



New River Middle School

3100 Riverland Road

Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33312

SAF Meeting Agenda

Thursday, February 5, 2025

- Welcome & Introduction
- SAF Meeting Report
- Old Business/New Business
- Parent Questions
- Dates to Remember: February 18, 2026 at 6:30pm SAF Meeting



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SAF Meeting Notes

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At the Jan. 15th meeting:

Dr. Ted Tomer, Central Regional Superintendent gave a PM2 Data Update

- ELA proficiency increase of 4 percent over last year
- Math proficiency increase of 2 percent over last year
- Majority of schools made gains over last year's data.
- Hiring Freeze
 - Question about security monitors and the hiring freeze. "Hiring freeze is not absolute."
- Pamela Taylor, CAAC Chair Report
 - Hiring Freeze
 - District level teaching staff who have been identified to fill classroom vacancies will be in schools by Thursday next week.
 - Field trips should not be affected by the hiring freeze.
 - ESE and related students supports should not be affected by the hiring freeze.
 - Hazel Health
 - Hazel Health is not mandatory—it is an optional service for BCPS students
 - If you completed the consent and no longer want your child using the service, you must submit and opt-out
 - Ask if your school has the Hazel Health supplies

New Business:

- Hiring Freeze
 - Superintendent stated on 1/13/26 that certified teaching staff working at the District level will be deployed to fill classroom vacancies starting the following week.
 - Field Trips should not be cancelled due to hiring freeze!
 - No ESE or IEP services should be reduced or cancelled due to hiring freeze!
- Graduation Venues
 - Current proposal would allow only the largest 2 schools (Cypress Bay and MSD) to graduate in an off-campus venue. The rest will utilize the school gym.
- Prom Rentals
 - Sales tax has been erroneously charged. Please share out this information.
- Recess and Physical Education
 - Florida statute 1003.445 requires 150 minutes/week of PE and 20 minutes a day of recess for K-5 students.
 - Recess is currently covered by Policy 6830. "Schools shall not use participation or non-participation in physical education or recess (free play) as a way to punish or discipline students." District staff confirmed recess cannot be used for homework or test prep.
 - PE is currently covered by Policy 4000, but Staff are drafting a new PE policy.
- Prisms VR
 - New virtual reality program. Will request Ms. Holtz or Mr. Barhoma to come speak about Prisms VR at a future meeting.
- School Choice
 - Window closes January 28, 2026

NRMS SAF Meeting Sign-In Sheet

2/5/2026

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