



Lauderhill 6-12 STEM-MED School Advisory Forum

Date: **December 16, 2025**

Time **9:00 AM**

Location: **Learning Commons**

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM by SAF Chair, **Jacqueline Benefield**.

Welcome

Ms. Benefield welcomed all members, parents, teachers, students, and community stakeholders. She thanked everyone for their continued commitment and support of Lauderhill 6-12 during a time of uncertainty and concern within Broward County schools.

Approval of Previous Minutes

The November meeting minutes were reviewed and approved as presented.

District Financial Concerns

School leadership discussed concerns surrounding Broward County Public Schools' reported budget deficit and the district's ongoing discussions regarding possible school closures and consolidation efforts. Members acknowledged that many teachers, students, and parents have expressed concerns and anxiety regarding the future of Lauderhill 6-12.

Administration emphasized that, at this time, no final decisions have been made regarding the school and encouraged families to remain informed through official district communications.

Concerns from Teachers and Students

Teachers shared concerns regarding staff morale and the emotional impact the uncertainty has had on students and employees. Students have expressed fears about possible school closures, relocation, and the effect these decisions could have on their academic progress and extracurricular involvement.

Discussion topics included:

- Maintaining student focus and academic performance during uncertain times
- Providing emotional support and reassurance to students
- Ensuring transparent communication between the district, school leadership, and families
- Advocating for the continued success and value of Lauderhill 6-12 within the community
- Supporting teacher morale and retention during district budget discussions

Community and Parent Engagement

Members discussed the importance of increasing community involvement and parent participation to continue showcasing the strengths and achievements of Lauderhill 6-12.

Suggestions included:



- Organizing community forums and informational meetings
- Highlighting student achievements and academic growth
- Increasing outreach to local organizations and stakeholders
- Encouraging parent attendance at district meetings

Academic and Student Updates

Administration shared updates regarding ongoing academic initiatives and student progress as the semester concludes. Staff members continue preparing students for upcoming assessments while maintaining support programs and enrichment activities.

Old Business

- Continued monitoring of HVAC and campus improvement projects
- Review of student incentive programs and academic support efforts

New Business

- Discussion regarding district budget updates and school advocacy efforts
- Planning additional parent engagement opportunities for the second semester
- Exploring ways to support student and staff morale during district-wide uncertainty

Open Discussion

Parents, teachers, and community members shared concerns, questions, and words of encouragement regarding the future of Lauderhill 6-12. Several members emphasized the importance of unity, communication, and advocacy for the school community.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 AM

Ms. Benefield thanked everyone for attending and stated:

“We will continue working together to support our students, staff, and school community. I look forward to continuing to serve Lauderhill 6-12 and the community.”

Respectfully Submitted,

Jacquelin Benefield
SAF Chair



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