



New River Middle School

3100 Riverland Road

Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33312

SAF Meeting Agenda

Thursday, April 2, 2026

- Welcome & Introduction
- SAF Meeting Report
- Old Business/New Business
- Parent Questions



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At the March 12 meeting all principals in the Central Area gave updates for their I-zones.

Key Topics Covered:

- Purpose and structure of **Regional Offices** (North, Central, South).
- Benefits of decentralizing services to improve parent access and responsiveness.
- Historical overview of district organizational models.
- Introduction of the **School Transformation Office (STO)** supporting persistently low-performing schools.
- Evidence of success:
 - Elimination of failing schools (D/F)
 - Reduction of "C" schools
 - Increased A/B school ratings
 - Improved districtwide ELA and Math performance.
- **Mental Health Services Presentation**
- Mental Health Assistance Allocation Resource Team (MHART)

Topics Covered:

- Definition and importance of **self-esteem** and **resilience**
- Types of self-esteem and their impact on student wellbeing
- Strategies for parents and schools to:
 - Build resilience
 - Support emotional regulation
 - Encourage healthy coping skills

- Emphasis on trusted adults, restorative practices, and collaboration between home and school.
- Overview of district mental health resources and crisis response supports.

NRMS SAF Meeting Sign-In Sheet

4/2/2026

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