



## Lauderhill 6-12 STEM-MED School Advisory Forum

Date: **January 27, 2026**

Time **9:25 AM**

Location: **Learning Commons**

### Meeting Called to Order

Ms. Jacqueline Benefield called this meeting to order. School Administrators Dr. Reardon, Ms. Shannon Burch, and Mrs. Maxwell were present.

### New Business

Ms. Benefield provided an update from the Central Advisory Meeting held at Indian Ridge Middle School. During the meeting, several parents and community members expressed strong concerns and frustration regarding the proposed graduation site location. Families voiced that hosting graduation at another school would feel unwelcoming and would not reflect their own school's pride, traditions, and culture. Many shared that graduation is a meaningful milestone, and they want the ceremony to take place in a setting that honors their students and represents their school community.

Ms. Benefield also discussed the district's current hiring freeze and how it is impacting schools. While families understand that staffing decisions are being made at the district level, they expressed that the freeze feels unfair—especially when student needs remain the same or continue to grow. Parents shared concerns about how limited staffing could affect instructional support, interventions, and overall services for students. The general sentiment from families was that, despite the reasons behind the freeze, it may place additional strain on schools and staff and could ultimately impact student outcomes.

### Old Business

### Next Meeting

Our next meeting, continuing our commitment to regular and open communication, will be held on **February 24, 2026**.



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- Meeting Adjournment