

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- April 1, 2026 @ 11 A.M.

Call to order (sign in)

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

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 of new faces

2) SAF Update from District Meeting held March 4, 2026

a) Presentation and discussion on Regional Office Support.

There are 4 hubs within the county to support area schools and parents: north, central, south, and STO (for low achieving schools county wide).

Each of these hubs are your next step in any school related matters that cannot be resolved at the individual school. Parents and/or school staff can reach out to a central office to receive support, guidance, and direction with further actions. With Broward County being the 6th largest school system in the nation, this is one way to provide a more personal interaction with families and provide better customer service. The lead director at each hub constantly is in the schools to address current and

future issues to help provide a hands-on approach and support for staff and families.

b) Presentation from Federal Programs Department/Title 1.

Besides state and county funding, many of our schools are funded by federal grants and programs. Currently, there are 5 federal programs that are funded by our taxes with 169 schools, both public and charter, and 93 private schools within our county. Grades kindergarten through 8 are eligible, as well as 6-12 grade combo schools, to receive federal assistance if any of the students meet the criteria. The program does not single out a student or family once eligible but rather the entire school is eligible. The main purpose is to ensure that all students have the same educational resources and advantages to reach their potential. Title 1 is a support system to help students and families. Finding that often life outside of school is difficult in many ways, the programs offer events to engage families and connect them to school resources that many are unaware of.

c) Open discussion.

March 24th a workshop was held related to redefining schools and usage options. Discussion to begin on planning for next year and schools that might be repurposed.

Testing discussions are underway to reduce that amount of student testing within the year to increase student learning. This would not affect the mandatory state testing.

Hiring freeze is in effect however, limited staffing based on need is still available. In addition, there is a freeze on out of county travel and excess expenses by staff of all levels. This does not included student/school activities.

3) Open discussion

4) Adjourn

