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Attention Wildcat Stakeholders:

Please allow this email message to serve as official notice of our upcoming January School Advisory Council Meeting, to take place on Tuesday, January 27, 2026 at 3:00 PM in the Media Center.

Agenda items to include; Principal Report, update on our A+ Recognition Award Distribution, discuss a ballot for Professional Study Days in the 2026-2027 school year, and review the School Improvement Plan.

All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Yours sincerely,

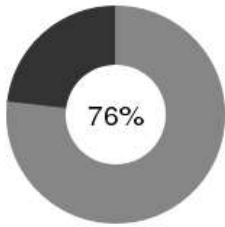
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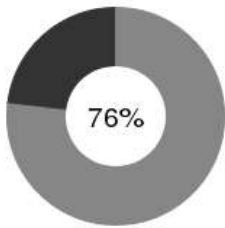
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## Official Notice of January School Advisory Council Meeting

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**From** Michael Levinson <michael.levinson@browardschools.com>

**Date** Wed 1/21/2026 1:59 PM

**To** WEH\_ALL\_STAFF <WEH\_ALL\_STAFF@browardschools.com>

Attention Wildcat Faculty, Staff and Stakeholders:

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As always, this will be an important meeting as we review last month's minutes, discuss the latest budget details, hear recent events from the Principal, provide an update on our A+ Recognition Award Distribution, discuss a ballot for Professional Study Days in the 2026-2027 school year, and review the School Improvement Plan.

As always, we welcome Western High School stakeholders to our School Advisory Council meetings and encourage everyone to attend.

Yours sincerely,

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**Michael Levinson,**

AP Gov/Politics, Economics Honors Teacher; School-wide Gradebook Manager; In-Service Facilitator; Co-Chair, School Advisory Council; and Liaison, Town of Davie Mayor's Public Affairs Academy  
*Western High School*  
Davie, Florida

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**Western High School**  
**School Advisory Council**

**Agenda for January Meeting**

**January 27, 2026**

**3:00 PM – Media Center**

*Co-Chairpersons:*  
**Erica Hansinger**  
**Michael Levinson**

*Recording Secretary:*  
**Nicole Henderson**

*Principal:*  
**Michelle Padura**

**Meeting shall be promptly called to order.**

**I. Review and acceptance of the minutes from the December 2025 meeting**

**II. Report on the latest SAC Budget information**

*Bal: \$726 less Contingency Reserve: \$726 = Avail Bal: \$0.00 | Instructional Materials \$26,965.05*

**III. News Report from the Principal**

**IV. Sesir Data:**

School	August	September
<b>WESTERN HIGH</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>17</b>
Disruption on Campus - Major (Disorderly Conduct)	0	1
Drug Possession and/or Use (excluding alcohol)	0	6
Physical Attack	0	1
Tobacco Possession and/or Use	8	9



SESIR INFO

**V. Results of the A+ Recognition Reward Election**

**VI. Evaluation Data for Continuation PSD Waiver for 2026-2027 And Approve Ballot**

**VII. Funding Requests passed by the SAC Budget Committee**

**NO FUNDING REQUESTS FOR THIS MEETING.**

**VIII. School Improvement Plan Review — SPBP (Behavior Plan)**

**IX. New business before the SAC.**

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**X. Adjournment—Next Mtg: 2/24/2026**



# Western High School

## School Advisory Council

### Minutes for January 27, 2026

#### Called to Order at 3:00 PM in the Media Center

Members Present: Alexa Aguila, Zachary Banks, Romina Castro Montes, David Hanley, Erica Hansinger, Nicole Henderson, Barry Jones, Michael Levinson, Brandon Monse, Michelle Padura, Alejandro Quinonez, Bonnie Reisler, Samantha Reisler, Landyn Spellberg, Audrey Spicer, Holly Stracquadaine, Art Waganheim, Nikki T. Watkins, Tamara Wehrell

Non-Members Present: Jessie Bastas, Jennifer Perez, Helene Kocis, Joe Bolter, Risa Steward, Roxanne Huggins, Layla Faris, Wendy Bernstein

- I. Review and accept the minutes from the December 2025 meeting.
  - A. Bonnie Reisler approved the minutes, and Holly Stracquadaine seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
- II. Report on SAC budget information
  - A. Balance: \$726.00
  - B. Contingency Reserve: \$726.00
  - C. Available Balance: \$0.00
  - D. Instructional Materials: \$26,965.05
  - E. Art Waganheim questions the increase in the instructional material budget. Michael Levinson responds that this increase is due to the extra unallocated funds added to the budget.
  - F. Helene Kocis asks if SAC does not use all instructional materials funds, does the budget roll over to the next school year? Traditionally, yes, the instructional materials budget would roll over to the next school year if unused. But these days we would need to reconfirm this still holds true.
- III. News Report from the Principal
  - A. Principal Michelle Padura: Students are receiving course cards for 2026-2027 this week. Visiting Indian Ridge and Tequesta Trace to approve freshman course cards. Students are now allowed to go into Focus and put course requests in themselves.
  - B. Helene Kocis says that parents and students are being informed on how to use focus scheduling software through the newsletter. The new software leaves more time for discussion between students and the counselor.
  - C. Principal Michelle Padura: February 4th will be the 'Freshman Roar and Soar.'
  - D. WHS Cheerleading Team are now state champions and have received the most rings at Western.

- E. Helene Kocis: There are several new course offerings this year, and we had a recent curriculum fair.
  - F. Principal Michelle Padura: Law studies class is being introduced.
  - G. Inclusivity is central to school and student success. Expanding course and club offerings at Western. Lunch activities at least every other week. School culture is very important for student well-being, and we want to focus on maintaining it.
- IV. Sesir Data (same as previous meeting)
- A. Western High August Report - 8 Infractions
    - 1. Disruption on Campus (Major Disorderly Conduct) - 0
    - 2. Drug Possession and/or Uses (Excluding Alcohol) - 0
    - 3. Physical Attack - 0
    - 4. Tobacco Possession and/or Use - 8
  - B. Western High September Report - 17 Infractions
    - 1. Disruption on Campus (Major Disorderly Conduct) - 1
    - 2. Drug Possession and/or Uses (Excluding Alcohol) - 6
    - 3. Physical Attack - 1
    - 4. Tobacco Possession and/or Use - 9
- V. Results of A+ Recognition Reward Election
- A. The election for the A+ Recognition Rewards based on the approved SAC ballot took place, with the teachers and staff of Western High.
  - B. Proposal 1 received 130 votes. Proposal 2 received 11 votes. Proposal 3 received 41 votes. 182 votes cast in total.
  - C. Proposal 1 will be initiated.
- VI. Evaluation Data for Continuation PSD Waiver for 2026-2027 and Approve Ballot
- A. The state law allows for 8 PSDs; District mandates now the maximum is 4.
  - B. SAC will approve a ballot for the Western High School to determine the number of PSD days for the next school year.
  - C. Options of 1 to 4 PSD days. SAC will vote on the number of PSD days to include on the faculty ballot.
  - D. Art Waganheim asks how teachers feel about the number of PSD days.
  - E. Michael Levinson explains that PSD days are crucial for teacher learning and are especially significant for new teachers. Michael Levinson presents data on how much time is dedicated to professional learning on PSD days for teachers.
  - F. Michael Levinson shares current Western graduation rates, ELA scores show a 9-point increase for freshmen and a 13-point increase for sophomores. Math progress is behind for Western.
  - G. Bonnie Reisler asks about attendance rates on PSD days. Student attendance rates are frequently lower on PSD days.
  - H. A ballot with the options of 4 PSD days or 3 PSD days is proposed.
  - I. Art Waganheim motions for the ballot's approval. Tamara Wehrell seconds. The ballot carries unanimously.
- VII. Funding Requests passed by the SAC Budget Committee
- A. No funding requests.
- VIII. School Improvement Plan Review - SPBP (Behavior Plan)

- A. Erica Hansinger introduces the SPBP with the initiative to ensure students are held accountable, and opportunities are provided for the students to have positive behaviors with rewards such as pep rallies and events.
  - B. Currently, Western uses reinforcements with strict tardy passes to reduce tardiness and limit interruptions during instructional periods.
  - C. Cat cash is given to students to reward positive behavior in the classroom, and can be exchanged for snacks.
  - D. If anyone has suggestions for SPBP, they are encouraged to propose them.
- IX. New business before the SAC
- A. Art Waganheim went to the first Parent University meeting, where advanced learning, dual-enrollment, AP, and early admission were discussed. Hopes for greater attendance next year.
  - B. Principal Michelle Padura hopes to find more ways to encourage parents to participate in Parent University and is open to suggestions.
  - C. David Hanley asks if there is a parent orientation presentation at Freshman Roar and Soar. Principal Michelle Padura answers that yes, there is a parent orientation at Freshman Roar and Soar.
  - D. Nikki T. Watkins thought it was helpful to have the stands outside with journals and T-shirts for the kids.
  - E. Early admission and dual enrollment kids will receive an ID at the beginning of the year.
  - F. Nikki T. Watkins suggests having a speaker at the end of the SAF meetings addressing parents to make meetings easier to hold, and having a possible virtual component for parents to attend. David Hanley supports this idea and adds that he noticed more parent engagement and higher attendance when the freshman invasion parent orientation was held online.
- X. Adjournment – Next Meeting: 2/24/2026
- A. Brandon Monse moved to adjourn, and Art Waganheim seconded. Carried unanimously.

**Western High School**  
**PROFESSIONAL STUDY DAY WAIVER BALLOT – PART 1**  
**2026-2027 School Year**

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**Western High School**  
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**2026-2027 School Year**

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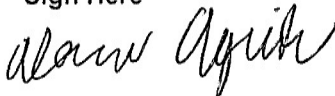

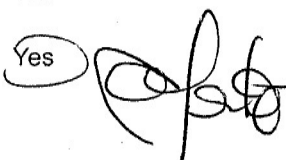



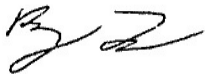
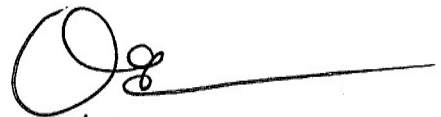

Three (3) days

None of the above

☆ SAC Sign in Sheet for Western HS (2831)









Date: Jan. 27, 2026

Time: 3:00 PM

#	SAC Member Full Name	Position	SBBC Employee	Parent of Student	Sign Here
①	Aguila, Alexa	Students (required for HS & Centers)	No	No	
2	Arhaam, Syed	Students (required for HS & Centers)	No	No	
③	Banks, Zachary	Teacher	Yes	No	
4	Bisset, Peta-Gaye	Teacher	Yes	Yes	
⑤	Castro Montes, Romina	ESOL Parent of a student at the school	No	Yes	
6	Gamboa, Hetzai	Students (required for HS & Centers)	No	No	
⑦	Hanley, David	Students (required for HS & Centers)	No	No	
⑧	Hansinger, Erica	SAC Co-Chair	Yes	Yes	
⑨	Henderson, Nicole	Students (required for HS & Centers), SAC Secretary	No	No	
⑩	Jones, Barry	Teacher	Yes	No	
11	Lacayo, Helen	Parent	No	Yes	
⑫	Levinson, Michael	SAC Co-Chair	Yes	No	
⑬	Monse, Brandon	BTU Steward (or designee)	Yes	No	



Date: 1-27-26

Time: 31m

#	SAC Member Full Name	Position	SBBC Employee	Parent of Student	Sign Here
14	Munoz, Meghan	Students (required for HS & Centers)	No	No	
15	Padura, Michelle	Principal	Yes	No	
16	Quinonez, Alejandro	Non-Instructional Support Employees	Yes	No	
17	Reisler, Bonnie	Parent	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	
18	Reisler, Samantha	Students (required for HS & Centers)	No	No	
19	Ryan, Christopher	Students (required for HS & Centers)	No	No	
20	Spellberg, Landyn	Students (required for HS & Centers)	No	No	
21	Spicer, Audrey	Teacher	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	No	
22	Stracquadaine, Holly	Gifted Parent of a student at the school , ESE Parent of a student at the school , Community / Business Representatives	No	Yes	
23	Waganheim, Art	Parent	No	Yes	

Date: 1-27-26

Time: 3 pm

#	SAC Member Full Name	Position	SBBC Employee	Parent of Student	Sign Here
<u>24</u>	Watkins, T. Nikki	SAF Chair (or designee) Parent of a student at the school , I-Zone Representative (must be a parent) , Parent	No	Yes	
25	Watkins, Taylor	Students (required for HS & Centers)	No	No	—
<u>26</u>	Wehrell, Tamara	Teacher	<u>Yes</u>	No	

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Please Print

Date: Jan. 27, 2026 Time: 3:00 PM

#	Full Name	SBBC Employee	Parent of Student	Community/Business	Sign Here
1	Jessie Bester		✓		Jessie Bester
2	Jennifer Perez				<del>Jennifer Perez</del>
3	Helene Koars ✓				
4	Joe Bester ✓				
5	Risa Steward ✓		✓		Risa Steward
6	Roxanne Huggins ✓				
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8	Layla Faris				Layla
9	Wendy Bernstein ✓				Wendy Bernstein
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## Official Notice of Professional Study Days (PSDs) Election

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**From** Michael Levinson <michael.levinson@browardschools.com>  
**Date** Mon 2/2/2026 10:33 AM  
**To** WEH\_TEACHER\_GG <WEH\_TEACHER\_GG@browardschools.com>  
**Cc** WEH\_ADMIN\_GG <WEH\_ADMIN\_GG@browardschools.com>

Attention Western High School Faculty Members:

In 2023, the faculty of Western High School voted in favor of adopting a **5-year Professional Study Days ("PSD") Waiver**, which allows for up to four PSDs each year. Since the foregoing waiver is continuing in nature, our School Advisory Council recently approved a ballot to continue with our PSD Waiver during the next academic year.

Accordingly, this email message serves as **official notice of our faculty election** on the approval of PSDs for SY2026-2027 as follows:

**WHO: All Instructional Staff**

**DATE: Thursday, February 5, 2026**

**TIME: 12:00 Noon**

**PLACE: Auditorium and designated location thereafter.**

**SPECIAL PROVISION: For any Faculty Member who is absent, for any reason, you will be permitted to vote on Friday, February 6, 2026.**

Technically, there will be two parts of this election. **Part 1** provides for you to vote either "**In Favor**" or "**Not In Favor**" of having PSDs in SY2026-2027; and **Part 2** allows you to vote for the number of PSDs we will have, should Part 1 be approved in favor (both ballots, Part 1 and Part 2, are to be completed in the same election). The ballots you will receive will appear exactly as you see them below in this email.

### **IMPORTANT FACTORS TO CONSIDER WHEN VOTING ON PSDs:**

1. While the FL statute provides for as many as eight PSDs; we are limited to only four by local District rules, as a result of the instructional minutes that are required for graduation.
2. Having the PSDs provides for additional time for our various Professional Learning Communities to meet, so that the maximum number of in-service points can be awarded to all of our faculty for the school year toward recertification.
3. Early Release Days are limited this year and will continue to be in the coming school

year. If you remember, there was a proposal by the board to eliminate early release days altogether this year, which failed since they tried to impose this after the year already started.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please address them via email by replying to the sender. Thank you for your consideration of this important matter.

**Michael Levinson,**

AP Gov/Politics, Economics Honors Teacher; School-wide Gradebook Manager; In-Service Facilitator; Co-Chair, School Advisory Council; and Liaison, Town of Davie Mayor's Public Affairs Academy  
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Three (3) days

None of the above

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PSD Sign In/Vote

Name	Signature	
ACETO, SUZANNE ZINKIL		1
ADAMS, AMANDA GLENN		2
ALVERO, ROSE JASMIN GARCIA		2
ANDERSON, DAVID ANDREW		
ANGLIN, DANIELLE TANIQUE TONI		4
ANGUEIRA, BONNIE ROBINSON		5
ARGUELLO, LAURA ROTH		6
ARLIA, EMILY A		7
BALDO, FEDERICO		
BANDERAS, MARIA FERNANDA		8
BANKS, ZACHARY SHELDON		9
BARBU, LEONID		10
BASS, JESSICA LAUREN		11
BATES, SYDNEY DENE		12
BELISARIO, MAY GJETTAP		
BEN EZRA, RHONDA LOUISE		
BESS, SUSIE RODRIGUEZ		13
BISSET, PETA GAYE		14
BLACK, OLIVER KENDRICK		15
BOGGUS, MICHAEL PRUYN		16
BROWN, APRIL LYNN		17
COMRIE ANDERSON, HEATHER DAWN		18
CORACE V, JOSEPH MATTHEW		19
CORONADO, SEBASTIAN ALEXANDER		20
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CRUZ, LOUIS G		22

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None - 9

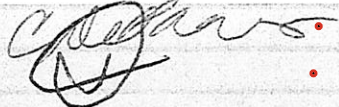




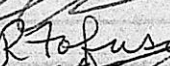







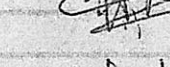








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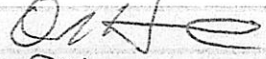
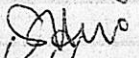
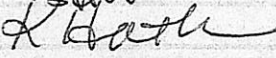
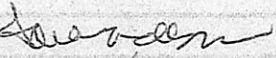




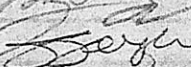

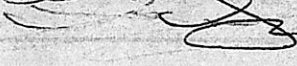
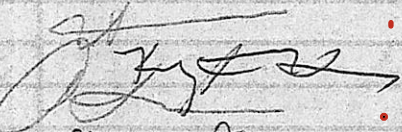
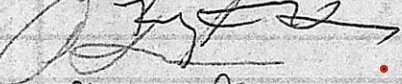
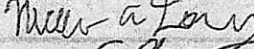
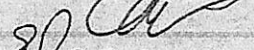

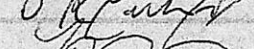
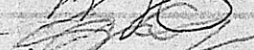

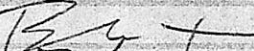
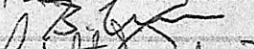

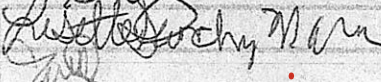

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WILLIAMS, KRISTEN ELIZABETH

WILLIAMS, TARA A

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122	Sigs
24	No Sigs means NOT IN FAV

98 Yes Reg'd to Pass

146 TOTAL Elig.

Western High School  
PROFESSIONAL STUDY DAY WAIVER BALLOT – PART 1  
2026-2027 School Year

In addition to the early release days currently scheduled, the District shall provide that students at Western High School be dismissed three hours early for up to four additional days during the school year for the purpose of High School Reform. Please mark your choice with a check (☑) in the box next to your selection:

I am IN FAVOR of the Professional Study Day Waiver for the 2026-2027 school year. *[Checking this box means you wish to keep having the PSDs in the next school year.]*

I am NOT IN FAVOR of the Professional Study Day Waiver for the 2026-2027 school year. *[Checking this box means you wish to no longer have the PSDs in the next school year.]*

Western High School  
PROFESSIONAL STUDY DAY WAIVER BALLOT – PART 2  
2026-2027 School Year

In addition to the early release days currently scheduled, the District shall provide that students at Western High School be dismissed three hours early for up to four additional days during the school year for the purpose of High School Reform. Please mark your choice with a check (☑) in the box next to your selection:

I am in favor of the following number of Professional Study Days at Western High School for the 2026-2027 school year as follows:

Four (4) days

Three (3) days

None of the above



# Faculty Waiver Vote Summary

Kelli S. Blackburn, School Improvement Coordinator

**Directions:** Complete this form in its entirety to record the results of the faculty waiver vote. Upon completion, email the form to Kelli S. Blackburn, School Improvement Coordinator and your School Improvement Instructional Facilitator no later than one (1) week after the faculty vote. Include a copy of the official ballot and sign in sheet(s).

## School Information:

School Name	Western High School	Principal	Michelle Padura
Type of Waiver (PSD, etc.)	PSD Continuation	Date of Faculty Vote	February 6, 2026
BTU Steward (or Designee)	Erica Hansinger		
SAC Chair/Co-Chairs	Michael Levinson	Erica Hansinger	
Other (if applicable)			

**Faculty Waiver Vote:** Waivers must be approved by two-thirds (66 2/3%) of all eligible voters (all faculty members or all members of the affected departments and/or grade levels, **NOT** just of those who voted).

Faculty Waiver Vote					
Total number of eligible voters (d):	146	Number of faculty members that voted and signed the roster:	117		
VOTES FOR		VOTES AGAINST		NUMBER OF ELIGIBLE FACULTY MEMBERS THAT ABSTAINED	
(a) Total Number of Votes	100	(b) Total Number of Votes	17	(c) Number Abstained	29
(d) # of Eligible Voters	146	(d) # of Eligible Voters	146		
Percentage For ~ $\frac{(a)}{(d)} \times 100$	69 %	Percentage Against ~ $\frac{(b+c)}{(d)} \times 100$	31 %		

## Results:

Waiver Vote Results		
(Per the results, complete the appropriate section below.)		
	Yes or No	Percentage
Waiver Passed @ 66 2/3% or more	YES	69 %
Waiver Did Not Pass @ less than 66 2/3%		%

## Signatures to Certify Waiver Vote Results (must have all applicable):

	Signature	Date
Principal		2/11/26
BTU Steward (or Designee)		2/17/26
SAC Chair/Co-Chairs		2/11/2026
Other (if applicable)		

☆ **Waiver Purpose**



School Improvement Waivers are designed to remove barriers to school improvement that have been found in state statute, school board policy, or collective bargaining contract (see School Board Policy #1403). Waivers must be based on sound educational research and evaluation, must be budget neutral to the district, must be supported by stakeholders in the local school community, and must be approved by 66 2/3% of the faculty. Waivers may be approved for up to five years by the School Board, but the faculty must approve the waiver each year. Waivers must be equitable for all students in a particular student group.

☆ **Section A**



<b>Waiver #</b>	2		
<b>School Name</b>	Western HS (2831)	<b>Board Policy/Contract Article</b>	Contract Article 5, Section L-7
<b>Board Approved</b>	2023-06-13	<b>Years Approved</b>	5 Years
<b>Target Area</b>	Professional Study Days	<b>Waiver Status</b>	Continued
<b>Initial Year of Implementation</b>	2023 - 2024	<b>District Strategic Plan Alignment</b>	College & Career Readiness
<b>Accreditation Standard Alignment</b>		<b>Cognia Key Characteristics</b>	Growth in Learning

☆ **Section B**



I. **Western HS (2831)** is requesting a waiver for **Professional Study Days** for a period of 5 years. **Western HS (2831)** will analyze the data and present them to SAC.

II. **Western HS (2831)** is requesting  **Professional Study Days** per school year.

III. Check the boxes for the **Professional Study Day** dates approved by your SAC and faculty members

**2023-2024**

**Day 1** (October 05, 2023)       **Day 2** (November 02, 2023)       **Day 3** (February 01, 2024)       **Day 4** (April 04, 2024)

**2024-2025**

**Day 1** (September 05, 2024)       **Day 2** (November 07, 2024)       **Day 3** (February 06, 2025)       **Day 4** (April 03, 2025)

**2025-2026**

**Day 1** (September 4, 2025)       **Day 2** (November 6, 2025)       **Day 3** (February 5, 2026)       **Day 4** (April 2, 2026)

**2026-2027**

**Day 1** (September 3, 2026)       **Day 2** (November 5, 2026)       **Day 3** (February 4, 2027)       **Day 4** (April 1, 2027)

**2027-2028**

IV. This waiver proposal was presented, reviewed, and endorsed by all stakeholders of the local school community at meetings on:

**Community Meeting 1**      12/14/2022




**Community Meeting 2**      1/31/2023

**Community Meeting 3**

V. The School Advisory Council voted on the **Professional Study Days** Waiver by **100%** (minimum of 51%) on **12/20/2022**.

VI. The Faculty voted on the implementation of **Professional Study Days** by **74%** (minimum of 66 2/3%) on **1/13/2023**, according to the voting guidelines in the Broward Teachers Union Contract, Article 15.

<b>Year 1</b>	70%	▼	<b>Date</b>	02 / 14 / 2024	
Faculty Votes In School Year					
<b>2023 - 2024</b> for the <b>2024 - 2025</b> School Year					

<p><b>Year 2</b> Faculty Votes In School Year <b>2024 - 2025</b> for the <b>2025 - 2026</b> School Year</p>	70%	▼	<b>Date</b>	02 / 07 / 2025	
<p><b>Year 3</b> Faculty Votes In School Year <b>2025 - 2026</b> for the <b>2026 - 2027</b> School Year</p>	69%	▼	<b>Date</b>	02 / 06 / 2026	
<p><b>Year 4</b> Faculty Votes In School Year <b>2026 - 2027</b> for the <b>2027 - 2028</b> School Year</p>	1%	▼	<b>Date</b>	mm / dd / yyyy	

VII. Write the exact language of the school board policy or contract article that the proposed waiver will supersede.

BTU Contract Article 5, Section L-7:

VIII. State the waiver: change, delete, or add to the policy or contract so as to fulfill the requirements of the proposed waiver.

IX. State the rationale for the proposed waiver. How will the proposed waiver support school improvement? Give background information, history of barrier, etc.

X. Recognizing that one strategy alone does not affect school-wide achievement, identify and explain the baseline data for the proposed waiver.

The Western High School staff will evaluate the effectiveness of the professional study days by evaluating student achievement data using the following data elements:

- I. **Graduation Rate** - The percentage of students that actually graduated as a percent of those that were eligible to graduate. The typical range has been 95% to 97% in the past. **Our current rate is approximately 94% (est. for 2023).**
- II. **Acceleration Rate** - The number of students attempting to earn acceleration points through advanced academic courses, such as AP or AICE accredited classes or industry certifications. **Our current Acceleration Rate is approximately 52% (est. for 2023).**
- III. **The percentage of students making learning gains in ELA and math** - Some of the gaps we have experienced at Western High School are students not meeting proficiency (level 3) in ELA and math, these are the lowest 25% not making learning gains. Our baseline data is presented below.

The latest baseline data available as of 2022 is shown. With the Professional Study Days, we will be able to advance these most recent rankings:

I.

XI. What reliable research studies, proven strategies, best practices, or similar programs support the

probable success of the proposed waiver?

Our school-wide tutoring programs, implementation of ELOs (extended learning opportunities), collaboration with our PLCs, Data Analysis Teams, Academic Teams, and PASL trained teachers also aid to close our gaps and increase student achievement levels.

XII. **Western HS (2831)** will evaluate the effectiveness of the waiver each year. Include current data in alignment to the baseline data to measure the impact of the waiver.

**Year 1**  
End of School Year  
**2023 - 2024 Data**

Results of the following tests for the SY2023-2024: ELA - 38.4 (PM1); Math - 35 (CFA); Biology - 50 (CFA); US History - 66 (CFA)

**Year 2**  
End of School Year  
**2024 - 2025 Data**

Results of the following midyear tests for the SY2024-2025 - Proficiency Basis Points:

- I. ELA 9 - 52% +8 (PM2)
- II. ELA 10 - 52% +12 (PM2)
- III. Biology - 45.2% (PM2)
- IV. US History - 21% (PM2) with 40% nearing proficiency

**Year 3**  
End of School Year  
**2025 - 2026 Data**

**Year 4**  
End of School Year  
**2026 - 2027 Data**

**Year 5**  
End of School Year  
**2027 - 2028 Data**

XIII. **Western HS (2831)** confirms that for the upcoming school year, we will include our four Professional Study Days as part of our Master Plan (PLC Proposal) for approval by Professional Development Standards and Support (9759). Failure to meet the criteria set forth by Professional Development Standards and Support for the Master Plan will result in the denial of a Continuation Waiver for Professional Study Days.

School Year	Answer
2023-2024	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
2024-2025	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
2025-2026	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No

School Year

Answer

2026-2027

Yes  No

2027-2028

Yes  No

XIV. If this waiver is being discontinued, indicate why.

XV. We confirm that the **Professional Study Days** will be implemented as described above:

Principal: Jimmy Arrojo Date: 2023-02-02

SAC Chairperson: Michael Levinson Date: 2023-02-02

XVI. This waiver has been reviewed by:

Broward Teachers Union  
Rep: Tamara Wehrell Date: 2023-02-02

XVII. This waiver has been reviewed by the School Improvement (SI) Office:

OSQ Rep: Kelli Blackburn Date:

This waiver application, with original signatures, is to be kept on file at the school and made available to District personnel upon request.

A scanned version of the completed Waiver application, with signatures, and all other required documents are to be uploaded to BCPS Central by the deadline noted in the timeline.

☆ Section C

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Last updated on: Tuesday, April 21, 2026

Principal:  Michelle Padura

Date: 4/23/26

SAC Chair:  Michael Levinson

Date: 4/22/2026

BTU Steward:  Erica Hansinger

Date: 4/23/2026