

# THE 411 ON BACK TO SCHOOL

## What's changed?

### Leadership



- In Miami-Dade County, José Dotres became Superintendent of Schools after Alberto Carvalho announced his departure in December 2021.
- In Broward County, Vickie Cartwright officially became Superintendent after serving in an interim capacity for six months.

### Covid-19 guidelines



- According to the State, kids who test positive for COVID and are asymptomatic can go to school
- Parents and guardians choose how to proceed if their child has been exposed to someone who tested positive for Covid-19
- Masks are optional

For the first time since March 2020, all students and educators returned to in-person learning.



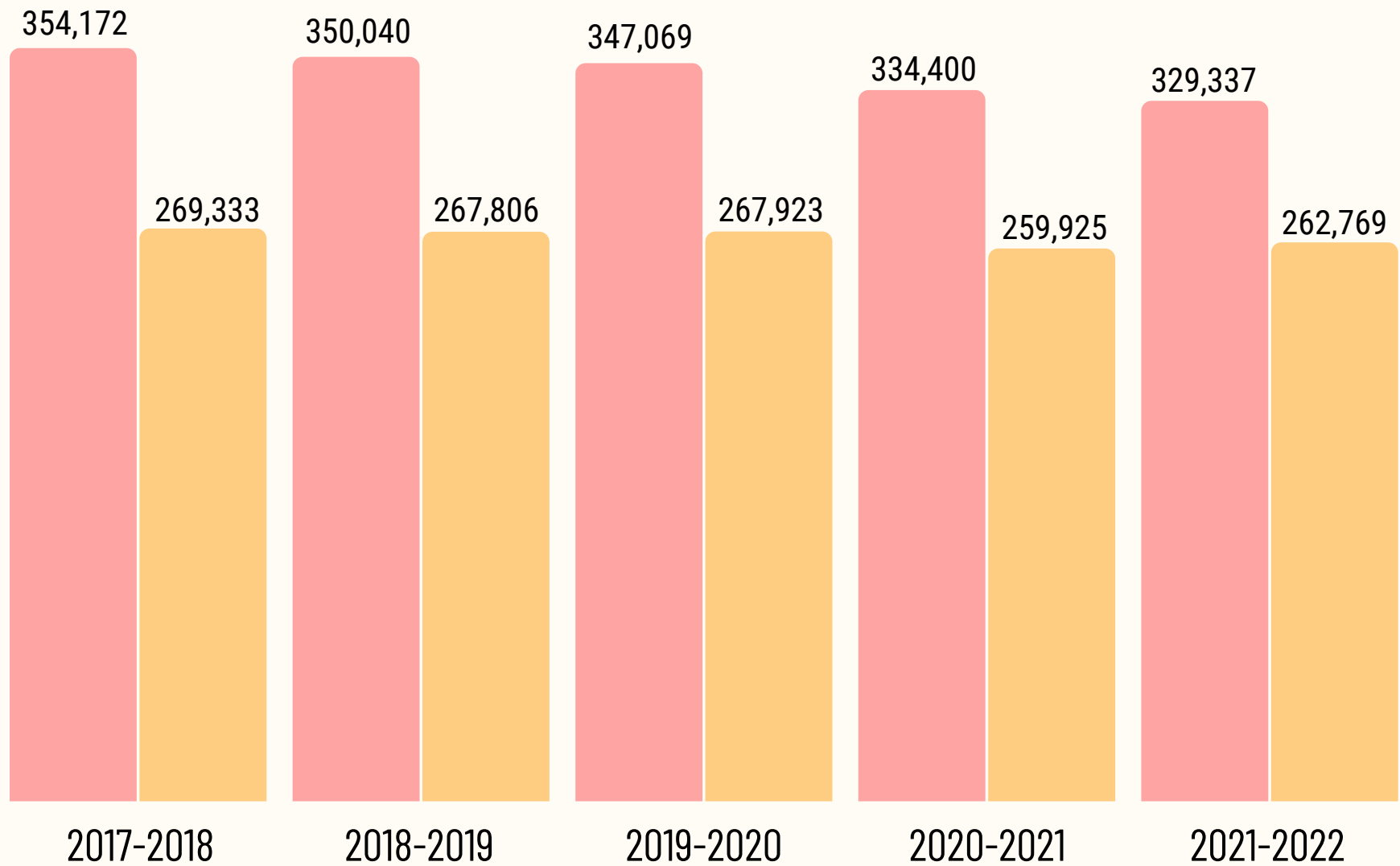
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# Student Enrollment

Although student enrollment in Broward County has slightly increased, enrollment in both counties has slowly declined over the past five years.

The biggest decline in enrollment happened during the 2020-2021 school year with the onset of the pandemic

- Miami-Dade
- Broward



Source: Brugal, S., Tavel, J. (2022). Miami-Dade and Broward schools' report card: Learning losses, mental health, test scores. *The Miami Herald*.





# Test Scores

The 2022 Florida Assessment results were released last month by the Florida Department of Education. Math, science, and social studies scores have not yet been released.


54%

**Of Broward students earned a Level 3 or "Satisfactory" grade on the exam, up 1% from the 2020-2021 SY**

56%

**Of Miami-Dade students earned a Level 3 or "Satisfactory" grade on the exam, down 1% from the 2020-2021 SY**

Still, just more than half of third graders in both districts earned a passing score.



# Food and Nutrition

Breakfast and lunch is free for all students in Miami-Dade and Broward Counties for the 2022-2023 school year. In the 2019-2020 school year, 501,341 Dade and Broward students participated in the program.



## A Healthier Diet

School lunches incorporate essential nutrition such as

- fruits
- vegetables
- milk

## Better Academic Performance

With school lunches, students benefit from improved:

- attendance
- test scores
- grades
- classroom behaviors

## Reduced Health Risks

Students who participate experience lower rates of:

- obesity
- hunger
- food insecurity



Like student enrollment, teacher retention rates have slowly declined over the last five years in Miami-Dade and Broward Counties

# Teachers Employed

The biggest decline in number of teacher employed in both counties occurred between the 2020-2021 SY and 2021-2022 SY.

700

**fewer teachers in  
Miami-Dade County from  
2020-2021 to 2021-2022**

440

**fewer teachers in  
Broward County from  
2020-2021 to 2021-2022**

To address teacher pay and retention challenges, Miami-Dade and Broward voters will vote later this year to approve a referendum that would increase their property taxes as a way to supplement teachers' salaries