

WINN DIXIE STORES INC
Form SC TO-C
September 08, 2009

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE TO

(Rule 13e-4)

Tender Offer Statement Under Section 14(d)(1) or 13(e)(1)

of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

WINN-DIXIE STORES, INC.

(Name of Subject Company (Issuer) and Filing Person (Offeror))

Options to Purchase Common Stock, \$0.001 Par Value Per Share

(Title of Class of Securities)

974280307

(CUSIP Number of Class of Securities)

(Underlying Common Stock)

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(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person Authorized to

Receive Notices and Communications On Behalf of Filing Person)

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Transaction Valuation*

Amount of Filing Fee*

N/A

N/A

* Pursuant to General Instruction D to Schedule TO, a filing fee is not required in connection with this filing as it relates solely to preliminary communications made before the commencement of a tender offer.

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.. third party tender offer subject to Rule 14d-1.

p issuer tender offer subject to Rule 13e-4.

.. going-private transaction subject to Rule 13e-3.

.. amendment to Schedule 13D under Rule 13d-2.

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Attached is the Preliminary Proxy Statement for the Annual Meeting of Shareholders of Winn-Dixie Stores, Inc. (the Company) to be held on November 4, 2009, which contains a proposal submitted to the Company's shareholders to approve a one-time stock option exchange program for associates other than the Company's directors and named executive officers (the Stock Option Exchange Program).

The Stock Option Exchange Program has not yet commenced. The Company will file a Tender Offer Statement on Schedule TO with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC) upon the commencement of the Stock Option Exchange Program. Persons who are eligible to participate in the Stock Option Exchange Program should read the Tender Offer Statement on Schedule TO and other related materials when those materials become available because they will contain important information about the Stock Option Exchange Program.

In connection with the proposal to be voted on by the Company's shareholders, the Company has filed a preliminary proxy statement with the SEC and intends to file other relevant materials with the SEC, including a definitive proxy statement. Shareholders are urged to read such materials as and when they become available and before making any voting decision because they will contain important information about the proposal to be voted on by shareholders with respect to the Stock Option Exchange Program.

Shareholders and option holders will be able to obtain the written materials described above and other documents filed by the Company with the SEC free of charge from the SEC's website at www.sec.gov. In addition, shareholders and option holders may obtain free copies of the documents filed by the Company by directing a written request to: Winn-Dixie Stores, Inc., 5050 Edgewood Court, Jacksonville, Florida 32254-3699, Attention: Shareholder Relations, or by telephone at (904) 783-5000.

Item 12. Exhibits.

Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	Preliminary Proxy Statement for the 2009 Annual Meeting of Shareholders (filed with the SEC on September 8, 2009 and incorporated herein by reference).