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**Press Release**

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**Subject: 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade FCAT Reading and Math Scores**

Third grade FCAT scores are in! Congratulations go out to all those students scoring level 3 or higher this year. Sumter District Schools have a lot to be proud of as they were ranked 5<sup>th</sup> in the state, along with one other district in math, and 10<sup>th</sup> in the state along with two other districts, in reading. Eighty-two percent of 3<sup>rd</sup> graders scored at or above the proficient level in reading and 87% scored at or above the proficient level in math. Sumter County has experienced phenomenal growth in students proficient in reading and math since 2003. The percent proficient in reading is up 19 percentage points and 30 percentage points in math since 2003. “Our schools and the communities we serve have a lot to be proud of based on the preliminary scores. Our instructional, administrative and support team work hard with lots of support from the School Board- and it shows! It also helps to have the best kids in the state!” said school superintendent Rick Shirley. Sumter County is one of 13 school districts recognized by the state Board of Education as a 2011-12 Academically High Performing School District. The state Board announced the recognition, based on the latest school and district grades, class size requirements and demonstration of sound fiscal policies.

The Sumter school district anxiously awaits the release of the test results for the grades 4-10 reading and math FCAT and the grade 5,8 and 11 science FCAT. We anticipate the possible release of the scores in early June. These test results are a key indicator used to drive the decision making process for many instructional decisions in the district. They are also one of the criteria required in statute to help determine promotion and graduation decisions. Every effort will be made to expedite the sharing of test results with parents and the community once the scores have been released.

	BES	LPES	WWES	WES	VCES	District	State
Reading 2011	87	81	69	77	91	82	72
Math 2011	91	91	70	87	95	87	78