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Volusia School Grades Released Today **District Maintains “B” Grade**

DELAND — The Florida Department of Education released the 2016 school grades for schools today. Four Volusia schools improved one letter grade: Indian River Elementary, Longstreet Elementary and McInnis Elementary from a “C” to a “B” and Holly Hill School from a “D” to a “C.” Starke Elementary improved two letter grades from an “F” to a “C.” No Volusia schools were graded “F.”

“We are pleased Volusia maintained a B district grade and are very proud of our students, teachers and administrators who worked extremely hard,” stated Superintendent Tom Russell. “It is important to note that our school grades were severely impacted as a direct result of the new formula used to calculate learning gains. This was expected, but misrepresents the learning that is taking place in schools where grades slipped.”

Overall, Volusia’s grades are as follows (including charter schools):

- A – 7 schools
- B – 22 schools
- C – 33 schools
- D – 6 schools
- F – 0 school
- I – 4 schools

The district and schools will complete a comprehensive review and analysis of the data to determine successful instructional practices.

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