

Nova High School



SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Monday, February 23, 2026

Minutes

- I. Welcome: Ms. Ramsay - **5:34 p.m.**
- II. Attendance: Ms. Ramsay
 - i. 21 out of 33 voting members were present – Quorum established.
- III. Adopt SAC and SAF January Joint Meeting Minutes
 - i. Mr. Laverde moved to accept the SAC and SAF January Joint Meeting Minutes. Jaden Turner seconded. **Motion passed unanimously.**
- IV. Principal's Report: Ms. Sexton
 - i. Facilities:
 - a. Building 13: Rooms 283 and 284 remain unoccupied due to elevated HVAC noise levels. This has been an unresolved concern for approximately 30 months.
 - b. Building 17: Room 381 passed inspection for the Fire Sprinklers. Ceiling panels have been put back up, and final approval/clearance should be by the end of this month.
 - c. Building 32 - Auditorium: wheelchair lift/elevator installation underway.
 - d. Irrigation: The irrigation pumps for the eastern common area between Buildings 14, 15, 16, 17, and 37 still have not been repaired.
 - ii. School/District News: The deadline for students to choose their elective classes for the 2026–2027 school year was Sunday, February 22nd. Each student will have the chance to meet individually with a counselor to review their course selections for the upcoming year. Counselors began meeting with students today through their study hall classes and will continue over the next few weeks until all students have been seen.
 - iii. Testing: In-School SAT on March 5th for all Juniors.
 - iv. Awards/Recognition: We will be recognizing 76 Principal's Straight A Honor Roll, 540 A/B Honor Roll, and 80 Perfect Attendance students for the 2nd Quarter.

- v. Activities:
 - a. National African American Student Union (NAASU) is hosting a Black History Event Civil Rights Dinner tomorrow, Feb 24th - \$15 on e-store.
 - b. Drama Show on March 5th and 6th at 7:00 pm and Saturday March 7 at 3:00 p.m.
 - c. Multicultural Show on March 11 at 6:30 p.m.
 - d. Speech and Debate showcase on March 12 at 6:00pm in the auditorium.
 - e. ROTC Military Ball on March 28th
 - f. Senior Dates to Remember (see handout)
- vi. Athletics:
 - a. Baseball - (2-2) on the regular season. Your Titans Baseball will play tonight in Game 1 of the BCAA Baseball Classic vs Coral Springs Charter at Home. 7:00 p.m. is first pitch. Head Coach Brian Luebkert
 - b. Boys Volleyball - Opens the regular season tomorrow, Tuesday at Pines Charter. Head Coach Kasandra Kopek
 - c. Flag Football - (0-4) on the regular season. The Lady Titans Flag Football also competed in the Broward Education Foundation (BEF) Showcase this past weekend and will play at Coral Glades this Thursday. Head Coaches Renel Augustin and Yashae Mainer
 - d. Softball- (0-1) on the regular season. Your Lady Titans Softball play today vs Douglas at Home. First pitch is at 6:30 p.m. Head Coach Jojo Urso - First Year Head Coach - Played softball at FIU in college and Western High School.
 - e. Tennis - Season has started for both Boys and Girls Tennis. The team has competed in 3 matches to date. Head Coach John Bua
 - f. Track & Field - Your Titans Track & Field Team competed this past weekend in the Rocky Gillis Legacy Classic and held their first Home Track & Field Meet in quite some time the previous Tuesday. Head Coach Danielle Henderson - First Year Head Coach - Ran at Auburn University and on staff as Culinary Teacher.
 - g. Water Polo - We have a Girls Team this season only. Entering week 3 of the season. Head Coach - Tzeman Keung aka "Coach Sam" - First Year Head Coach
 - h. Wrestling - Boys Wrestling will compete this weekend in the FHSAA Regionals. Girls Wrestling competed this past weekend at FHSAA Regionals.
 - i. Girls Basketball - Plays this Friday at St. Thomas in the FHSAA Regional Finals (Elite 8) at 7:00 PM.

V. Continuation Waiver: Dr. Gutzmore

- i. Professional Study Days (PSDs)
 - a. PSDs are days allocated for instructional personnel to collaborate and share best practices through Professional Learning Communities (PLCs).

- b. The number of days allotted per school is based on teacher votes. Nova has elected four (4) days for the 2025-2026 school year. Exploring new learning strategies.
 - c. The focus of Nova's PSDs:
 - Exploring new learning strategies
 - Vertical Teaming
 - Creating focused and authentic Professional Learning Communities (PLCs)
 - Scaling B.E.S.T. practices
 - Implementing new technology
 - d. 2025-2026 PLCs:
 - Spider Web Discussion: A collaborative discussion strategy where students lead the conversation while the teacher observes and tracks participation visually (like a web). It promotes critical thinking, student accountability, and balanced participation.
 - Positive Classroom Environment: Focuses on creating a safe, respectful, and inclusive learning space. Emphasizes relationship-building, clear expectations, restorative practices, and strategies that support student engagement and well-being.
 - Artificial Intelligence Explores how AI tools can support teaching and learning. Includes ethical considerations, instructional uses (lesson planning, differentiation, feedback), and helping students develop AI literacy.:
 - Advanced Technologies: Examines emerging educational technologies such as virtual reality, augmented reality, data analytics, and digital collaboration tools to enhance instruction and student engagement.
 - Utilizing AP Classroom: Provides strategies for effectively using College Board's AP Classroom platform, including progress checks, question banks, instructional resources, and data reports to improve student performance.
 - Building Thinking Classrooms in Mathematics: Based on research-driven practices that promote deep mathematical thinking. Focuses on student-centered problem solving, collaborative work (e.g., vertical non-permanent surfaces), and reducing passive learning.
 - High School Matriculation Strategies 9–12: Centers on preparing students for postsecondary success. Includes academic planning, college and career readiness, financial aid awareness, transcript review, and targeted supports across grades 9–12.
 - e. Continuing to implement Professional Study Days (PSDs) throughout the 2026-2027 school year will provide teachers with the opportunity to continue to realign their curriculum, share best practices, apply emerging technologies, and implement new learning strategies that promote higher order thinking.
- ii. PSD Continuation Waiver Ballot:
 - a. Dr. Gutzmore provided a brief overview of the proposed 20266-20277 PSD continuation waiver ballot. The wording of the ballot includes the following language:

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2026-2027 PROFESSIONAL STUDY DAY CONTINUATION WAIVER BALLOT – PART 1

In addition to the early release days currently scheduled, the District shall provide that students at Nova High School will be dismissed 4 hours early for up to 4 additional days during the school year for the purpose of improving student achievement. The Professional Study Days for the 2026-2027 school year will be determined when the District provides the list of possible choices.

_____ I am in favor of continuing the Professional Study Day Waiver for the 2026-2027 school year.

_____ I am NOT in favor of continuing the Professional Study Day Waiver for the 2026-2027 school year **(If you are not in favor, DO NOT move on to Part 2).**

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2026-2027 PROFESSIONAL STUDY DAY CONTINUATION WAIVER BALLOT – PART 2

In addition to the early release days currently scheduled, the District shall provide that students at Nova High School will be dismissed 4 hours early for ___ additional days during the school year for the purpose of improving student achievement. The Professional Study Days for the 2026-2027 school year will be determined when the District provides the list of possible choices.

I am in favor of the following number of Professional Study Days at Nova High School for the 2026-2027 school year:

_____ Four (4) Days

_____ Two (2) Days

_____ None of the above

- b. Mr. Judd moved to put the Professional Study Day continuation waiver ballot to the faculty for a vote. Mr. Laverde seconded. **Motion passed unanimously.**

VI. School Improvement Plan:

i. Mid-Year Data Science: Mrs. Stith Gardner

a. BSA 1 Data:

- 37% of tested students are at mastery
- 28% of tested students are near mastery
- 35% of tested students are below mastery

b. BSA 2 Data:

- 14% of tested students are at mastery
- 35% of tested students are near mastery
- 51% of tested students are below mastery

c. Plan for Remediation:

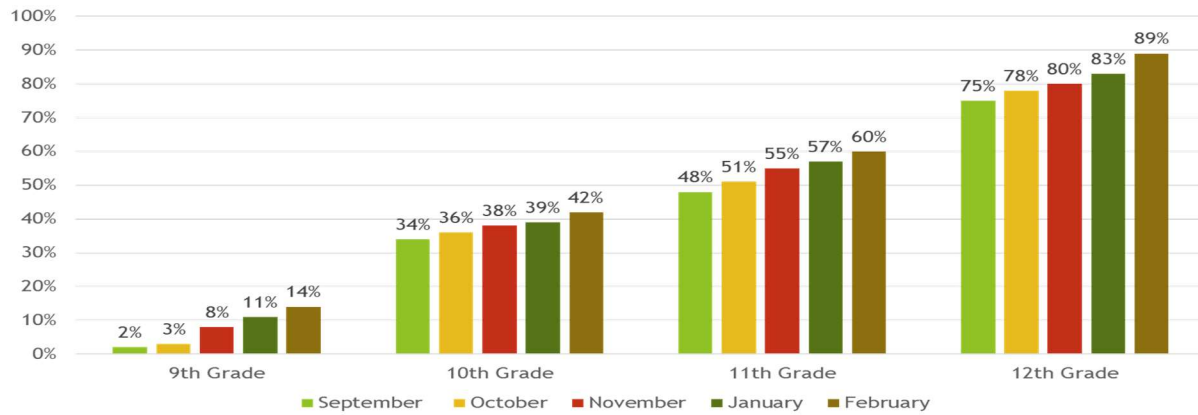
- Individualized remediation based on weakest benchmarks
- Do-now reviews based on weakest benchmarks
- Spiraling previous benchmarks in new content
- Individual teacher testing crunch-time plan based on BSA 3 weakest benchmarks (April – May)

ii. Mid-Year Data Social Studies: Mr. Laverde

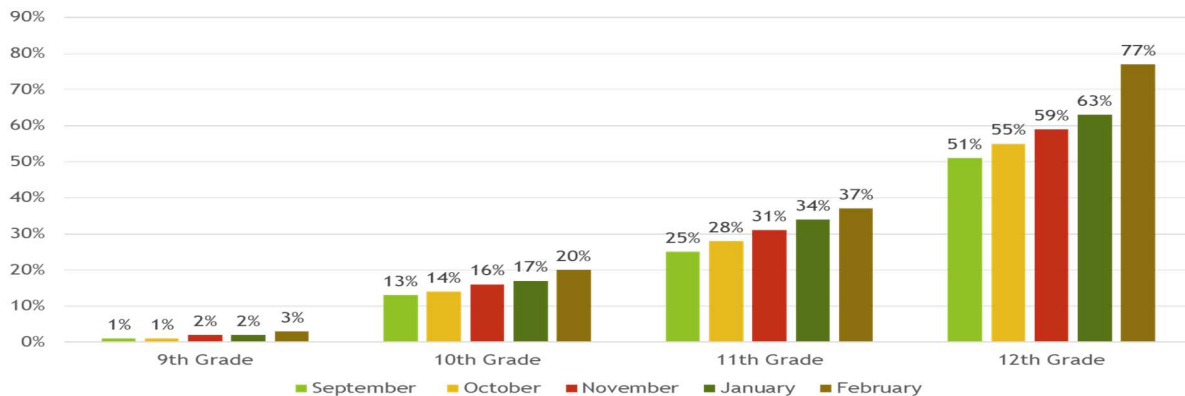
- a. BSA 1 Data:
 - 30% of tested students are at mastery
 - 42 % of tested students are near mastery
 - 28% of tested students are below mastery
- b. BSA 2 Data:
 - 26 % of tested students are at mastery
 - 40 % of tested students are near mastery
 - 34 % of tested students are below mastery
- c. Plan for Remediation:
 - US History teachers will have six weeks to Review before the exam. During the review period they will utilize: Review Modules, Review videos and Quizzes.
 - Targeted Review on weak strands through deconstructing questions from the BSA, and other district created question banks including mini mock exams and full-length mock exams.

VII. Community Service Report: Dr. Gutzmore

Percentage of students with at least 1 community service hour



Percentage of students who have met their 40+ community service hour graduation requirement.



- VIII. Accountability Funds \$14,648.71: Dr. Gutzmore
- i. The balance is current and will be used for upcoming payments for math tutoring.
- IX. School Improvement Safety Incident Report (SESIR): Ms. Jackson
- There were 2 incidents in August
 - 11 incidents in October
 - 3 incidents in November
 - 9 incidents in December
 - 14 incidents in January
- Reportable categories included: destruction, drugs, sexual offences, alcohol, fighting, tobacco, sale of drugs, physical attack and tobacco.
- X. Old Business/New Business: None
- XI. Announcements: None
- XII. Adjournment
- i. Mr. Judd moved to adjourn the meeting at **6:04 p.m.** Mr. Laverde seconded.
Motion passed unanimously.