



## **MARTIN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT OUTPERFORMS STATE, TRADITIONAL HIGH SCHOOLS SEE INCREASE IN GRADUATION RATE**

The [\*\*Martin County School District \(MCSD\) earned a graduation rate of 87.4%\*\*](#) during the 2018-2019 school year according to data released earlier today by the Florida Department of Education. The graduation rate for the **three traditional, District-operated high schools** increased to **93.6%** during the same time period, a 2 percentage point increase over last year's rate and a 6.7 percentage point increase above the state's overall graduation rate of 86.9%.

Graduation rates in Martin County increased for many demographic subgroups, as the District continues its focus on educating **all** students for success. The graduation rate for students enrolled in Exceptional Student Education (ESE) programs rose 2 percentage points to 78.7% percent during the 2018-2019 school year, while the graduation rate for Hispanic students rose 2.5 percentage points to 75.6%. The graduation rate for students receiving free or reduced price meal benefits increased to 80%, while the rate for English Language Learners (ELL) increased nearly 8 percentage points to 61.1%.

"One of the greatest indicators of our success as a school district lies in the number of students walking across the graduation stage each year, knowing that they are fully prepared to begin the next chapter of their lives," **Superintendent Laurie J. Gaylord** shared. "While we still have work to do in our quest to ensure that all Martin County students become high school graduates, I feel confident that we are headed in the right direction. Today's results - including the increases across many of our demographic subgroups - are a testament to the hard work and commitment of our students, faculty and staff."

Graduation rates are based on students who finish high school "on time," within four years of entering ninth grade. Graduation rates for each school are listed below.

School	2018-2019 Graduation Rate	Change Over Previous Year
Jensen Beach High School	95.3%	+2.7%
Martin County High School	92.1%	+1.1%
South Fork High School	94.2%	+3%
Clark Advanced Learning Center	100%	No Change

\*\*Students attending **Stuart Community High School, Indiantown Adult High School, Spectrum Academy, Willoughby Learning Center** and **Martin County Acceleration Academies** who graduated were counted toward the graduation rate of their home-zoned school.\*\*