

2025-2026 Whispering Pines School Advisory Forum

Name of the organization: Whispering Pines Center

Group: School Advisory Forum (SAF)

Location: #1752 Media Center

Date/Time- January 7, 2026 @ 10:30 A.M.

Call to order (sign in)

I am calling to order this SAF meeting for the month of January 2026.

Any corrections to the minutes required?

Make any corrections necessary to the last SAF meeting meets.

If no further corrections are needed, and the minutes stand approved, no motion is required to accept them.

Agenda:

1) Introductions

2) SAF updates from District meeting held December 17, 2025.

a) Florida School Recognition Award application is due February 1, 2026, and will be awarded on March 15, 2026. This award provides additional funds to schools who have earned "A" grade, shown significant grade improvement of more than 1 grade, or meeting "Commendable" status during the '24-'25 school year. Award amount is based on the individual school's enrollment and is roughly \$100/student. Funds are dispersed through the school's SAC Committee to be used for bonuses, educational equipment and/or materials, or hiring of temporary staff. In addition to the Florida state funds, the county has various monetary awards recognizing schools, teachers, and school staff based on performance and other requirements.

b) Federal Programs for Title 1 schools are used for students of disadvantaged families. The program is not targeted at individual students but for the whole school to provide educational opportunities and resources to supplement and help each student achieve a greater and even keel education. There are over 130 schools in Broward that are deemed Title 1 which equals over 63% of Broward elementary, middle, and high schools, in addition to several charter schools.

c) School Choice has been extended to January 28, 2026 to allow families impacted by the upcoming schools closing and merging to seek other educational options.

d) Broward Redefining Schools will be voted and announced on January 28, 2026 by the school board. The list has narrowed substantially from over 30 to currently 6 schools closing and merging with neighboring schools:

Blair Middle to merge with West Pines Middle

North Fork Elementary merging with Walker Croissant Park, Dr MLK Jr. or Thurgood Marshall Elementary

Palm Cove Elementary merging with Chapel Trail and Silver Palms Elementary

Plantation Middle School merging with Plantation High School and converting to 6-12th grade.

Sea Gull Alternative Center merging with Whiddon Rogers Educational Center

Sunshine Elementary School merging with Fairway Elementary

In addition, the school board is considering 4 K-8th school conversions, Hallandale High School converting to a 4-day magnet school, and Glades Middle becoming an extension of Sheridan Vocational. Multiple school boundary changes will also be decided.

3) Open discussion/New business

4) Motion to Adjourn