

**North Lauderdale Elementary School**  
**School Advisory Council Meeting**  
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School Advisory Council (SAC)/School Advisory Forum (SAF) Joint Meeting

Joint Meeting in North Lauderdale Elementary on Wednesday, September 03, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

Minutes

Mrs. Lourdney Desravines-Joseph introduce the following personal in the meeting and announcement:

- Staff Present :

- Ms. Ortega: Our New School Principal

- Ms. Alincy: Assistant Principal

- Mr. Brown: Second Grade Teacher, and Title I Liaison

- Ms. Faustin: ESOL Contact and Teacher Assistant for Creole speaking students

- Ms. Daisy: Teacher Assistant for ESOL Spanish speaking students

- Mr. Gore : Silver Lake Middles School Teacher/Magnetic Coordinator

- Mrs. Joseph: Third Grade Teacher

- Our upcoming SAC/SAF meetings will take place the first Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. through the rest of the year (except June 2026). Most meetings will be held in the NLE Media Center. We need your participation—our school cannot run without the support and involvement of our families and community. Please join us in making a difference! We have some backpacks donated from various donors.

1. Call to Order: A meeting for North Lauderdale Elementary School by SAF was held on Wednesday, September 03, 2025. Ms. Alincy called the motion to begin our SAF meeting to order at 6:14 p.m. motioned was second by Mrs. Joseph.
  2. The purpose of the SAF meeting is to establish our School Advisory Council.
  3. Ms. Alincy defined SAC which stands for School Advisory Council. It is a collaborative team composed of community members, the school principal, teachers, and other various segments of the community that help make school decisions. For example, changes of the uniform policy.
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1. Ms. Alincy asked some of the staff members, parents and community members if they are interested in holding position for SAC. Ms. Alincy explained the role of each individual

on the council and meeting attendees were able to ask questions about what is expected of them. Ms. Alincy provided clarification for them. All positions were motioned and second for approval, including Lourdney Desravines-Joseph as SAC Chair, Mrs. Daisy Nieves as SAC Secretary.

2. Ms. Alincy closed the SAF meeting at 6:26 p.m.
3. Mr. Hearns motioned to begin the SAC meeting at 6:27pm. Ms. Ortega second the motion.
4. All members of the committee were present. Therefore, quorum was met.
5. Ms. Alincy explained how each member of the SAC council should sign in at each meeting (sheets for the SAC members). All the other participants will sign in on a general sign in sheet. Additionally, an agenda will be provided.
6. Approval or correction of minutes: A motion was made by Mrs. Sherry to approve the meeting minutes from May of last school year. Mr. Mike made a motion to second the motion. The minutes of May 2025 were approved from last year.
7. Ms. Alincy also informed everyone that more people can join the committee.
8. For the Principal Updates, Ms. Ortega made the following updates:
  - Shared that the school is on its way to becoming an “A” school.
  - Reported that Kindergarten–2nd grade students took their first STAR Reading test today, and 3rd–5th grade students will test tomorrow.
  - Announced that next week students will take the Math FAST PM 1 assessments.
  - Emphasized that the school is planning and working daily toward achieving an A, and students are aware of these goals.
  - Congratulated Mrs. Barbaccia – Teacher of the Year and Mrs. Daisy – Employee of the Year.
  - Reassured families that the administration will remain transparent and keep everyone informed.
  - Shared that preparations are underway for the Fall Festival, with more details to come.
  - Thanked everyone for their attendance, help, and ongoing support through her transition to NLE.
  - SESIR (School Environmental Safety Incident Reporting): There are no incidents to reports at this time.
9. Title I updates from Mr. Cory Brown. Mr. Brown shared important information regarding the **Title I program**. He is responsible for managing the **federal funds allocated to the**

**school** through Title I and for collecting and submitting the necessary documents in order for the school to receive these funds.

10. Mr. Cory Brown also made important announcements:

- Parents' Right to Know – Parents have the right to know what their child is learning, how they are learning, and when they are learning.
- Family Engagement Plan – Mr. Brown is responsible for creating this year's plan with the team. Next year's plan will also be developed during this school year. The plan is available in Creole, Spanish, and English, and can be accessed on campus or at the public library on Kimberly Blvd, as it must be available in a public setting.
- School-Parent Compact Letter – Students recently received a white packet containing the parent compact form. Parents are required to complete and return this form as soon as possible.
- Grade-Level Expectations – Parents are encouraged to meet with teachers to better understand grade-level expectations. This will help families support learning at home and contribute to the school's goal of becoming an "A" school.

11. Other discussion points:

- Dismissal Procedures – A parent expressed concern about dismissal procedures, the car rider area, and the car loop. Ms. Ortega noted that dismissal typically takes about 20 minutes and acknowledged the challenges. She explained that in order to reach an "A" school rating, instruction must continue until 2:00 p.m. She welcomed parent suggestions and reminded everyone that safety is the top priority.
- School Entry Points – Ms. Alincy noted that the school currently has three points of entry, but there are considerations to eliminate some of them. She emphasized that safety will be prioritized over convenience.
- Tardiness Concerns – Ms. Ortega expressed concern about students who are chronically late (arriving after 8:00 a.m.). The W.I.N. block ("What I Need") runs from 8:10–8:40 a.m., and students arriving late are missing critical instructional time. She stressed the importance of punctuality.
- Head Start Regulations – Ms. Alincy explained that the Head Start program has its own state and federal regulations. While the school wants to retain students, it must follow these specific rules.
- Picture Day Concerns – A parent expressed dissatisfaction with their child's photo, noting it appeared "shiny." Some parents requested retakes.
- School Meals – Ms. Ortega clarified that breakfast is free for all students, but families must apply for free/reduced lunch. The deadline to apply is September 22, 2025. Ms. Alincy added that staff members such as Ms. Faustin, Mrs. Joseph, Mrs. Daisy, and herself are available to assist families with completing forms (especially in cases of language barriers), though staff cannot submit applications on behalf of parents.

- School Communications – Ms. Ortega emphasized the importance of ensuring that all parents and legal guardians receive school and district calls, texts, and emails.

12. A representative from **Silver Lakes Middle School** shared the following updates:

- He has worked at Silver Lakes Middle for **19 years: 10 years as Magnet Coordinator and 9 years as a Grade Level Instructor.**
- Noted that changes are coming to education due to **population shifts and new areas of focus**, and Broward County is currently **redefining middle schools.**
- Expressed his commitment to becoming a stronger partner with the **City of North Lauderdale** and **North Lauderdale Elementary School**, highlighting the importance of **continuity of services from elementary to middle to high school.**
- Stated that **Silver Lakes Middle School maintains an open-door policy** and welcomes school tours.
- Shared the school’s goal of moving from a **“C” school to a “B” school**, noting that **literacy is one of the strongest indicators of future success.**

13. Ms. Alincy reminded everyone that **all SAC/SAF meeting dates are included on today’s agenda**, and encouraged all families and community members to attend.

14. Mrs. Joseph acknowledged Mrs. Purcell, First Grade Teacher and Director of the 21st Century Program. Ms. Ortega emphasized that the 21st Century Program is a free after-school program, and noted that it is currently full. Slots remain available in the After School Program (ASP) for interested families.

15. Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, October 1, 2025.

16. Adjournment: Mr. Mike made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:11 p.m. It was second by Mr. Hearn.