

# School Advisory Forum Training

Broward County Public Schools  
District Advisory Council  
September 29<sup>th</sup> 2025



# Introductions and Housekeeping

## **DAC Executive Board**

- Cynthia Dominique, Chair
- Dee Defoe, Vice Chair
- Mike Pezzicola, Recording Secretary
- Antoinette Bailey, Corresponding Secretary
- Brooke Bordy, Communications Chair

## **Liaison:**

Dr. Veda Hudge  
Shelly Winter

## **Central Area Advisory**

- Pamela Taylor, Chair
- Brooke Bordy, Vice Chair

## **North Area Advisory**

- Nicole Morst, Chair
- Mike Pezzicola, Vice Chair

## **South Area Advisory**

- Antoinette Baily, Chair

- ✓ Everyone may speak and ask questions
- ✓ Raise your hand or use the chat- moderators will be answering questions
- ✓ Keep cameras off to enhance the quality of the connection
- ✓ Be Respectful of other and considerate of time when speaking



## ABOUT US 2025/26



"A" RATED  
School  
District



FIRST fully accredited  
school system in  
Florida since 1962



SIXTH largest  
school system  
in the U.S.



\$230 MILLION\*  
earned in scholarships  
\*Total scholarships for the Class of 2025  
including self-reported and Bright Futures.

» OUR VISION: Educating today's students to succeed in tomorrow's world.

» OUR MISSION: Broward County Public Schools (BCPS) is committed to educating all students to reach their highest potential.



### NUMBER OF SCHOOLS

Elementary	132
Middle	35
High	32
Combination	13
Centers	17
Colleges (Adult Enrolled)	3
ESE Contract Agency Schools	7
Credit Recovery High School	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>240</b>
Charters	86
<b>TOTAL SCHOOLS</b>	<b>326</b>

Source: Demographics & Enrollment Planning, 2024/25 school year

2024 graduation rate of  
96.2%\* for traditional  
high schools.

\*Excludes Centers and Charter Schools  
Source: High School Graduation Rates, 2023/24

### ENROLLMENT

Pre-K	5,554
K - 5	80,319
6 - 8	40,527
9 - 12	67,583
Centers	3,851
Charter Schools	49,667
<b>Total</b>	<b>247,501</b>

Source: 09/09/2024 Benchmark Day Enrollment Report, Demographics & Enrollment Planning

### STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS

<b>Race</b>	
White	51.1% / 126,512
Black	40.8% / 101,055
Asian	3.9% / 9,554
Native American or Native Alaskan	0.3% / 757
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.2% / 505
Multiracial	3.7% / 9,118
<b>Ethnicity</b>	
Hispanic	39.0% / 96,417
Non-Hispanic	61.0% / 151,084
<b>Other Demographic Data</b>	
ELL*	15.0% / 37,178
ESE*	16.2% / 40,105
Free or Reduced Lunch Meals	62.3% / 154,089

\*ELL - English Language Learners

\*ESE - Exceptional Student Education

Source: 09/09/2024 Benchmark Day Enrollment Report, Demographics & Enrollment Planning

BCPS serves approximately  
25.3 million meals per year.

Source: Food & Nutrition Services, as of 6/21/2023

### AVERAGE EXPENDITURES PER STUDENT

Basic K - 12	\$8,728
ESOL*	\$9,169
ESE*	\$15,914
Career Education	\$7,848
<b>Total for All Programs</b>	<b>\$10,389</b>

\*ESOL - English for Speakers of Other Languages

\*ESE - Exceptional Student Education

Source: 2023/24 Average Per Student Expenditure, Florida Department of Education

BCPS is the largest  
public sector employer in  
Broward County.



### OUR STAFF

Instructional Staff	14,479
Clerical and Support Staff	10,170
Administrators	1,617
<b>Total Number of Permanent Employees</b>	<b>26,266</b>
Substitute and Temporary Employees	2,041
Substitute teachers and temporary employees outsourced through Kelly Education Services	3,165
<b>Total Employees</b>	<b>31,472</b>

Source: Enterprise Applications, as of 8/15/2024

830+ school buses  
transport more than 54,000  
students daily.

Source: Student Transportation and Fleet Services, as of July 2024

BCPS buses travel more than  
10.7 million miles annually.

Source: Student Transportation and Fleet Services, as of July 2024



### SCHOOL GRADES BREAKDOWN

<b>Elementary Schools</b>	
A	71
B	44
C	23
D	0
F	0

<b>Middle Schools</b>	
A	13
B	13
C	9
D	0
F	0

<b>High Schools</b>	
A	23
B	8
C	1
D	0
F	0

<b>Combination Schools</b>	
A	3
B	4
C	1
D	0
F	0

Source: 2024-25 School Grades, Florida Department of Education as of July 8, 2025  
Combination schools include grades K - 8 or 6 - 12  
BCPS centers and colleges do not receive letter grades from the state

Overall average daily  
attendance rate of 90.7%.

Source: Student Attendance 2022/23 Report, Research, Evaluation & Accountability, updated as of October 2023

Overall promotion rate of  
98.6%.

Source: Promotion Rates for Broward County Public Schools 2023/24

### PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL GRADES BREAKDOWN

<b>Elementary Schools</b>	
A	14
B	8
C	8
D	0
F	0

<b>Middle Schools</b>	
A	11
B	1
C	3
D	0
F	0

<b>High Schools</b>	
A	3
B	2
C	2
D	0
F	0

<b>Combination Schools</b>	
A	18
B	5
C	4
D	0
F	0

Combination schools include grades K-8 or 6-12  
Source: 2024-25 School Grades, Florida Department of Education as of July 8, 2025



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## Our Programs

**Athletics:** 74 programs offered at middle and high schools

**#BrowardCODES:** First district to partner with national [Code.org](https://code.org) initiative

**Broward Technical Colleges:** Students at our Technical Colleges - Atlantic, McFatter, and Sheridan - led the state of Florida in total certifications earned for a seventh consecutive year

**Broward Virtual School:** A pioneer in virtual learning, celebrating 20+ years of e-Learning leadership

**Cambridge International:** BCPS named District of the Year by Cambridge International twice in four years (2017/18 and 2020/21) for high academic achievements among students in Cambridge programs

**Chess:** Largest school district to offer scholastic chess to all second grade students; all K - 12 students have access to Chess4Life, an interactive online chess platform

**Computer Science:** Courses, curriculum and activities at every school, with AI education integrated in academic and STEM courses

**CTACE:** BCPS offers 75+ Career Technical Education paths across high and middle schools, technical colleges, and alternative education centers, preparing students for high-paying jobs

**Debate:** Largest in the nation, with more than 15,000 students actively competing

**Dual Language:** Offered at 41 schools

**Foreign Exchange:** For BCPS and international students between ages 15 - 18

**Innovative and Magnet Programs:** Total: 188 magnet and innovative programs

**JROTC:** Largest program in the nation

**Top High Schools:** Thirteen BCPS High Schools were ranked in the top 25% of high schools in the nation by US News and World Report for 2024, and seven schools were ranked in the top 10% of high schools in Florida.

# About BCPS

# BCPS Goals

## STUDENTS FIRST



### 2022 - 2027 STRATEGIC PLAN

The School Board of Broward County, Florida has adopted a student outcomes-focused approach to governing to improve what students know and can do with the knowledge and skills Broward County Public Schools provides to succeed in the future.

#### GOALS

##### Early Literacy Proficiency

The percent of grade 3 students who demonstrate grade-level performance or above on the state English Language Arts (ELA) assessment will grow from 52% in June 2022 to 65% by June 2027.

##### Algebra Proficiency

The percent of students who met the Algebra graduation testing requirement by the end of grade 9 will grow from 53% in June 2022 to 63% by June 2027.

##### Science Proficiency

The percent of grade 8 students who demonstrate grade-level performance or above on the Florida Statewide Science Assessment or Biology EOC will grow from 47% in June 2022 to 55% by June 2027.

##### College & Career Readiness

The percent of graduates who earned any combination of two from the following list: College credit on an AP exam, IB exam, AICE exam, or dual enrollment course; Industry certification; CTACE internship; will grow from 41% in June 2022 to 51% by June 2027.

#### GUARDRAILS

##### Safety

The Superintendent may not allow a breach of safety policies and procedures that result in an increase in threatening or unsafe circumstances for students and staff.

##### Equity

The Superintendent may not allow resources to be allocated without firm evidence of their equitable distribution.

##### School Support

The Superintendent may not allow classrooms in C, D, F or Unsatisfactory rated schools to go without essential material and human resources.

##### Accountability

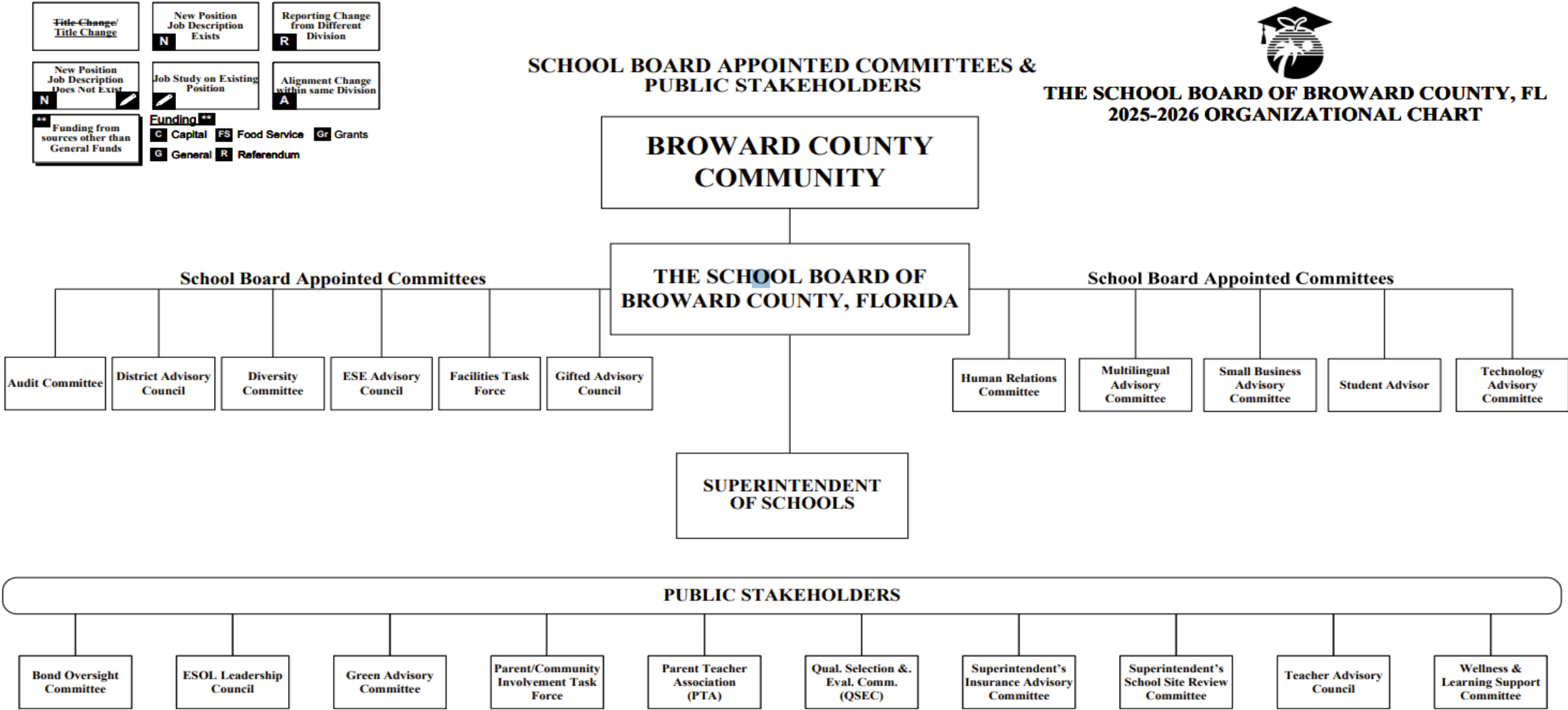
The Superintendent may not allow the District to operate without an accountability system for policy implementation that includes expectations, evaluation, transparency and continuous improvement.

##### Wellness Support

The Superintendent may not make decisions without ensuring students and staff are connected with necessary wellness resources.



# BCPS Org Chart



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Title Change/  
Title Change

New Position  
Job Description  
Exists  
**N**

Reporting Change  
from Different  
Division  
**R**

New Position  
Job Description  
Does Not Exist  
**N**

Job Study on Existing  
Position  
**A**

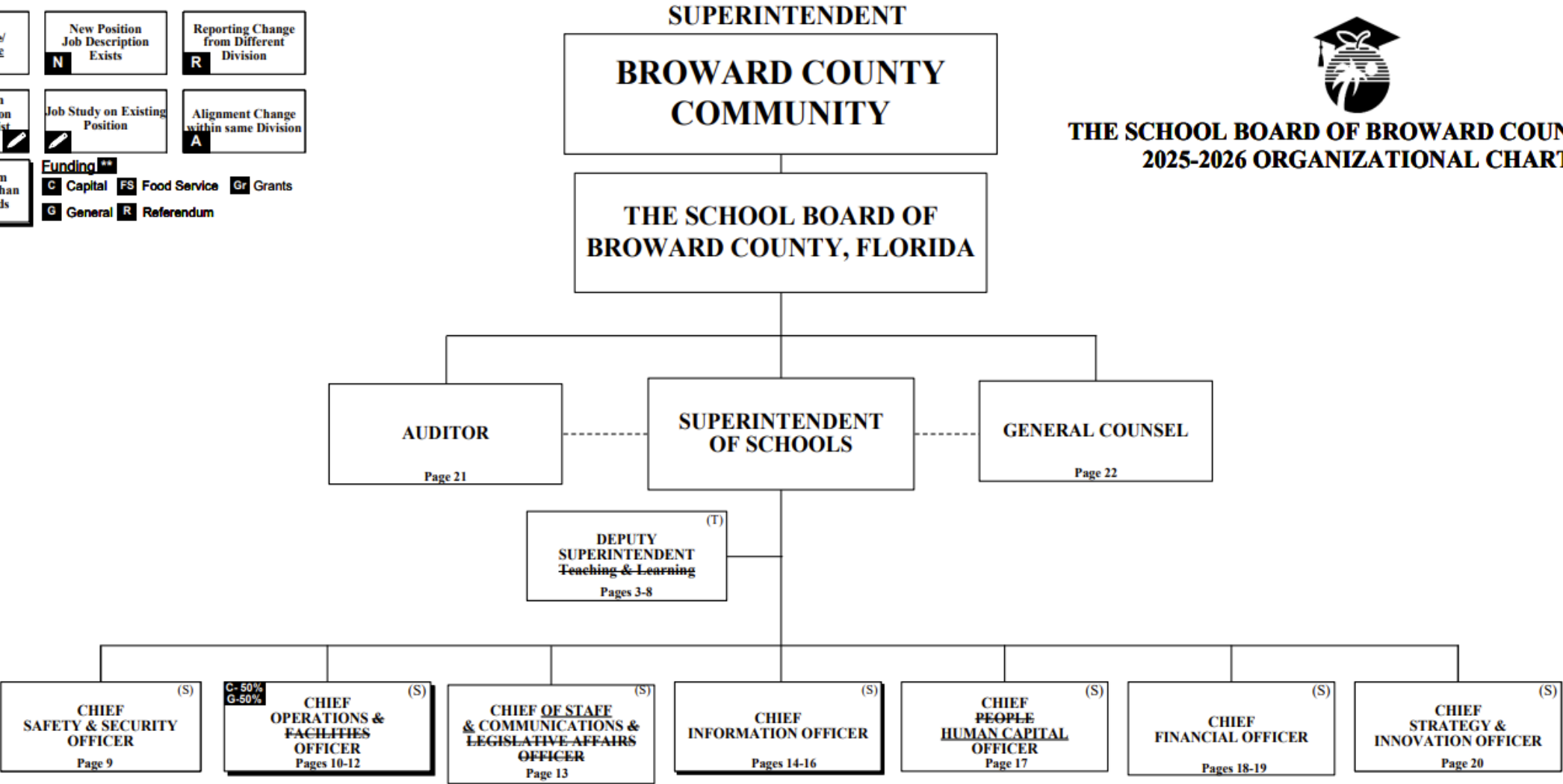
Alignment Change  
within same Division  
**A**

**\*\*** Funding from  
sources other than  
General Funds

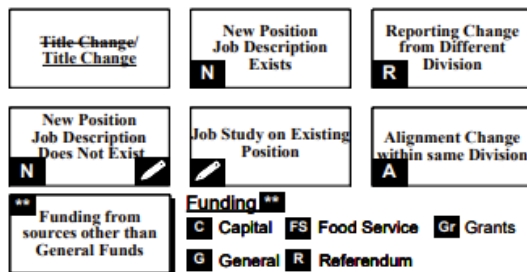
**Funding \*\***  
**C** Capital **FS** Food Service **Gr** Grants  
**G** General **R** Referendum



**THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FL  
2025-2026 ORGANIZATIONAL CHART**



# BCPS Org Chart

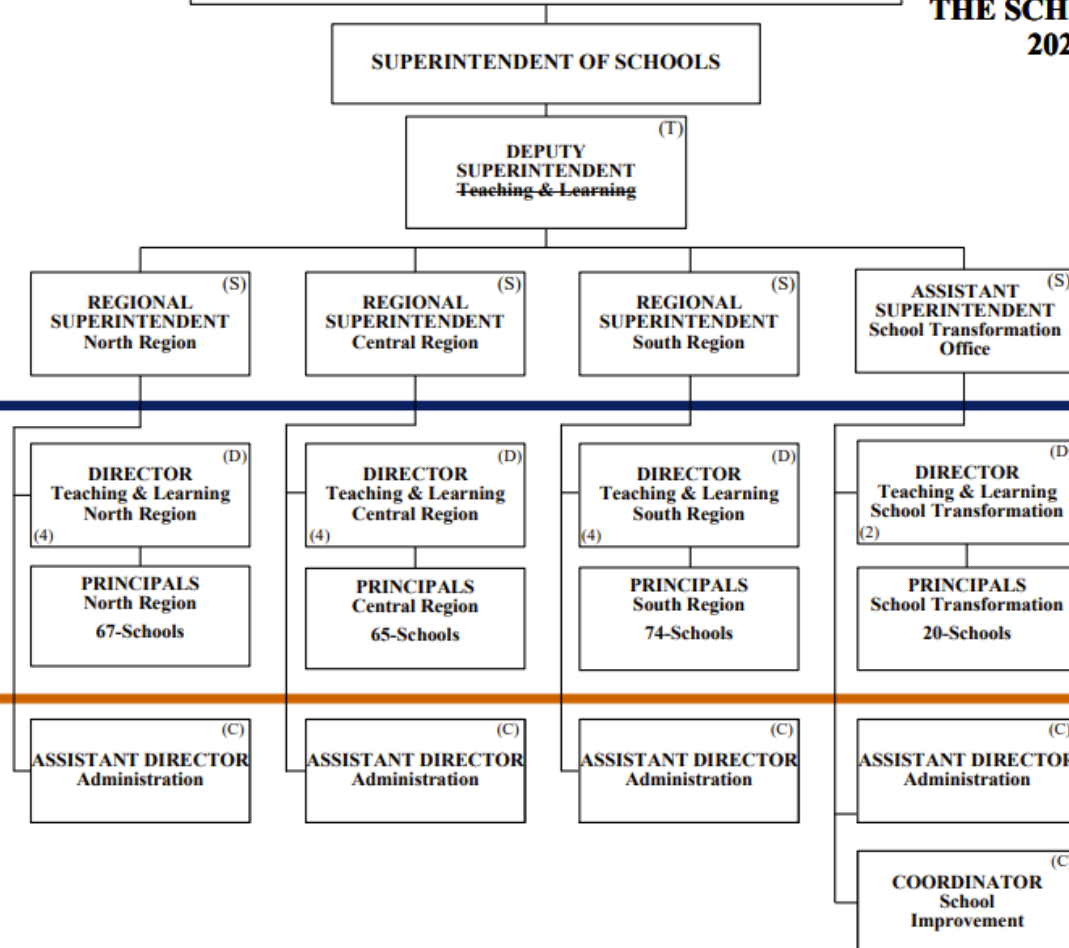


## DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT Learning Communities

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA



THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FL  
2025-2026 ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



# CENTRAL REGIONAL OFFICE

Regional Superintendent,  
Dr. Ted Toomer

Directors:  
Dr. Ducarmel Augustin  
Joe Balchunas  
Haleh Darbar  
Dr. Leo Nesmith

Assistant Director:  
Adrienne Dixon-Paul

Lauderdale Manors Early Learning &  
Resource Center  
1400 NW 14th Ct.  
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311

## Dr. Ducarmel Augustin

### Innovation Zones:

Boyd Anderson  
Dillard  
Piper

### Elementary Schools

- Banyan
- Broadview
- Discovery
- Flamingo
- Fox Trail
- Horizon
- Lauderhill Paul Turner
- Meadowbrook
- Nob Hill
- Nova Blache Forman
- Nova Eisenhower
- Plantation
- Plantation Park
- Sandpiper
- Silver Ridge
- Welleby

## Dr. Leo Nesmith

### Innovation Zones:

Plantation  
South Plantation

### Middle Schools

- Bair
- Dandy, William
- Lauderdale Lakes
- New River
- Parkway
- Plantation
- Westpine

### Workforce Schools

- Atlantic Technical College & HS
- College Academy
- Community Schools North
- Community Schools South
- Henry D. Perry Education Center
- McFatter Technical College & HS
- Pine Ridge Education Center
- Seagull Alternative
- Sheridan Technical College & HS
- Whiddon-Rogers Education Center

## Haleh Darbar

### Innovation Zones:

Nova  
Western

### Middle Schools

- Indian Ridge
- Nova
- Seminole
- Sunrise

### High Schools

- Anderson, Boyd
- Dillard 6-12
- Fort Lauderdale
- Lauderhill 6-12
- Nova
- Piper
- Plantation
- South Plantation
- Stranahan
- Western

## Joseph Balchunas

### Innovation Zones:

Fort Lauderdale  
Stranahan

### Elementary Schools

- Bayview
- Bennett
- Central Park
- Croissant Park
- Foster, Stephen
- Harbordale
- Mirror Lake
- North Side
- Park Lakes
- Peters
- Riverland
- Sawgrass
- Tropical
- Wilton Manors
- Young, Virginia Shuman



# NORTH REGIONAL OFFICE

**North Regional Superintendent**  
Dr. Jermaine Fleming

**Directors:**  
Melissa M. Gurreonero  
Todd LaPace  
Ricardo Santana  
Merideth Weiss Schnur

**Assistant Director:**  
Michele Stein

Pompano Administrative Center  
610 NE 13th Avenue, Pompano  
Beach, FL 33060  
754-321-3600

**Melissa M. Gurreonero**

**Innovation Zones:**  
Coral Springs  
Deerfield Beach

## **Elementary Schools**

- [Coral Park](#)
- [Cresthaven](#)
- [Deerfield Beach](#)
- [Deerfield Park](#)
- [Floranada](#)
- [Forest Hill](#)
- [Hunt, James S.](#)
- [Lloyd Estates](#)
- [Norcrest](#)
- [North Andrew Gardens](#)
- [Oakland Park](#)
- [Park Ridge](#)
- [Park Springs](#)
- [Quiet Waters](#)
- [Tradewinds](#)
- [Winston Park](#)

**Merideth Weiss Schnur**

**Innovation Zones:**  
Stoneman Douglas  
Coral Glades

## **Elementary Schools**

- [Challenger](#)
- [Coral Springs](#)
- [Country Hills](#)
- [Eagle Ridge](#)
- [Heron Heights](#)
- [Maplewood](#)
- [Parkside](#)
- [Park Trails](#)
- [Rambelwood](#)
- [Riverglades](#)
- [Riverside](#)
- [Tamarac](#)
- [Westchester](#)

## **Middle Schools**

- [Coral Springs](#)
- [Sawgrass Springs](#)
- [Westglades](#)
- [Bright Horizons](#)
- [Cross Creek](#)

**Ricardo Santana**

**Innovation Zones:**  
Blanche Ely  
Coconut Creek

## **Elementary Schools**

- [Atlantic West](#)
- [Coconut Creek](#)
- [Cypress](#)
- [Drew Charles](#)
- [Liberty](#)
- [Margate](#)
- [McNab](#)
- [Morrow](#)
- [North Lauderdale](#)
- [Palmview](#)
- [Pinewood](#)
- [Pompano Beach](#)
- [Sanders Park](#)

## **Middle Schools**

- [Crystal Lake](#)
- [Margate](#)
- [Pompano Beach](#)
- [Silver Lakes](#)
- [Cypress Run](#)

**Todd LaPace**

**Innovation Zones:**  
J.P. Taravella  
Monarch  
Northeast

## **Middle Schools**

- [Deerfield Beach](#)
- [Forest Glen](#)
- [Lyons Creek](#)
- [Ramblewood](#)
- [Rickards, James](#)
- [Blanche Ely](#)
- [Coconut Creek](#)
- [Coral Glades](#)
- [Coral Springs](#)
- [Deerfield Beach](#)
- [Millennium](#)
- [Monarch](#)
- [Northeast](#)
- [Pompano Beach](#)
- [Stoneman Douglas](#)
- [Taravella](#)
- [Broward Virtual](#)

# SOUTH REGIONAL OFFICE

South Regional Superintendent  
Alan Strauss

Directors: Directors:  
Thomas Correll  
Davida Johnson  
Teresa Hall  
Dr. Katherine Policastro

Assistant Director:  
Khandia Smith

Walter C. Young Building 1  
901 NW 129th Ave.  
Pembroke Pines, FL 33025

## Davida Johnson

### Innovation Zones:

Everglades  
Flanagan  
Miramar

### Elementary Schools

- [AC Perry K-8](#)
- [Coral Cove](#)
- [Coconut Palm](#)
- [Dolphin Bay](#)
- [Fairway](#)
- [Lakeside](#)
- [Miramar](#)
- [Palm Cove](#)
- [Pasadena Lakes](#)
- [Pembroke Lakes](#)
- [Pines Lakes](#)
- [Sea Castle](#)
- [Silver Lakes](#)
- [Silver Palms](#)
- [Silver Shores](#)
- [Sunset Lakes](#)
- [Sunshine Center](#)
- [Whispering Pines](#)

## Dr. Katherine Policastro

### Innovation Zones:

Hollywood Hills  
South Broward

### Elementary Schools

- [Bethune](#)
- [Beach Side K-8](#)
- [Collins](#)
- [Country Isles](#)
- [Dania](#)
- [Davie](#)
- [Driftwood](#)
- [Eagle Point](#)
- [Everglades](#)
- [Gator Run](#)
- [Hollywood Central](#)
- [Hollywood Hills](#)
- [Indian Trace](#)
- [Manatee Bay](#)
- [Sheridan Hills](#)
- [Sheridan Park](#)
- [Stirling Center](#)
- [The Quest Center](#)

## Teresa Hall

### Innovation Zones:

Cypress Bay  
McArthur

### Middle Schools

- [Attucks](#)
- [Driftwood](#)
- [Falcon Cove](#)
- [Glades](#)
- [New Renaissance](#)
- [Olsen](#)
- [Pines](#)
- [Tequesta Trace](#)
- [Young, Walter C](#)

### High Schools

- [Cooper City](#)
- [Cypress Bay](#)
- [Everglades](#)
- [Flanagan, Charles W](#)
- [Hallandale](#)
- [Hollywood Hills](#)
- [McArthur](#)
- [Miramar](#)
- [Pines Collegiate Academy 6-12](#)
- [South Broward](#)
- [West Broward](#)

## Thomas Correll

### Innovation Zones:

Cooper City  
Hallandale  
West Broward

### Elementary Schools

- [Boulevard Heights](#)
- [Chapel Trail](#)
- [Cooper City](#)
- [Embassy Creek](#)
- [Griffin](#)
- [Gulfstream K-8](#)
- [Hawkes Bluff](#)
- [Hollywood Park](#)
- [Lake Forest](#)
- [Orange Brook](#)
- [Panther Run](#)
- [Pembroke Pines](#)
- [Watkins](#)
- [West Hollywood](#)

### Middle Schools

- [Apollo](#)
- [McNicol](#)
- [Pioneer](#)
- [Silver Trail Center](#)
- [Lanier James Education Center](#)

# Innovation Zones- Central

- Policy 1402
- Quarterly Meetings

BOYD ANDERSON	CYPRESS BAY	DILLARD
<b>Elementary</b> Broadview Castle Hill Endeavour Primary Larkdale Lauderdale P.T. Oriole Park Lakes Royal Palm  <b>Middle</b> Lauderdale Lakes  <b>High</b> Boyd H. Anderson  <b>Combination</b> Lauderdale 6-12	<b>Elementary</b> Country Isles Eagle Point Everglades Gator Run Indian Trace Manatee Bay  <b>Middle</b> Falcon Cove Tequesta Trace  <b>High</b> Cypress Bay	<b>Elementary</b> Dillard Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Rock Island Sunland Park Thurgood Marshall Westwood Heights  <b>Middle</b> Parkway William Dandy  <b>Combination</b> Dillard 6-12  <b>Center</b> Broward Estates Wingate Oaks
FORT LAUDERDALE	PIPER	PLANTATION
<b>Elementary</b> Bayview Bennett Harbordale North Side Virginia Shuman Young Walker Wilton Manors  <b>Middle</b> Sunrise  <b>High</b> Fort Lauderdale  <b>Center</b> Whiddon-Rogers	<b>Elementary</b> Banyan Discovery Horizon Nob Hill Sandpiper Village Welleby  <b>Middle</b> Bair Westpine  <b>High</b> Piper	<b>Elementary</b> Central Park Mirror Lake Peters Sawgrass  <b>Middle</b> Plantation  <b>High</b> Plantation
SOUTH PLANTATION	STRANAHAN	WESTERN
<b>Elementary</b> Meadowbrook Plantation Plantation Park Tropical  <b>Middle</b> Seminole  <b>High</b> South Plantation  <b>Center</b> Pine Ridge	<b>Elementary</b> Croissant Park North Fork Riverland Stephen Foster  <b>Middle</b> New River  <b>High</b> Sheridan Technical High School Stranahan  <b>Center</b> Seagull	<b>Elementary</b> Flamingo Fox Trail Silver Ridge  <b>Middle</b> Indian Ridge  <b>High</b> Western

# Innovation Zones- North

- Policy 1402
- Quarterly Meetings

COCONUT CREEK	CORAL GLADES	CORAL SPRINGS
<b>Elementary</b> Atlantic West Liberty Margate Morrow North Lauderdale Pinewood  <b>Middle</b> Margate Silver Lakes  <b>High</b> Atlantic Technical High School Coconut Creek  <b>Combination</b> Broward Virtual School Coconut Creek K-8	<b>Elementary</b> Coral Springs Parkside Westchester  <b>Middle</b> Sawgrass Springs  <b>High</b> Coral Glades	<b>Elementary</b> Coral Park Forest Hills James S. Hunt Park Springs  <b>Middle</b> Forest Glen  <b>High</b> Coral Springs  <b>Center</b> Cross Creek Cypress Run
DEERFIELD BEACH	BLANCHE ELY/POMPANO	MONARCH
<b>Elementary</b> Cresthaven Deerfield Beach Deerfield Park Norcrest Park Ridge Tedder  <b>Middle</b> Deerfield Beach  <b>High</b> Deerfield Beach  <b>Center</b> Bright Horizons	<b>Elementary</b> C. Robert Markham Charles Drew Cypress McNab Palmview Pompano Beach Sanders Park  <b>Middle</b> Crystal Lake Pompano Beach  <b>High</b> Blanche Ely Pompano Beach  <b>Center</b> Dave Thomas	<b>Elementary</b> Quiet Waters Tradewinds Winston Park  <b>Middle</b> Lyons Creek  <b>High</b> Monarch
NORTHEAST	MARJORY STONEMAN DOUGLAS	J.P. TARAVELLA
<b>Elementary</b> Floranada Lloyd Estates North Andrews Gardens Oakland Park  <b>Middle</b> James S. Rickards  <b>High</b> Northeast	<b>Elementary</b> Country Hills Eagle Ridge Heron Heights Park Trails Riverglades  <b>Middle</b> Coral Springs Westglades  <b>High</b> Marjory Stoneman Douglas	<b>Elementary</b> Challenger Maplewood Ramblewood Riverside Tamarac  <b>Middle</b> Ramblewood  <b>High</b> J.P. Taravella  <b>Combination</b> Millennium 6-12

# Innovation Zones-South

- Policy 1402
- Quarterly Meetings

COOPER CITY	EVERGLADES	CHARLES W. FLANAGAN	HALLANDALE	HOLLYWOOD HILLS
<b>Elementary</b> Cooper City Embassy Creek Griffin	<b>Elementary</b> Coconut Palm Dolphin Bay Silver Lakes Sunset Lakes	<b>Elementary</b> Lakeside Palm Cove Pasadena Lakes Pembroke Lakes Pines Lakes Silver Palms	<b>Elementary</b> Colbert Lake Forest Watkins	<b>Elementary</b> Davie Driftwood Mary M. Bethune Sheridan Hills Sheridan Park Stirling
<b>Middle</b> Pioneer	<b>Middle</b> Glades	<b>Middle</b> Walter C. Young	<b>Middle</b> McNicol	<b>Middle</b> Attucks Driftwood
<b>High</b> Cooper City	<b>High</b> Everglades	<b>High</b> Charles W. Flanagan	<b>Combination</b> Gulfstream Academy	<b>High</b> Hollywood Hills
	<b>Combination</b> Coral Cove Silver Shores	<b>Combination</b> Pines 6-12	<b>Center</b> Lanier-James	<b>Center</b> The Quest
MCARTHUR	MIRAMAR	NOVA	SOUTH BROWARD	WEST BROWARD
<b>Elementary</b> Boulevard Heights Hollywood Park Orange Brook Pembroke Pines West Hollywood	<b>Elementary</b> Fairway Miramar Sea Castle Sunshine	<b>Elementary</b> Nova Blanche Foreman Nova Dwight D. Eisenhower	<b>Elementary</b> Collins Dania Hollywood Hills Oakridge	<b>Elementary</b> Chapel Trail Hawkes Bluff Panther Run
<b>Middle</b> Apollo	<b>Middle</b> New Renaissance	<b>Middle</b> Nova Middle	<b>Middle</b> Olsen	<b>Middle</b> Silver Trail
<b>High</b> McArthur	<b>High</b> Miramar	<b>High</b> College Academy @ BC McFatter Technical High School Nova High	<b>High</b> South Broward	<b>High</b> West Broward
	<b>Combination</b> Annabel C. Perry PK-8		<b>Combination</b> Beachside Montessori Hollywood Central	
	<b>Center</b> Henry D. Perry Whispering Pines			



# School Board



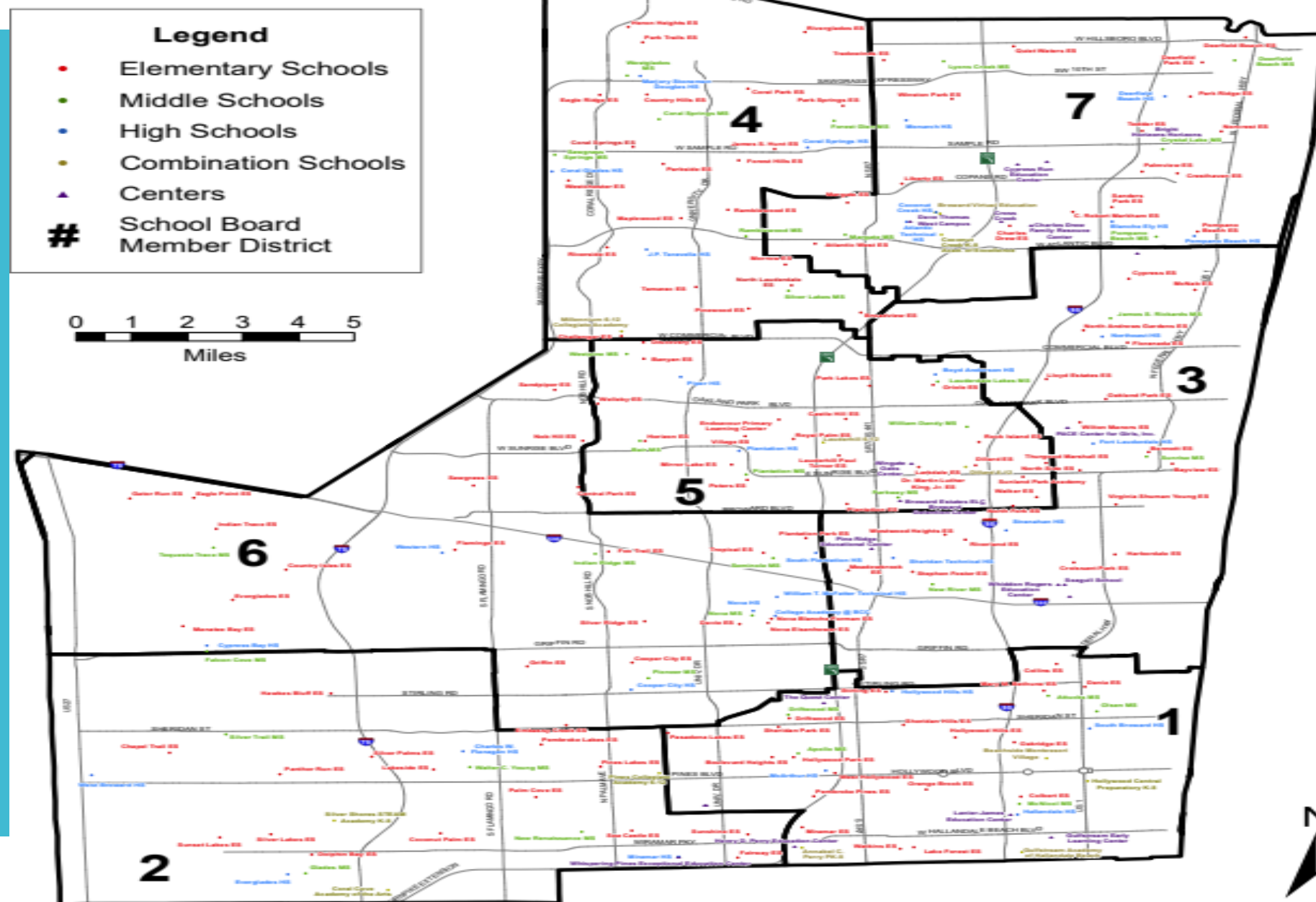
**Top row, standing, from left:** Adam Cervera, Esq. (District 6), Dr. Jeff Holness (District 5), Rebecca Thompson (District 2), Lori Alhadeff (District 4), Nora Rupert (District 7), Maura McCarthy Bulman (District 1), and Dr. Allen Zeman (Countywide at Large, Seat 8).

**Front row, seated, from left:** Board Chair Debra Hixon (Countywide at Large, Seat 9), Superintendent Dr. Howard Hepburn, and Board Vice Chair Sarah Leonardi (District 3)

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# School Board Member Districts



# Advisories and Committees



## Why are we here?

### Policy 1070:

[https://schoolinfo.browardschools.com/bcpsweb/displaypdf.html?filename=Policy\\_1070.PDF](https://schoolinfo.browardschools.com/bcpsweb/displaypdf.html?filename=Policy_1070.PDF)

### Policy 1.2:

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# Parent Engagement is the Key to Success!



For decades, researchers have pointed to one key success factor that transcends nearly all others, such as socioeconomic status, student background or the kind of school a student attends: **parental** involvement and **engagement**.

Children are more likely to

- Earn higher grades and score higher on tests
- Graduate from high school and college
- Develop self-confidence and motivation in the classroom
- Have better social skills and classroom behavior
- Because it improves classroom culture and conditions, parent involvement also benefits teachers. Knowing more about a student helps teachers prepare better and knowing that they have parents' support ensures that teachers feel equipped to take academic risks and push for students to learn more



# Ways to Advocate

## At Your School

- School Advisory Forum (SAF)
- School Advisory Councils (SAC)
- Parent-Teacher Groups

## Other Informative meetings:

- Area Advisory Council
- District Advisory Meetings (DAC)
- Regular School Board Meetings
- School Board Workshop
- Municipal Meetings and Education Advisory Boards
- Town Halls
- Community Events

- Non-profit Organizations

## Other Methods

- Research- Laws, Policy, Best Practices
- Social Media
- Email Campaigns
- Meetings with city officials and congress persons
- Communication with district departments
- Empowering parent with information
- You don't have to be the person at the mic or out front, there are numerous ways to get involved and support causes



# Achievements

## Advocate for All

- Homework and Make Up Work Policy
- Here Comes the Bus
- 2 Year Calendar
- Maintaining Advisories and Stakeholder Input
- Focus Parent Portal Changes- Back to School Forms
- Clear Backpacks
- Cell Phones
- Title 1 and Free and Reduced Lunch
- Policy Changes
- Enhanced Security at Single Point of Entry
- Deaf and Hard of Hearing Visual Alarms
- Discipline Policy
- Media Committee/Book Bans
- Reproductive Health Curriculum
- Printed Report Card or Digital Signature
- Tagging approved self-carry medications
- Soil Remediation
- Communication of Single Sign-on instructions on websites
- Communicated Xello's replacement of Naviance
- **School Nurses\***
- **Redefining Schools\***
- and many more...

# Major Differences Between Groups on Campus

## School Advisory Council

- State Mandated
- FL Statute: 1001.452
- Policy 1403 and 1403A
- Specific Membership to represent student body
- Focus: School Improvement Plan and Budgets
- May be lead by parent or staff

## School Advisory Forum

- BCPS Board Mandated
- Policy 1.3
- Must be lead by a parent who does not work for school
- All are welcome
- Focus: everything not included in SIP; any concerns parent want to bring up
- Coordinate Resources and support for the school

## School Allied Groups

- PTA, PTO, Booster Clubs
- Optional
- Pay for Membership and voting privileges
- Some do advocacy
- Fundraising arm of school
- Activities and experiences for student

# School Advisory Council

- Required by State Law
- Each school has one
- Defined Representative Membership based on school population; but all are welcome
- Voting by official membership only
- Staff voted on by staff and Parents voted by parents; 51%+ must be parents
  - Principal, Teachers, BTU steward (or designee), Parents, Innovation Zone representative (must be a parent) SAF Chairperson (or designee – must be a parent), ESOL representative (must be a parent of a student an ELL student at the school), ESE representative (must be a parent of an ESE student at the school), Gifted representative (must be a parent of a Gifted student at the school), Pre-K (if applicable - parent or certified teacher), Non-Instructional Support Employees, Community / Business Representatives, Students (required on high school & adult/technical centers -- optional at the middle school), Community School representative (if applicable)
- Elections should be held in March/Early April at a general gathering of parents

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Edudata: <https://edudata.fldoe.org/>

# School Advisory Council

- SAC Chair, Vice Chair or Secretary are voted on at first meeting
- Bylaws and Member Composition reviewed and voted on at first meeting
- Provide input on the School Improvement Plan; School Waivers
  - Academic Performance, ESE, Attendance, Gifted, Discipline, Specials, Engagement
- Review School Grade and performance on Edudata
- Finances- School Accountability Funds, School Recognition Funds (A+), School Wallet Balance, School Budget
- 2 Joint Meetings yearly with SAF

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Budget Resources: <https://www.browardschools.com/bcps-departments/budget/budget-resource-center>

# School Advisory Forum

- Required BCPS Policy
- Each school has one
- Membership based on those in attendance; all are welcome
- Voting by those in attendance and signed in on attendance sheet; 51% of those in attendance
- Election of SAF Chair should be held in March/Early April at a general gathering of parents; Must be parent who does not work at the school
- Vice Chair or Secretary are voted on at first meeting (No Co-Chairs)
- Bylaws reviewed, amended, and voted on at first meeting
- Must have an Agenda and Minutes for each meeting; these are provided to the SAC chair/Assigned Staff to upload to BCPS Central
- Topics include anything that interest parent or the community; may contact BCPS departments to come present on topics
- Virtual information meetings are allowed, but cannot vote online
- 2 Joint Meetings yearly with SAC



# School Advisory Forum

## Duties of the Advisory (From Policy)

- All duties will be advisory in nature, none of which will conflict with any of the powers and duties reserved by law, policy, or administrative guidelines to the principal
- Actively participate with the School Advisory Council in identifying the educational needs and priorities of the school
- Actively participate with the principal in the preparation of the budget, and reviewing the budget-related concerns after each FTE count.
- Indicate awareness of the program and plans for the school by the signature of the chairperson on the budget when it is submitted for district budget preparation
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- Address parent/community concerns; work with the administration to solve problems and to initiate desirable change
- Assist in increasing/sustaining high levels of community support for the school
- Assist in planning, developing and implementing parent/community programs and training activities.
- Participate in joint training opportunities with the School Advisory Council
- In addition to individual School Advisory Forum meetings, hold semi-annual meetings jointly with the School Advisory Council
- The School Advisory Forum shall use guidelines developed by the district, develop and adopt procedural bylaws, conduct meetings in accordance with the Florida Sunshine Laws, and conduct meetings according to Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised
- Record, maintain, and post minutes of all meetings at the school in accordance with the Florida Sunshine Laws

# School Advisory Forum

## Duties of the SAF Chair

- SAF Chair should meet and work with Principals- NEVER blindsides
- Know what is going on at your school- attend events, walk the campus to identify facilities issues, talk to staff, talk to parents
- Assist in the identification and coordination of the use of community resources to improve student achievement and school effectiveness
- Address parent/community concerns; work with the administration to solve problems and to initiate desirable change
- School Advisory Forums and its off
- Prepare meeting agendas, comply with all applicable laws and policies.
- School Advisory Forum (SAF) chairperson or designee shall represent SAF as a voting member at School Advisory Council meetings.
- SAF Chair or designee shall represent SAF as voting member of the Area Advisory Council meetings.
- School Advisory Forums and its officers are prohibited from using their titles and/or positions to endorse, or give the impression of endorsing, candidates for public office
- SAF Chair or designee attends Monthly SAC meeting, and Monthly Area Advisory Council Meetings on the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of the month

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SAF Training Manual: [https://browarddistrictadvisory.ch2v.com/Content/22\\_429/DocumentStore/25/SAF%20Manual.pdf](https://browarddistrictadvisory.ch2v.com/Content/22_429/DocumentStore/25/SAF%20Manual.pdf)

# Sample Agenda

K.C. Wright Elementary School  
School Advisory Forum Agenda  
600 SE Third Ave., Ft. Lauderdale FL 33301  
General Meeting - September 26, 2023 – 7 P.M

- A. Call to order & Welcome
- B. House Keeping: Reminder to sign in.
- C. Introductions: (If the group is small then everyone can introduce themselves. )
- D. Approval of minutes: of August 29, 2023
- E. **Administrative Reports:** Principal Report or another Committee that has an item to report
- F. **Presentation: How does a parent access Pinnacle and Canvas.** (See attachment)
- G. **Unfinished Business:** Follow up to Here Comes the Bus app.
- H. **New Business:**
  - 1) Curriculum Overview for Parents
  - 2) Resource Fair
- I. Open Discussion
- J. Important Dates
- K. Next Meeting- 10/2/205 at 6pm at KCW



The School Board of Broward County, Florida  
District Advisory Council – @KCW  
DRAFT MINUTES  
Wednesday, September 14, 2022 6:30 pm-8:30 pm  
DAC Website: [browarddistrictadvisory.ch2v.com/](http://browarddistrictadvisory.ch2v.com/)  
Email: [Districtadvisorycouncil@gmail.com](mailto:Districtadvisorycouncil@gmail.com)

Chair – Chuck Harper  
Recording Secretary – Brie-Anne Pendlebury  
Vice Chair – Malika Isaac  
Corresponding Secretary – Kathy Diaz  
Communications Chair – Laurel Garfinkel

The chair, Chuck Harper, welcomed everyone to the meeting. This meeting was held face to face at KCW. Meeting etiquette was reviewed: Please sign in your appropriate sign in sheet. One question per attendee per speaker, if there are still questions, they will be sent to the vice chair or recording secretary, forwarded to the appropriate presenter and replies will be presented at the next DAC meeting.

#### **Meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM.**

Approval of May and August Minutes: Motion to approve Carmello Burgess and seconded by Cynthia Dominique.

#### **Housekeeping**

Attendance Requirements: We need to meet quorum every meeting in order to conduct business. If you miss 3 consecutive meetings or 4 in total, you cannot vote and must be reappointed.

Sunshine Law and Ethics Training (10 minutes for returning members; 45 for new members) <http://browardschools.com/Page/41329>

Sign-up to receive emails on the DAC website <http://browarddistrictadvisory.ch2v.com/>

#### **Speakers**

##### ***Calendar committee:***

There are three options that are going to be shared to all stakeholders. This has been forwarded to the region chairs for dispersal at the monthly meetings.

##### ***Transportation committee:***

Here Comes the Bus app is rolling out tomorrow, 9/15/22. Parents of bus riders received an email with this information and how to access the system. The customer satisfaction survey period is complete. There were about 9,000 responses that will be analyzed for future improvements. The Register to Ride option for bus route sign up was also a success

as shared by a parent. The transportation FTE will be in October. Students should ride at least one day during this period to ensure proper funding allocations.

#### ***Gifted Advisory:***

Parkway Gifted Academy parents are concerned about a difference between services that were promised as opposed to actual services received by parents.

#### ***Technology:***

A concern was shared that the District website still has information regarding access to classes via Teams for students. An update is necessary to be aligned to current COVID policies and protocols.

#### ***Dr. Vickie L. Cartwright – Superintendent of Schools***

Dr. Cartwright welcomed all in attendance and shared her sentiments and goal to continue to build communication, collaboration and working together to provide the best for our students.

She also shared that there have been significant structural changes all aimed at having leadership housed closer to the schools. The regional offices are working with schools to identify needs and provide support on a more immediate and consistent basis. Dr. Marilyn Doyle oversees these regional offices and is present at this evening's meeting. John Sullivan, Dr. Mancini, and Dr. Wanza are also present tonight to address the preset questions.

#### ***Policy 1.7 and the concerns over removing the advisory "looping"***

The policy was not repealed at the most recent school board meeting due to great feedback from the community. It is housed under the communications office. It will now go through a revision process to update outdated components. There are many pieces that are no longer aligned to present policies and laws. There will be a refocus for the responsibilities of the board and superintendent in relation to policies. The board will approve policies and the superintendent will ensure that policies are implemented. There are five policies on the priority track. They will be brought to advisories for discussion and feedback.

Policy 4000 is still in the works. Progress Monitoring Plan requirements have been approved and will be received via Pivot Memos by 9/16/22.

Motion: DAC form a subcommittee to review Policy 1164. Proposed by Linda Ferrara and seconded by Dr. Lynch-Walsh. Discussion centered on the need for a communications committee. There have been repeated concerns over the years about communication between stakeholders and the district. The motion passed unanimously.

# Sample Minutes

# Sample Bylaws

[School Name]

## SCHOOL ADVISORY FORUM

### BYLAWS

#### ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of this forum shall be the [School Name] Advisory Forum (SAF). This Forum operates under Broward County School Board Policy 1.3: School Advisory Forum.

#### ARTICLE II: OBJECTIVES

Section 1: Mission Statement: The mission of the [School Name] SAF is to foster and promote communication between its stakeholders, the school, and the Area Advisory Council. The SAF shall bring forth recommendations, concerns, and interests to and from their Area Advisory Council.

##### Section 2: Duties:

1. All duties will be advisory in nature, none of which will conflict with any of the powers and duties reserved by law, policy or administrative guidelines to the principal.
2. Actively participate with the School Advisory Council in identifying the educational needs and priorities of the school.
3. Actively participate with the principal in the preparation of the budget, and reviewing the budget-related concerns after each FTE count.
4. Indicate awareness of the program and plans for the school by the signature of the chairperson on the budget when it is submitted for district budget preparation.
5. Assist in the identification and coordination of the use of community resources to improve student achievement and school effectiveness.
6. Address parent/community concerns; work with the administration to solve problems and to initiate desirable change.

7. Assist in increasing/sustaining high levels of community support for the school.

8. Assist in planning, developing and implementing parent/community programs and training activities.

9. Participate in joint training opportunities with the School Advisory Council.

10. In addition to individual School Advisory Forum meetings, hold semi-annual meetings jointly with the School Advisory Council.

11. The School Advisory Forum shall use guidelines developed by the district, develop and adopt procedural bylaws, conduct meetings in accordance with the Florida Sunshine Laws, and conduct meetings according to Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised.

12. As an apolitical organization, officers and members are prohibited from using their titles and/or their positions to endorse, or give the impression of endorsing candidates for public office. In addition, public monies and/or materials may not be used to endorse candidates or further their campaigns.

#### ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: Membership of the School Advisory Forum (SAF) shall be representative of the school community to include parents or guardians of the students enrolled in the school, students of the school, employees of the school, business partners of the school, community members and business people. Participation from all ethnic, religious, cultural, and socioeconomic backgrounds is welcome and encouraged.

Section 2: Voting Rights: Meetings are open to all but voting rights are granted only to members who are parents or guardians of the students who are enrolled in the school or matriculating to the school the following year, students of the school, employees of the school and business partners of the school. To vote at any meeting, members must sign in and show proof that they meet the above voting membership requirements, if requested.



# Area and District Advisory Councils

## Area Advisory Council

- Assist in the identification and coordination of the use of community resources and partnerships to improve student achievement and school effectiveness in their region
- Share concerns from school that are not resolved or best practices that can be implemented across the region
- Membership made up of SAF chairs from each school in the region; Executive Board is comprised of parent SAF chairs
- Principals attend 1<sup>st</sup> in-person meeting; principal reps from each I-zone attend monthly; regional leadership
- Reps from the AREA attend DAC to lend their perspective
  - Elementary, Middle, High School, Parent-at-Large, Citizen-at-Large, Business Rep, Legislative Rep, Facilities Rep

## District Advisory Council

- Address systemic parent/community concerns; work with the administration and school board to solve problems and to initiate desirable change
- Have reps from each are and include reps from BTU, principal Union, Community Organizations, Board Member appointees
- Host Training and information sessions, review policy and advocate for changes districtwide

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# Sunshine Law

- Requires meetings to be advertised a week in advance and open to the public
- Must have attendance records
- Must provide an agenda 7 days prior to a meeting
- The minutes of a meeting of any such board or commission of any such state agency or authority shall be promptly recorded, and such records shall be open to public inspection
- All decision making must take place at an official meetings
- No communication about business that is or may come before the body outside of a public meeting
- Sunshine law applies to emails and social media communication as well
- Must have in person quorum 50% +1
- Must advertise items that will be voted on- Bylaws, Policy, Elections

Sunshine Law. (286.0105 F.S.)

# Common Motions

- Motion to Adopt Agenda
- Motion to Approve Minutes, Policy or Bylaws
- Point of Order: Asking a procedural question
  - When the meeting, vote or process is not following proper rules
- Point of Information or Clarification:
  - Ask a relevant question
  - You are wondering about some of the facts under discussion
- Call the Question
- Motion to Adjourn a Meeting

# ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER

## Why is Parliamentary Procedure Important?

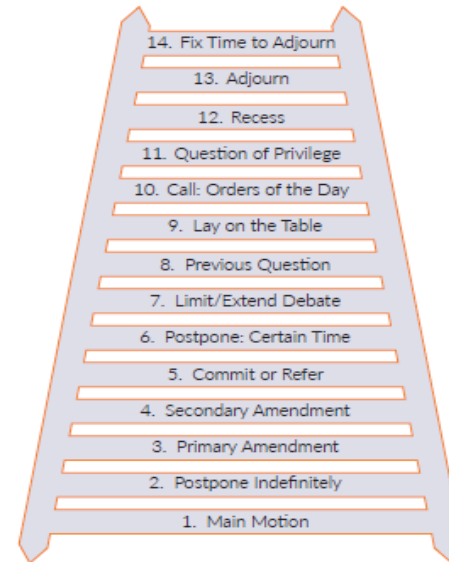
Parliamentary procedure is the rules that govern the transaction of business during board meetings. Following a uniform set of rules allows for effective board meetings as well as conducting business in a fair and democratic manner, giving everyone who wishes to speak an opportunity to express an opinion or raise a question with minimal delay and confusion.

## MOST COMMON TYPES OF PARLIAMENTARY MOTIONS

Motion	Summary	Second	Debatable	Amendable	Vote
Main Motion	Brings business before the assembly; permitted only when no other motion is pending	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
Reconsider	Revisit motion already voted on at same meeting	Yes	Yes	No	Majority
Rescind	Strikes or modifies motion adopted at prior meeting	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
Amendment	Allows modifications to another motion by adding, deleting, or changing words; only one amendment to a main motion or to amend an amendment may be made at any one time	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
Refer	Allows a matter to be sent to a smaller group to consider and report back; must report back at the time specified	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
Postpone	Delays consideration of a matter; may be introduced at a time no one is speaking	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
Limit Debate	Places a limit on the time or number of speakers	Yes	No	Yes	Majority*
Previous Question	Ends debate immediately	Yes	No	No	Majority*
Table	Temporarily delays a matter when something of urgency arises; should not include specific time for removal; should be taken from the table no later than the next meeting	Yes	No	No	Majority
Recess	Permits a short break	Yes	No	Yes	Majority
Adjourn	Ends the meeting	Yes	No	No	Majority
Point of Order (No order of precedence)	Calls attention to an error in procedure; done at any time to question a ruling of the Chair or a point of parliamentary procedure	No	No	No	None
Suspend the Rules (No order of precedence)	Allows an action to be taken that would otherwise be against the rules	Yes	No	No	Majority*

## Precedence of Motions Ladder

Certain motions are considered ahead of others in formal procedure. The ladder shows the order of precedence, from the highest to lowest ranking motion. When a motion is being considered, any motion higher on the list – but no motion of lower precedence – may be proposed. The motion last proposed (and highest on the list) is considered and decided first.



**Only one motion should be addressed at a time, and proceedings must be carried out in the correct order.**

## How the Motion is Brought Before the Board

**First Board Member:** "Mr./Madam Chairman..." [Board member remains standing and waits to be recognized by the Board Chairman.]

**First Board Member:** "I move that..." [Board member resumes his/her seat.]

**Second Board Member:** "I second the motion."

**Board Chairman:** "It is moved and seconded that..." [Board Chairman calls for the discussion.]

## Putting the Motion to a Vote

**Board Chairman:** "Is there any further discussion on the matter?" [If no one seeks the floor, the Board Chairman will proceed to take the vote.]

**Board Chairman:** "The question is on the adoption of the motion that..." [repeat or clearly identify the motion]."

**Board Chairman:** "Those in favor of the motion, say aye. [pause for response] Those opposed, say no [pause for response]."

**Board Chairman:** "The ayes have it, and the motion is adopted." OR "The noes have it, and the motion fails."

## To do this, say...

To adjourn the meeting –  
"I move that we adjourn."

To recess the meeting –  
"I move that we recess until..."

To end debate –  
"I move the previous question."

To postpone consideration –  
"I move we postpone this matter until..."

To modify wording of the motion –  
"I move that this motion be amended by..."

To enforce rules –  
"Point of Order"\*

To take up a matter previously tabled –  
"I move that we take from the table..."

To consider something out of its scheduled order –  
"I move that we suspend the rules and consider..."

To reconsider something already disposed of –  
"I move that we reconsider our action relative to..."\*

\*Instances when you may interrupt the speaker

# Motions

## What is the purpose of making motions?

*A motion is a formal proposal by a member to do something. Motions are the basis of the group decision-making process. They focus the group on what is being decided.*

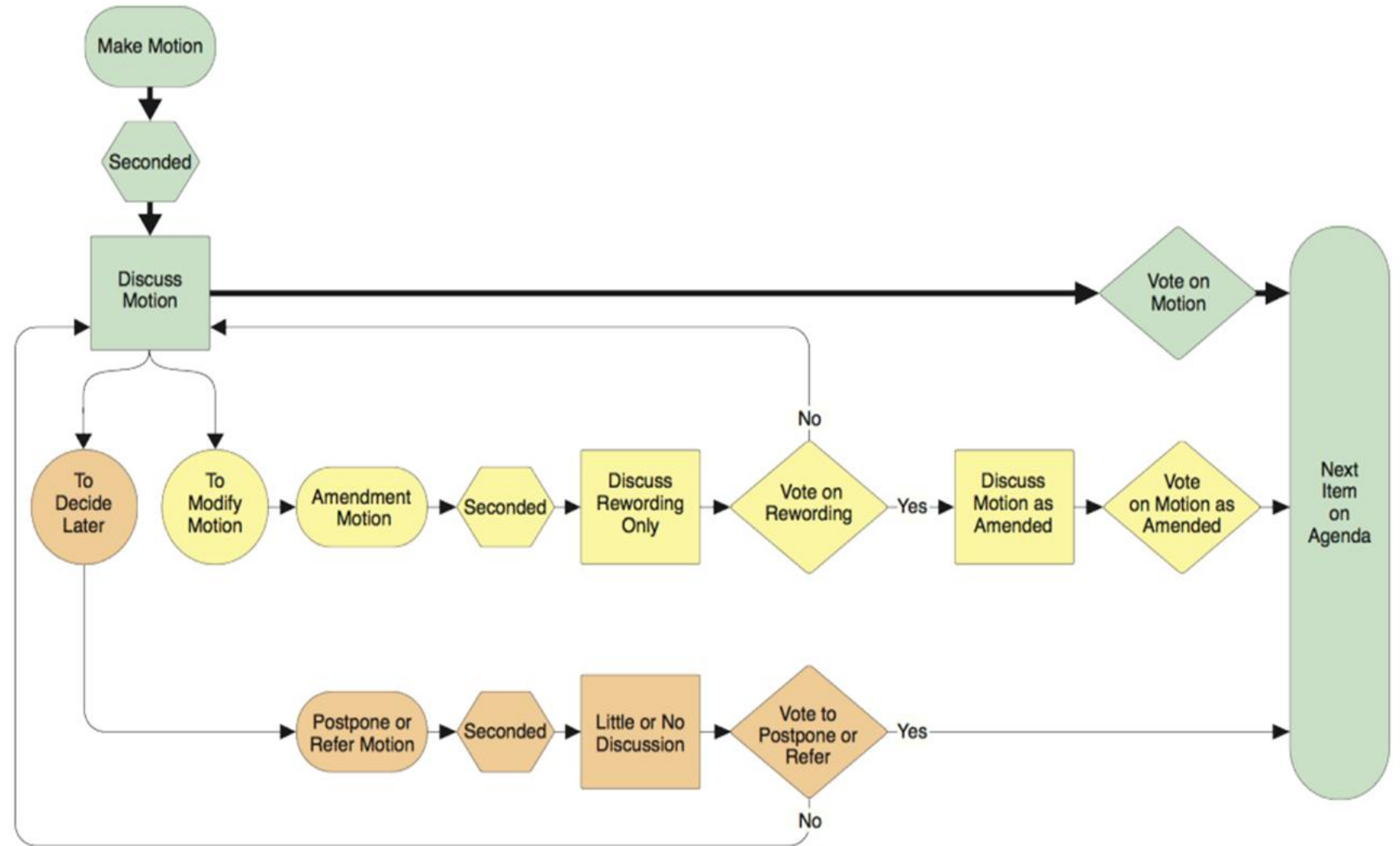
- A motion is made at a meeting when a desired action is requested.
- Motions typically start at a school or any advisory.
- At a School Advisory Forum meeting a topic brought to the table is often discussed and a result of that discussion is formulated into a motion.
- If the body votes in favor of the motion and it requires additional action, it passes to the principal or the area for consideration.
- To vote at any meeting, members must sign in, present proof that they meet the voting membership requirements, if requested.

# Motions

## Making the Motion:

- The Chair recognizes the member wanting to make a motion.
- It is suggested that the presenter put the motion in writing
- Always state a motion affirmatively. Say, "I move that we ..." rather than, "I move that we do not ...".
- Another member will second the motion or the Chair will call for a second.
- When a second has been made the Chair will open the floor for discussion.
- An amendment can be made anytime while the motion is on the floor, the amendment must have a second to proceed.
- The amendment must be voted on first. Then the main motion.
- If there is no second to the motion, it is lost. There is no further discussion.

# Motions



## GOOD ORDER

- Stay on topic
- One speaker at a time, acknowledged by chair
- No interrupting

## POINT OF ORDER

- Member explains how a law or good order is being breached
- Chair rules on point of order
- Vote if necessary



## Example of Making and Amending a Motion

### Original Motion

"I move, that the School Board of Broward County purchase 5 electric school buses every year to replace aging gasoline powered school buses "

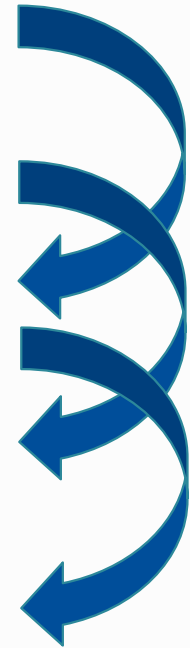
### Amended Motion

- "I move to Amended the number from 5 to 10"
- Discussion will take place on the number only
- Take a vote on the amendment
- Then Vote on the main motion with the amended language

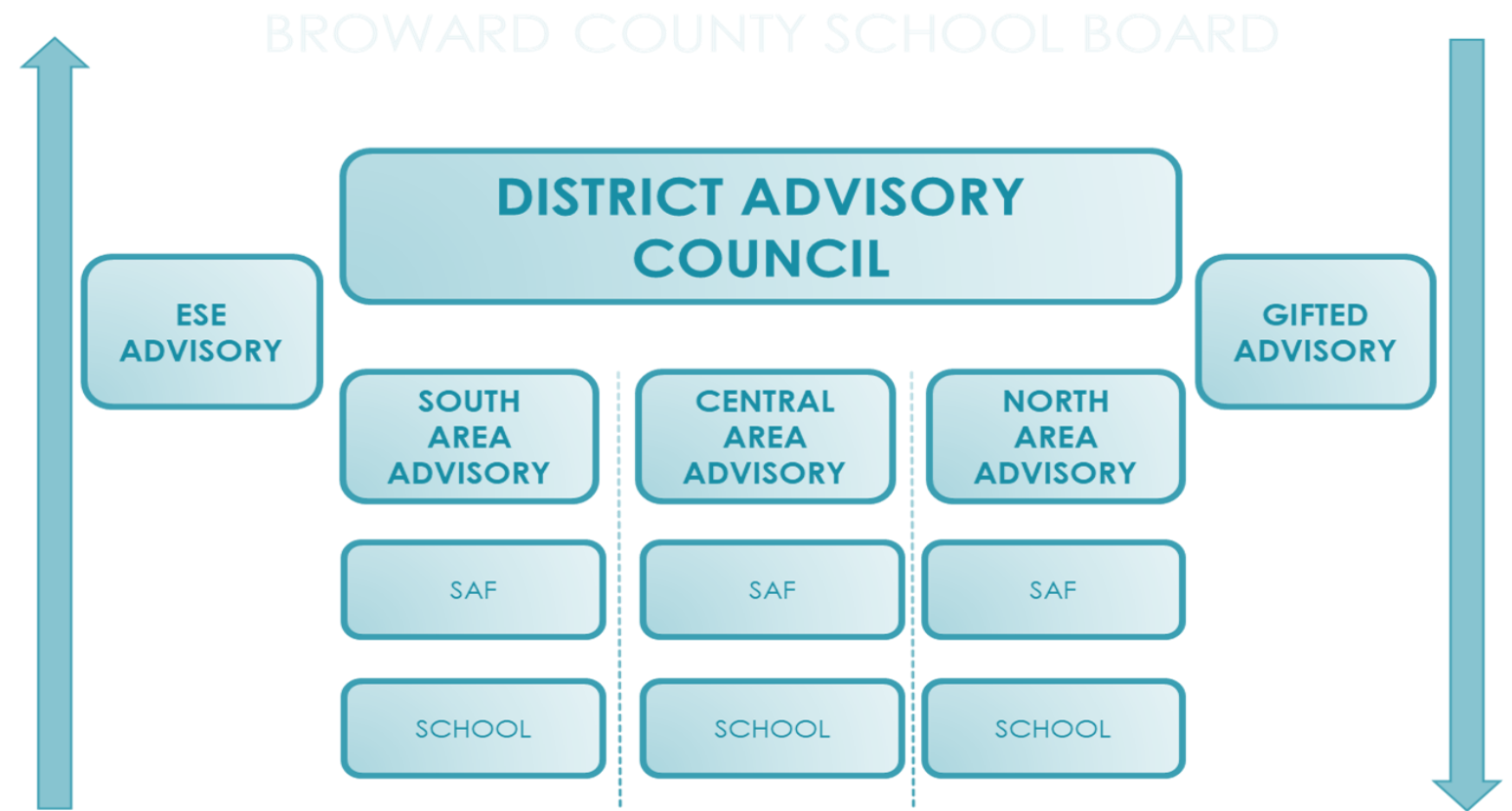
## Flow of a motion made at a School Advisory Forum meeting:

- **Principal**
- **Area Advisory Council/Other Committee**
- **District Advisory Council/Other Committee**
- **District Department & Superintendent**
- **School Board Members**

MOTION

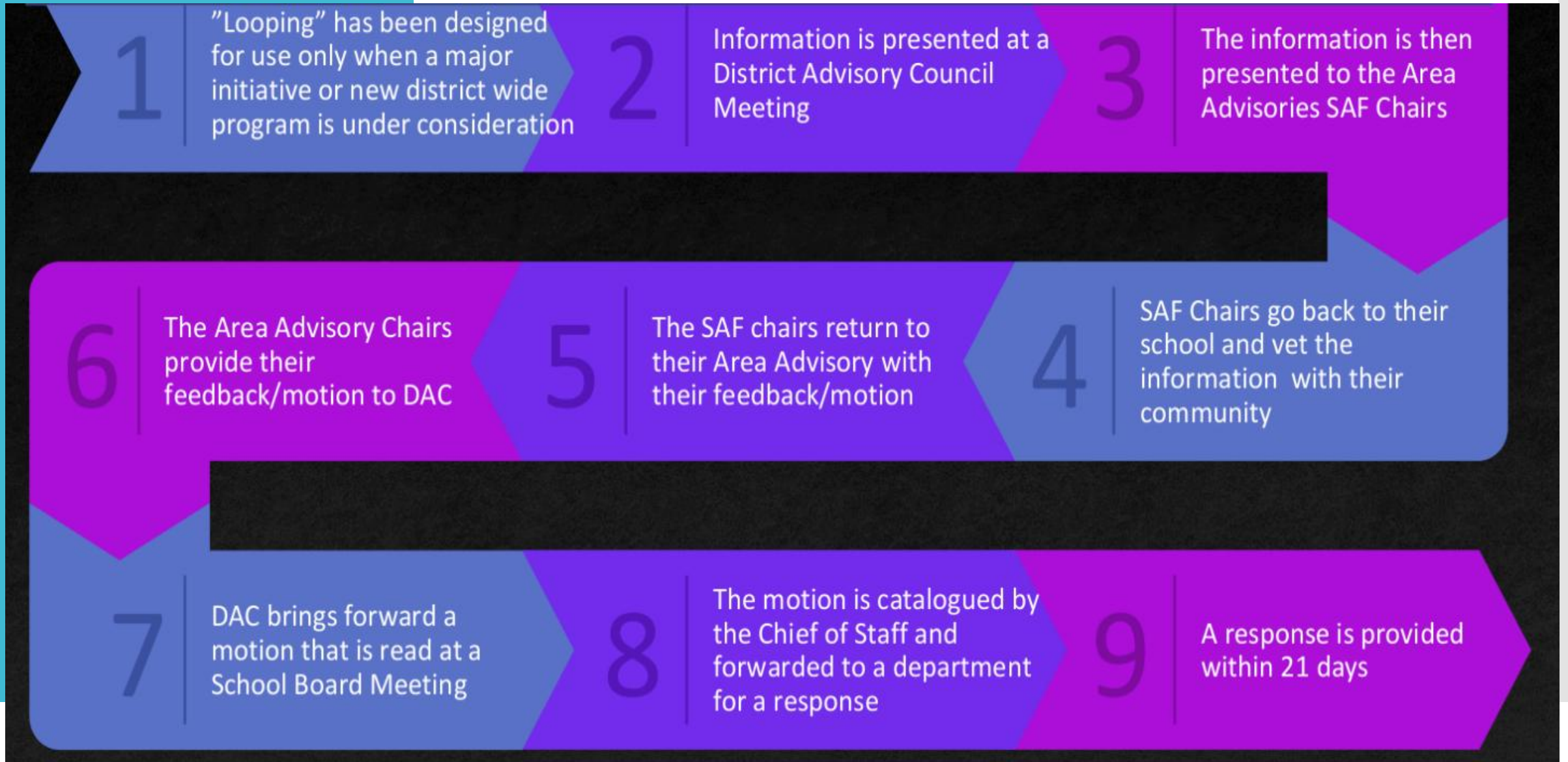


# Looping Process



- Policy 1164; Revised is Policy 1920
- Ideas, Concerns & Feedback Flow **UP** from the School/Parents to SAF/SAC to the Area Advisory/Other Advisory and potentially on to District Advisory and to the School Board
- Requests for Feedback or dissemination of information Flow **DOWN**. This is how the School Board and District Advisory gauge support for important issues.

# The Public Engagement Loop



# Engagement & Marketing Meetings

## Considerations for Your Meeting:

- Piggy-Back on Another Meeting
  - PTO/PTA Meeting
  - SAC Meeting (teachers and administrators must attend even if no parents)
  - SAC has a liaison in your school (usually a teacher) whom you can partner with regarding minutes and announcements
  - School Events
- Other locations with likelihood of getting parents to turn out
  - Sports Field in-between games (who noted they tried this last year?)
- Regardless of when or where, you must have an agenda and minutes (submit to your principal and push for them to be sent out as well as posted on your school website)
- No matter what time you pick, some interested parents won't be able to attend (during the day, evening).
  - Make yourself available to hear concerns from those that can not attend
  - Informal meetings- online, carline, walk up



# Engagement & Marketing Meetings

## How Can You Drum Up Attendance:

- You have to explain who we are and what we do (see next slide)
- Tell them what the meeting is about- something they care about or have had challenges with

## Getting the word out

- Publicize at other events (PTO, PTA)
- Hand out flyers at carline (ask your Assistant Principals to help)
- Work with your Principal to get a flyer or notice sent out to the school (see next slide)
- FACEBOOK - find a group in your area and post
- OTHER THINGS THAT HAVE WORKED?


You do not need a large group, 3 dedicated parents can be a huge help

**Heron Heights Elementary**

**SAF**

November 2024 Newsletter and Meeting Agenda  
Meeting: Monday 11/18/2024 2:30pm

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**What is SAF?**  
SAF stands for the School Advisory Forum.

Every school shall have a School Advisory Forum (SAF) that shall foster and promote communication between its stakeholders, the school and the Regional Advisory Council. The SAF shall bring forth recommendations, concerns and interests to and from their Regional Advisory Council. [Link to Policy 1.1](#)

We are a forum to raise school level concerns to our administration, as well as bring broader questions or ideas to (or from) the North Area Advisory Council of Broward County.

**Future Meetings**

December 2, 2024  
January 21, 2025 \*  
February 24, 2025  
April 2, 2025  
May 1, 2025

**Resources and Notes from the Chairs**

**November Ballot Measure**  
Broward County Referendum 2

The measure PASSED. This will mean that the Broward County Inspector General will now investigate concerns over Broward policy, process, and budgeting.

More details here:  
<https://www.browardschools.com/files/nov2024meas12024>

**School Choice Resources**

DAC supported a motion that would have moved school choice to before the end of the year meaning, you would have to decide by 1/1/25 if you are school choice offering for 2025. Board rejected the change, choice decisions will still be processed earlier in than this year.

More details to come here:  
<https://www.browardschools.com/files/schoolchoice2025>

**Resources Shared in the Past**  
Anti-Bullying Policy

**Agenda for 11/18/2024 Meeting:**

- School Calendar Motion: The DAC recommended via school calendars be approved 2 years in advance by that the calendar for 2026-2027 should be approved meeting).
- Middle School Expo: December 10th at 6 PM (Time in a. For those with older students at HHE, the north where all schools will be present on December 10th)
- A Word of Thanks on Typing: At the last regional meeting, not being able to type fast enough for the FA that HHE students begin exposure and lessons on typing.
- Open floor to any topics raised by parents during or after the meeting. You can text Mike Pezzicola at 732.773.4318.

**VOTE**

**School Advisory Council**  
**School Advisory Forum**

Hey, Parents! Did you know that when parents are involved in their child's education and at their school, they are more likely to succeed?

At our school, we want every child to excel, so we embrace parents and their input. We need parents like you, from all different backgrounds, languages, and experiences to join our School Advisory Forum and School Advisory Council!

- Be part of the decision making at our school
- Provide input on how money is allocated and spent
- Give feedback to improve processes and procedures
- Brainstorm creative ways to enhance learning, behavior and motivate our children

Join the Information Session on Wednesday, April 17th at 6:30pm on Zoom to learn about more ways to get involved. Meeting ID: 9041760188 Password: marty

**Elections will be held on April 23rd at 6:30pm in the cafeteria**











# SAF Newsletter

## School Advisory Forum

SAF is a volunteer group of parents that participate in decision-making and provide ideas to make our school better for our children. You can share good things and concerns at our meeting forums to find answers and get help.

**Next Meeting**  
**October 24th at 6:30pm**  
**Media Center**

**North Area Advisory**  
**October 17th at 6:15pm**  
**Monarch High School**

## Exceptional Student Education

The new Florida State testing is happening now! Students in General education and ESE will have progress monitoring done three times a year- in the fall, winter and spring.

Many parents are concerned about accommodations for the new STAR and FAST testing. Our district is meeting regularly with the State to get updates on when full accommodations will be made available. Visit this website to review available accommodations: <https://fsassessments.org/-/media/project/client-portals/florida-fast/pdf/manuals-and-user-guides/accommodations-guide.pdf>

If you have question about accommodations or alternative assessments, please communicate with the teacher and ESE specialist, Mr. Bass.

**ESE Advisory Council Meetings**  
**Oct 19th and Nov 16th**  
**6:15-8:45pm @ Plantation High**  
[www.browardeseadvisorycouncil.com](http://www.browardeseadvisorycouncil.com)

## Gifted!

All Children are gifted in one way or another. Giftedness in the State of Florida is defined as having superior intellectual development and is capable of high performance.

### What does the gifted learner look like?

- Concern with social and political issues and injustice
- Longer attention span and intense concentration
- Preoccupied with own thoughts—daydreamer
- Learn basic skills quickly and with little practice
- Wide range of interests or extreme focus in one area
- Experimenting and doing things differently
- Puts idea or things together that are not typical
- Keen and/or unusual sense of humor
- Desire to organize people/things through games or complex schemas
- Often self-taught reading and writing skills as preschooler
- Vivid imaginations (and imaginary playmates when in preschool)

Information for Gifted Children, [www.nagc.org](http://www.nagc.org). Talk to your child's teacher and principal, [www.browardgac.com](http://www.browardgac.com)

# Additional Resources

- What Parents Can Ask and Do to Help Children Thrive at School (unconf.org)
- Family & Community Engagement (fldoe.org)
- Family and Community Engagement (FACE) / Family & Community Engagement (FACE):  
<https://www.browardschools.com/bcps-departments/office-of-communications-legislative-affairs/family-and-community-engagement-face>
- Parent Resource Guide:  
<https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1730330621/browardschoolscom/kyvuc34yzurajxv6ugsd/faceparentsguide-25adafinal.pdf>
- Get Involved with BCPS / Advisories and Committees (browardschools.com)
- State Law:  
[https://www.leg.state.fl.us/Statutes/index.cfm?App\\_mode=Display\\_Statute&Search\\_String=&URL=1000-1099/1002/Sections/1002.23.html](https://www.leg.state.fl.us/Statutes/index.cfm?App_mode=Display_Statute&Search_String=&URL=1000-1099/1002/Sections/1002.23.html)
- SAF Training Manual:  
[https://browarddistrictadvisory.ch2v.com/Content/22\\_429/DocumentStore/25/SAF%20Manual.pdf](https://browarddistrictadvisory.ch2v.com/Content/22_429/DocumentStore/25/SAF%20Manual.pdf)
- Ethics Training: <https://www.browardschools.com/bcps-departments/human-resources/hr-operations/committee-training-program-resource-page>
- DAC Webpage: <https://browarddistrictadvisory.ch2v.com>



Questions?

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### Central Area Advisory Council

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### South Area Advisory Council (2022-2023)

- Chair: Antoinette Bailey [browardsoutharea@gmail.com](mailto:browardsoutharea@gmail.com)

### ESE Advisory

- Chair: Jacquie Luscombe [ese.chair@gmail.com](mailto:ese.chair@gmail.com)

### Gifted Advisory Council

- Chair: Alan Bushkin [Browardgac@gmail.com](mailto:Browardgac@gmail.com)

### Facilities Task Force

- Chair: Kimberly Burke-Mohorne

# Contact Us!



# THANK YOU!

**We would like to take this  
opportunity to thank you for your  
dedication and commitment to the  
students of Broward County Public  
Schools.**

**YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**