



School Advisory Forum (SAF) Meeting

Riverside Elementary School

March 30, 2026

2:30-3:30 PM

AGENDA

- I. **Update on Testing/Assessment**
 - A. The Elementary subcommittee continues to address issues of over testing and pacing in K-5 classes.
- II. **Update on Accountability Funds**
 - A. Expectations clarified around annual spending versus rolling over funds:
 1. Schools should use allocated funds each year.
 2. Consistently unspent funds may indicate a lower funding need.
 - B. Accountability Funds Memo
- III. **School Choice**
 - A. Many SAF Chairs reported issues and inconsistencies in the School Choice application and notification this year.
 - B. A request was made that the district post the number of seats per grade at each school on the BCPS website, consistent with past practice, to provide greater transparency.
 - C. Additional discussion will take place at the April 16 meeting.
- IV. **SAF Elections**
 - A. The officers shall be the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, and Recording Secretary
 - B. Anyone who wishes to run for a position must declare their candidacy before or at the second-to-last meeting of the school year
- V. **Future Topics - What concerns would you like brought to the North Area board?**

SAF Sign-In

★ Sign in Sheet for Riverside ES (3031)

Date: 3/30/26

Time: _____

| # | Full Name | SBBC Employee | Parent of Student | Community/Business | Sign Here |
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| 1 | Deirdre Bernhardt | ✓ | | | Deirdre Bernhardt |
| 2 | Chitra Thanki | | ✓ | | Chitra Thanki |
| 3 | Lisa Balwit | ✓ | | | Lisa Balwit |
| 4 | Merissa Pennington | | ✓ | | |
| 5 | Melissa LaSalle | | ✓ | | |
| 6 | Lucre DiCapua | | ✓ | | |
| 7 | Lauren Young | ✓ | | | Lauren Young |
| 8 | Cassandra Miller | | ✓ | | |
| 9 | Janice Robbin | | ✓ | | |
| 10 | Vanessa ^{Perr} | ✓ | | | |
| 11 | Dosiree Romer | | ✓ | | |
| 12 | Natalie Waters | | ✓ | | |
| 13 | Sonya Khan | ✓ | ✓ | | |
| 14 | Nuelle Hollis | ✓ | | | |
| 15 | Meghan Smith | ✓ | ✓ | | |
| 16 | Catalina Ortiz | | | | |
| 17 | Riley Hunter | | | | |
| 18 | Yagmin Perez | | | | |
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