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## **Babcock Neighborhood School earns strong marks in state assessments**

*Annual school grade cards provide a boost to morale as the new school year kicks off*

Babcock Ranch, Florida – The 2020-21 school year is likely to go down in history as one of the most challenging on record. But at Babcock Ranch, it will also be remembered as a year when teachers, parents and students pressed past the adversity of a pandemic to keep on learning. The annual Florida Standards Assessment (FSA) results released Thursday show all of the extra effort paid off in student learning gains at all levels. Babcock High School (BHS), in its first year, is one of just two Charlotte County Schools to earn an “A” grade. The K-8 students at Babcock Neighborhood School (BNS) earned a “B” ranking, falling just a few tenths of a percentage short of an A.

“Our teachers had to make a lot of adjustments over the past year to make it safe for students and families who chose to return to classrooms while also providing instruction for those who chose to learn from home, but they did not let any of those distractions impact the quality of instruction,” said Shannon Treece, principal of BNS and BHS. “We are not yet where we want to be, but we are headed in the right direction and excited to start the new year off with validation that hard work pays off.”

BNS and BHS are public charter schools offering a unique “Green-STEAM” Project-Based Learning curriculum. BNS opened with grades K-5 in the fall of 2017. The school has added a grade each year. The state-of-the-art high school building now under construction is scheduled to open in the fall of 2022.

“Quality schools are the foundation of every great hometown, and our school has been instrumental in creating real community here at Babcock Ranch,” said Syd Kitson, Chairman and CEO of Kitson & Partners and the founder of Babcock Ranch. “I am thankful for the students, teachers and parents who are continually striving to make our school and our community the best it can be.”

To learn more about BNS, visit [www.babcockneighborhoodschool.org](http://www.babcockneighborhoodschool.org).