



New River Middle School  
3100 Riverland Road  
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33312  
SAC / SAF meeting held in the Media Center 4:30pm

#### SAF Meeting Agenda – October 2, 2024

1. Introduction
2. CAA meeting update
3. Old Business/New Business
4. Parent Questions

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Ms. Wong started the meeting and introduced Dr. Joanne Simmons our CA Middle school representative.

At the Sept 19<sup>th</sup> CAA meeting Dr. Toomer our Central Area superintendent highlighted our A schools and emphasized the goal of maintaining our “A” district status.

David Azzarito – Chief People officer proposed 2 calendar options. These calendars do show early release days as the waiver was only good for one year. Option 1 would start school on a Monday August 11<sup>th</sup>, schools open for voting Nov 4, 2025. Semester would end Dec 19<sup>th</sup>. Winter break ends and teachers report back Monday with planning day, students come back Tuesday. Spring break moved up one week for more even days. Last day of school is Tuesday June 2, 2026. Option 2 also a Monday start. October 20<sup>th</sup> off for religious holiday, Open for voting. LAST DAY OF SEMESTER would be Monday Jan 5<sup>th</sup> with Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> a teacher planning day. Last day of school Wednesday Jun 3, 2026

Parent survey will be sent out soon. Stakeholders at the meeting expressed concerns about the 3<sup>rd</sup> calendar option that was brought to the board after parent survey was completed. Stakeholders also asked for survey to be available for a longer timeframe. A member also brought up the House Bill 733 which changes the schools start time by 2026 and will the calendar comply. Mr. Azzarito explained that many counties are requesting exemptions as transportation is an issue with all of our magnet programs. A Member inquired about Juneteenth for those employees who work year-round. Calendar workshop on Oct 22 then board will make a final vote in December.

FLDOE gave their feedback on our Reproductive Health and Disease prevention curriculum and it is still being updated to follow new guidelines. As we cannot discuss the verbiage being changed we want to remind everyone that they can exempt their child without any negative repercussions. Forms are usually handed out at the end of the year before this topic is taught. The curriculums are on the FLDOE website for anyone wanting to research those.

The Superintendent Review Committee had its first meeting to review books that have been recommended to be removed from the classrooms or media centers. They are given specific guidelines and only vote if the material does not meet policy. Voting cannot be based on personal feelings or judgement. 3 options: maintain material, maintain but only in middle & high or only high. or removal from all schools. These meetings are open but only the committee members can vote.

Title 1: currently we have 198 title 1 schools. They decided to not add high schools as was discussed at the end of last year. We need to remind all parents to complete application because this is essential for funding for our schools. Additional resources are available when parents complete the application like SAT/ACT test waivers.

FOCUS Update: missing Academic CORE GPA which is needed for college applications. Other graduation requirements are also missing which were on virtual counselor.

Suggestion to have a hands-on technology training for Grandparents/guardians who are less tech savvy. This could be an I-Zone collaboration.

Open floor for parents



# NRMS SAF Meeting Sign-In Sheet

10/2/2024

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