



School Advisory Forum (SAF) Meeting

Riverside Elementary School

January 26, 2026

2:30-3:30 PM

AGENDA

- I. **Update on Testing/Assessment**
 - A. Discussion of teacher and parent concerns regarding testing and the use of Performance Matters is ongoing.
 - B. Workshop date TBD.
- II. **Press Update**
 - A. DeSantis press conference, suggested state intervention or receivership
 - B. School Board press conference
 - C. Adam Cervera press conference
 - D. FYI on Receivership; State Law; chronic financial mismanagement, failure to meet academic standards, governance dysfunction, or noncompliance with state requirements.
- III. **Update on "Redefining Our Schools"**
 - A. The Board voted on the proposed recommendations at the January 21 meeting. Six schools will be closed and transitioned to "district use"; three schools will have boundary changes, and one school will be reconfigured. The recommendation to close Bair Middle School in Sunrise failed, and the school will remain open.
 - B. School to Close: Sunshine Elementary, Palm Cover Elementary, Panther Run Elementary, North Fork Elementary, Plantation Middle School, and Seagull Alternative High School
 - C. Closures and boundary adjustments are intended to take effect starting with the 2026–27 school year
 - D. "Redefining" discussions will likely continue for the 26-27 school year.
- IV. **Budget update**
 - A. We have a budget gap of \$100 million
 1. Hiring Freeze
 2. Closing Schools
 3. Moving District Staff to Schools
- V. **Update on Food and Nutrition**
 - A. School lunch debt is currently just under \$300k districtwide; the charges are being transitioned to student obligations retroactive to September. Charges should be visible by February once the systems are updated.
 - B. Community members or donors who wish to contribute to student accounts should contact the cafeteria manager rather than through district or foundation donations, which are applied to principal accounts.
 - C. Students not allowed to graduate or go on field trips if they have obligations
- VI. **Graduation Venues**
 - A. As a cost-saving measure, the District has shifted graduations from private venues to high school gymnasiums for schools with smaller graduating classes.
 - B. The Board is reconsidering the proposed graduation venues for 2026 after student and parent outcry regarding inequities.
 - C. Update: Venues will remain the same this school year
- VII. **School Date**
 - A. Graduation Rates are up at 92%
- VIII. **A+ Calculation**
 - A. Florida A+ Numbers
 1. Tile XLV111 – Assessment and Accountability
- IX. **Referendum Money**
 - A. 2022 Ballot
 1. Shall The School Board of Broward County levy an ad valorem property tax of one mill annually for fiscal years July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2027, to provide funding for (i) school resource officers, safety staff and mental health professionals, (ii) increasing compensation to recruit and retain teachers and staff and (iii) essential instruction related expenditures to preserve important programs, for the benefit of all traditional public and charter schools?
 - B. Money was not spent as intended. Board voted not to take back funds
- X. **Ongoing Topics**
 - A. Facilities/Capital Projects
 - B. A+ Funds
- XI. **Future Topics** - What concerns would you like brought to the North Area board?

★ SAC Sign in Sheet for Riverside ES (3031) - SAF

Date: 1/26/26

Time: 2:30

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2	Chitra Thanki		✓		Chitra D Thanki
3	Janice Redden		✓		<i>[Signature]</i>
4	Riley Hendrix		✓		<i>[Signature]</i>
5	Meghan Smith		✓		Meghan Smith
6	Lisa Balint				Lisa Balint
7	Dorena Casaridis		✓		<i>[Signature]</i>
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