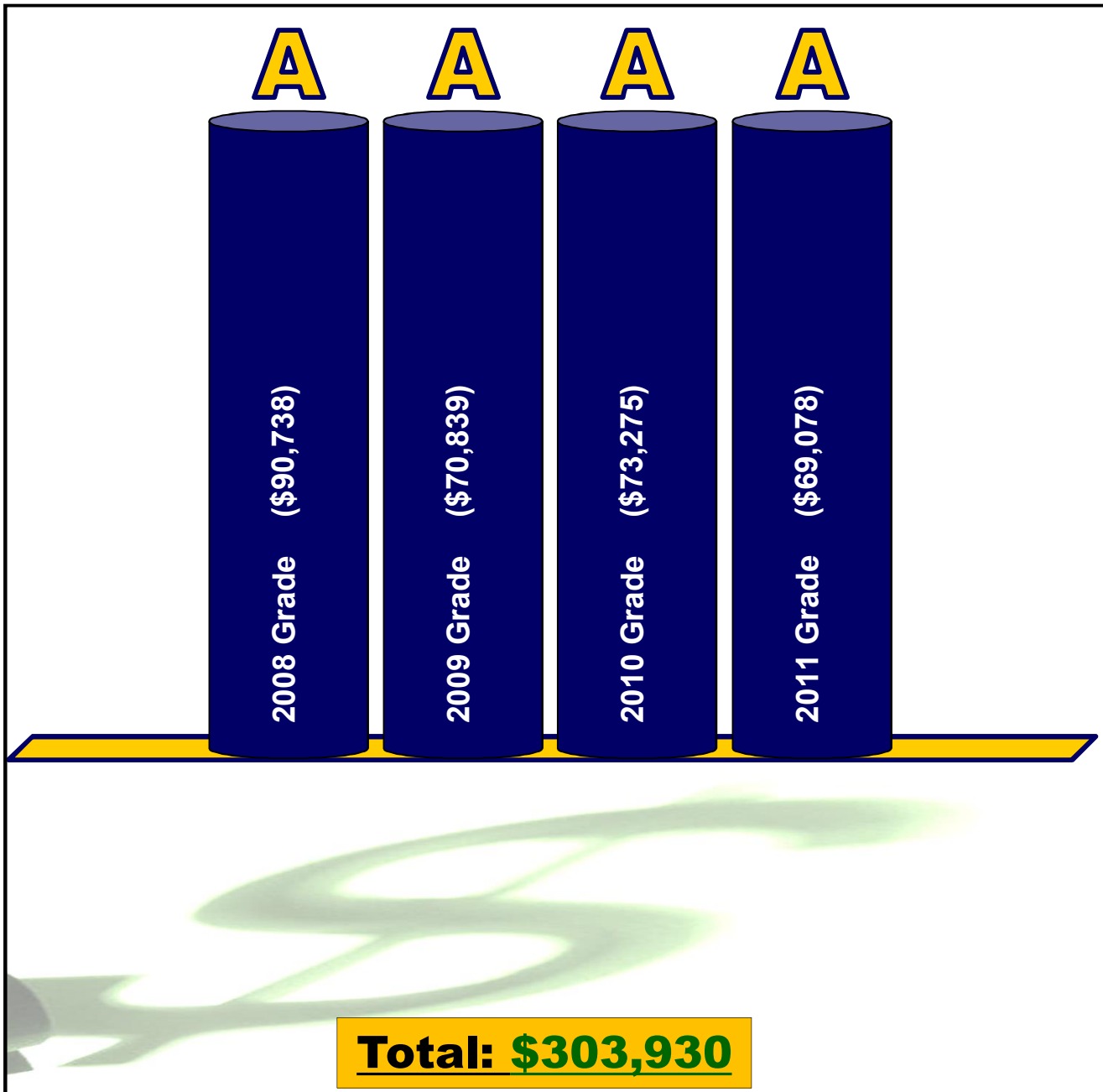
**Pleasant City Elementary-ACALETICS® Partnership  
2011 to 2014  
Florida School Recognition Program**



Pleasant City Elementary's partnership with ACALETICS® from 2011 to 2014 resulted in 2 As, along with \$50,020 under the Florida School Recognition Program. From 2010 to 2014, Pleasant City Elementary ranked #1 in Palm Beach County among elementary schools for its Math Composite Change (change in % Math Proficiency + Math Gains + Lowest 25% Math Gains).



**L.C. Swain Middle-ACALETICS® Partnership  
2008 to 2011  
Florida School Recognition Program**



During L.C. Swain Middle's partnership with ACALETICS® from 2008 to 2011 a total of \$303,930 has been awarded under the Florida School Recognition Program. In 2012, L.C. Swain Middle ranked #3 in Palm Beach County for its Learning Gains Composite (Math Gains + Lowest 25% Math Gains).



# SUNSHINE STATE NEWS

## Pam Stewart: Florida Principals 'Best in Nation'

BY: ALLISON NIELSEN | Posted: October 29, 2013 9:40 AM

Commissioner of Education Pam Stewart took to the Florida Department of Education's blog on Tuesday to talk about the importance of principals in schools. Stewart boasted about principals at schools in Florida, calling them the best in the nation.

"Florida has the best principals in the nation, displaying the kind of leadership their schools and communities consistently need," wrote Stewart. "It's no secret that the past few years have been challenging as our state has raised its standards and expected more from its students. However, I know from my own experience as an elementary and high school principal that a productive, positive culture starts at the top."

Stewart herself was, at one time, a principal of Reddick-Collier Elementary in Marion County. The school, which was an "F" school when the first-year grades were released, jumped two letter grades in a year as a result of what Stewart refers to as "pushing through" and establishing school-wide expectations to attain student success.

Principals, according to Stewart, are key to excellence in education.

"Principals set the tone for the school," she said. "In addition to leading their staff, it is crucial that they establish a school culture where academics come first and where involvement and accessibility are key. As many of you know, students and teachers perform best when they feel supported by their principal." Stewart had high words of praise for principals in the Sunshine State.

"Their support of classroom instruction continues to move our state forward and better prepares students for successful paths to college and careers," said Stewart. "I truly appreciate all they do each day to empower their staff, inform parents and inspire students to work toward a brighter tomorrow."



BRADENTON HERALD  
**Bradenton.com**

## Manatee County School District improves struggling schools

January 30, 2015

*District leads improving schools list*

**(Refer to highlights for ACALETICS® Partnerships.)**

*BRADENTON – The Manatee County School District led similarly sized districts statewide in improving school grades in the 2013-2014 school year, according to the Florida Department of Education.*

*Differentiated Accountability is a state intervention program for improving student performance in underperforming Florida schools, which received a D or F grade.*

*At the start of the school year, Manatee had 18 underperforming schools. By the end of the school year, 11 improved enough to be released from Differentiated Accountability by improving at least one letter grade, according to the state, and five improved by two letter grades.*

*Manatee schools improving two letter grades include Daughtery, Moody, Oneco and Tara elementary and Lincoln Middle.*

*District schools improving one letter grade include Abel, Ballard, Bashaw, Bayshore and Myakka City elementary. Like-sized school districts include Brevard, Collier, Escambia, Lake, Lee, Marion, Osceola, Pasco, Polk, Sarasota, Seminole and Volusia counties.*

### **Manatee County students will compete at science fair**

*MANATEE COUNTY – More than a dozen Manatee County students will compete in the state science fair after earning first place in the regional science and engineering fair.*

*Seventeen winners in the 2015 Lockheed Martin Manatee Regional Science and Engineering Fair were selected by judges to represent Manatee County at the 60th annual State Science and Engineering Fair in Lakeland on March 31-April 2.*

*Middle-school winners: Simone Liang, Reed Blakenship, Zachary Vanschoor, Griffin Hudson, Caleb L. Phillips and Hanna Arduini, Haile; Haleigh Norris, Braden River, and Cassandra Atrzrodt, Nolan.*

*High-school winners: Megan Johnston, Lauren Blair, William Elmore IV, Sophia Metallo, Anthony Cucci and Jason Edelkind, Manatee; Naima David, Braden River, and Colton Lewis and Brett Gerber, Bradenton Christian School.*

### **SCF to offer roster of computer classes**

*BRADENTON – State College of Florida, Manatee-Sarasota Department of Corporate and Community Development will offer noncredit computer classes in February and March at SCF Lakewood Ranch, 7131 Professional Parkway E.*

*Classes include: absolute beginner, 6-9 p.m. Feb. 9 and 12, \$69; Excel 2013, level 1, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Feb. 19, \$99; Excel 2013, level 2, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. March 5, \$99; Quickbooks 2014, level 1, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Feb. 24, \$99; and Quickbooks 2014, level 2, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. March 3, \$99.*

*Information and to register: Call 941-363-7203 or go to [scf.edu/CCDenroll](http://scf.edu/CCDenroll).*

### **SCF to present export logistics workshop Feb. 20**

*BRADENTON – State College of Florida, Manatee-Sarasota Workforce Solutions, in partnership with the Economic Development Corp. of Sarasota County, the Bradenton Area Economic Development Corp., Enterprise Florida Inc. and the U.S. Department of Commerce, will present Export Logistics 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 20, at SCF Lakewood Ranch, 7131 Professional Pkwy. E.*

*The event is for companies interested in exporting goods or services from Florida.*

*It will explain how to increase a customer base and bottom line, what to expect before the sale to increase success after the sale and figuring costs to ship a product to a foreign market, according to officials.*

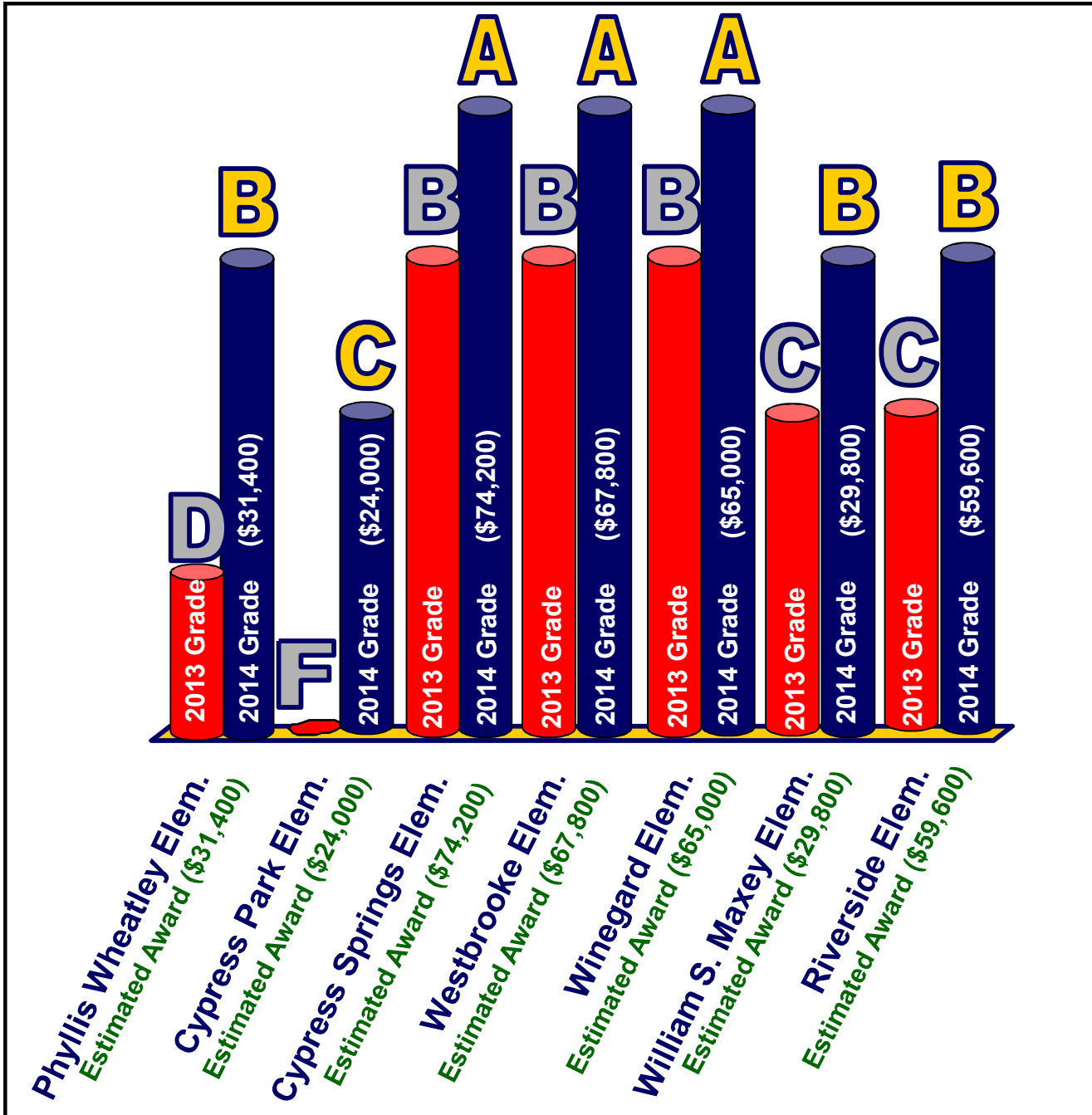
*Cost \$99, including lunch. Reservations required. Participants should bring laptops or tablets.*

*Information or reservation: Call Lee Kotwicki, SCF Workforce Solutions director, 941-363-7218 or [kotwicL@scf.edu](mailto:kotwicL@scf.edu).*

*– Herald staff reports*



### 2014 OCPS-ACALETICS® Partnerships Florida School Recognition Program



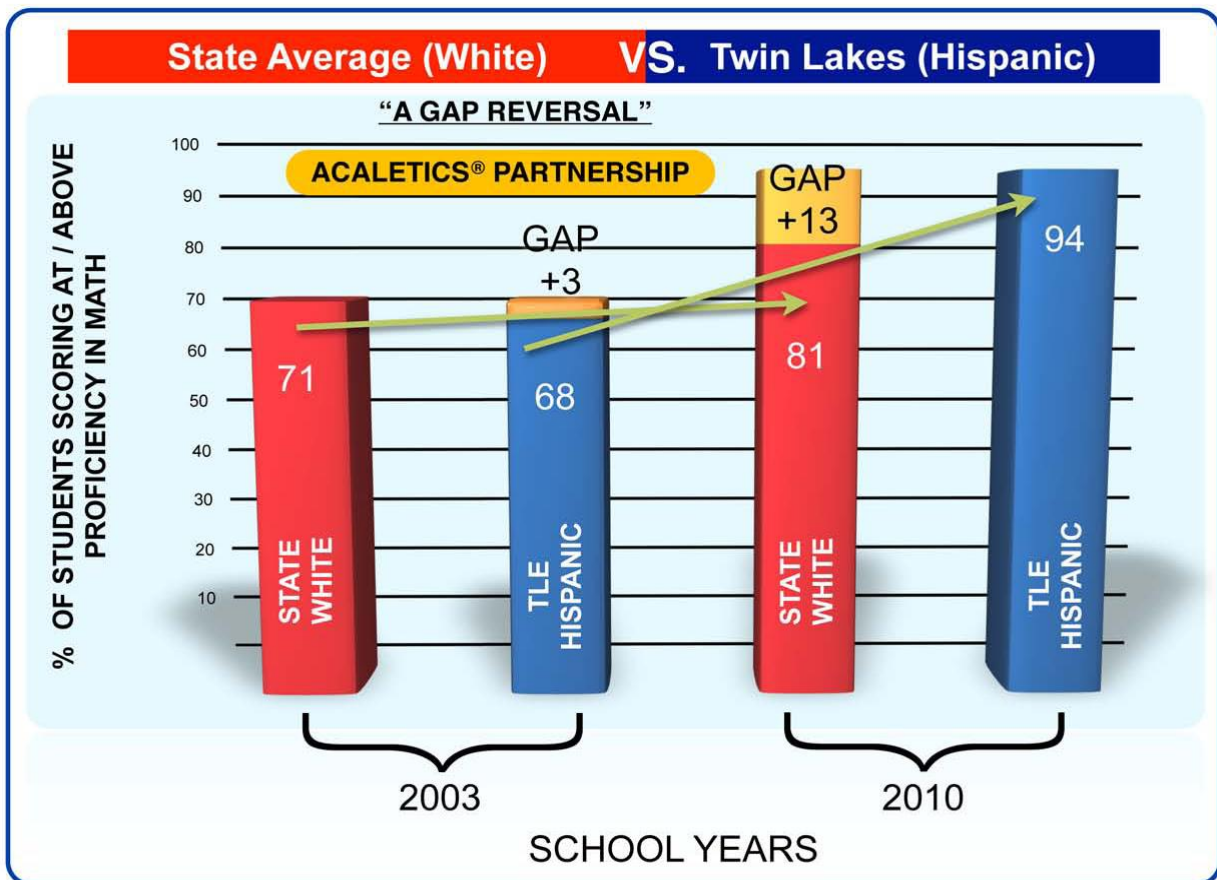
For the 2014 School Year, 78% of schools that partnered with ACALETICS® increased at least 1 letter grade. Whereas, only 53% of Orange County Elementary schools maintained an “A” or increased 1 letter grade or more from 2013.



# ACALETICS® Subgroup Gap Analysis - Math



**TWIN LAKES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (TLE)**  
**2003 – 2010 Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP)**



**Twin Lakes Elementary School (TLE):**

Data Source: Florida Department of EDUCATION

- TLE has increased its Hispanic subgroup by **+26** percentage points in its Percent of Students Scoring At/Above Proficiency in Math from 2003 to 2010!
- In 2003, TLE's Hispanic subgroup was below (-3 percentage points) the State (White) Subgroup in Percent of Students Scoring At/Above Proficiency in Math. As a result of our partnership, TLE exceeded the achievement of the State by **+13** percentage points (“**A GAP Reversal**”) in 2010!



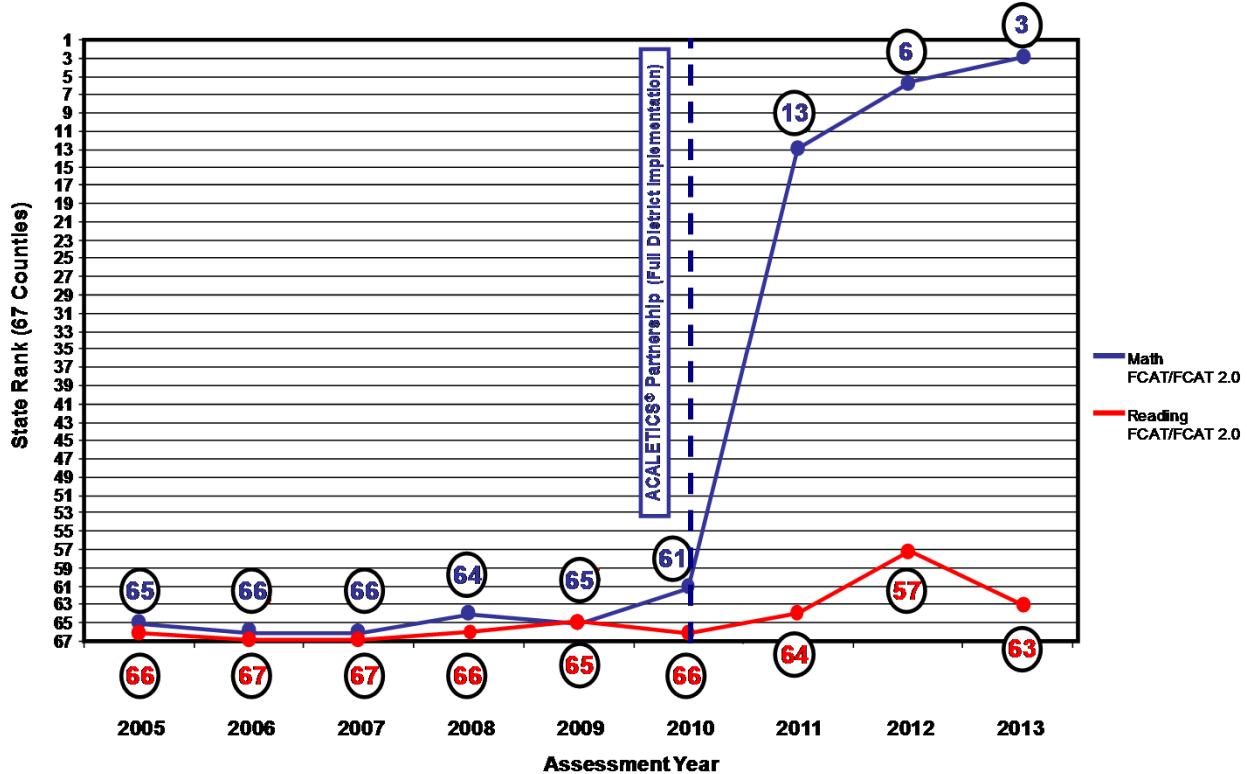
# AMAZING RESULTS!

## Breakthrough: Gadsden Conquers FCAT 2.0 Math Despite Reading

Despite more **rigorous** Math standards and challenges in Reading (ranked 4<sup>th</sup> lowest in the state for 2013), through its partnership with ACALETICS®, Gadsden County's third-graders achieved **breakthrough** results on the **2013 FCAT 2.0 Math**. Prior to 2011, Gadsden has historically performed among the lowest 7 counties in Florida in Math; however, on the **2013 FCAT 2.0 Math**, Gadsden County ranked **#3** in the state with 71% of its third-graders performing at or above proficiency compared to the State average of 58%.



### Gadsden County – Math vs. Reading FCAT/FCAT 2.0 Grade 3 State Ranking Trend



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Data Source: Florida Department of Education

### About ACALETICS®

In 2010, ACALETICS® was recognized by the Florida Department of Education and the Council for Educational Change (CEC) as a Best Practice in Mathematics. ACALETICS® provides research-based, results-driven educational products, data-driven consultation, professional development and supplemental instructional services that dramatically boost the performance and achievement of students in schools.

For additional information, please contact us at (866) 877-1222 or visit [www.acaletics.com](http://www.acaletics.com).





# The Daytona Beach News-Journal

## Westside shows its Best side

By Linda Trimble

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They raised the roof at Westside Elementary School on Thursday with music, **dancing and cheers for the B grade** the school earned from the state over the summer. **State officials had predicted** the Daytona Beach school -- where most students are minorities and from low-income families -- would get only **an F** because of the increased difficulty of last spring's Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test. **Improved math scores carried Westside to the higher grade, said Principal Judi Winch,** and helped it capture the **third-highest ranking in Florida among more than 1,800 elementary** schools for the percentage of students who showed at least a year's worth of improvement in math. Parents, teachers and students celebrated Thursday night with a cookout and outdoor games. Winch and Assistant Principal Tucker Harris even led a dance from the school roof.





# SunSentinel

## Broward principal nominated for state's top honor

December 15, 2010 | Michael d'Oliveira mdoliveira@tribune.com

James Griffin, principal at Lauderdale Lakes Middle School, is the only South Florida finalist for Florida's Principal of the Year Award.

"I was very shocked. It was unbelievable," Griffin said when he discovered he was nominated.

Griffin, who was nominated for his time as principal at Rock Island Elementary School in Fort Lauderdale, transferred to Lauderdale Lakes in Fort Lauderdale this school year.

Before transferring to Lauderdale Lakes, he was principal at Rock Island for three years and assistant principal at North Andrews Gardens Elementary School in Fort Lauderdale for four years. Griffin began his career in education in 1993 as a fourth-grade teacher. The winner of the state award will be announced in January and will receive a monetary prize to go with their award. Griffin is up against five other nominees.

Florida chooses its nominees based on skills that include instructional leadership, managing the learning environment, accountability, assessment, community and stakeholder partnerships, decision-making strategies, technology, diversity and ethical leadership. Previously, Griffin was nominated as a Broward Schools Assistant Principal of the Year.

## Lauderdale Lakes Middle's James Griffin named Florida Principal of the Year

January 21, 2011 | By Carli Teproff, The Miami Herald

James Griffin has come a long way since his days as a rebellious teenager who often ended up in the principal's office.

On Friday, Griffin was named this year's Florida Principal of the Year.

"It's surreal," said Griffin, shortly after he received the award from the state's Department of Education. "I'm so overwhelmed."

Griffin is currently the principal at Lauderdale Lakes Middle, but has also been at the helm of Rock Island Elementary.

Having a state principal of the year is "just an example of the great leadership Broward has," said Superintendent Jim Notter.

"This is a really big deal for Broward," he said. "We have the top administrator in the state working for us."



**VALUE PROPOSITION:**

The ACALETICS® **Value Proposition**, which sets us apart from other educational firms, is that we provide our clients an **extremely high Return On Investment (ROI)**, typically within **one school-year**, as indicated in the following excerpt from the Miami Herald.

*“As school systems nationwide sign multi-million dollar contracts with universities and educational companies to save their struggling schools, Educational Development Associates signs individual schools at a fraction of the cost and often produces immediate results using its innovative program ACALETICS®.”*

*-Miami Herald*

We measure **ROI** in terms of dramatic results in Math, as follows:

- 1) Achievement (% of Students Scoring At/or Above Grade Level),
- 2) Annual Learning Gains/Growth, and
- 3) Subgroup Achievement Gap Closure/Elimination/(Gap Reversal).

**ACALETICS® 4 Key Components – EDU-neering<sup>SM</sup>**

<p><b>Professional Development</b></p> <p><b>The Special Venue:</b> In the CLASSROOM!!!!</p> <p>with <b>REAL Students, Your Students!</b></p>	<p><b>Differentiated Consultation (DC)</b></p> <p>One Size Does <b>Not</b> Fit All:</p> <p>There are Different <b>Bright Spots</b> in every school to be <b>IDENTIFIED &amp; LEVERAGED</b>.</p>
<p><b>Standards-aligned Supplemental Materials</b></p> <p>Our effective “<b>process</b>” is embedded in our materials!</p> <p>We <b>SUPPORT</b> our Supplemental Materials/Support Tools with our customized Online Math Portal, ongoing onsite visits and <b>800#</b>. With our 800#, you will receive a call back from a Consultant <b>within 24 hours!</b></p>	<p><b>Parent &amp; Student Engagement Services</b></p> <p>Customized Online Math Portal</p> <p>Math Club<sup>SM</sup> within Every Classroom – An <b>NFL</b> Environment</p> <p>Well-received Parent Workshops: “Math Club<sup>SM</sup> for Parents”</p> <p>Incentive Packages for Students</p>