



School Advisory Forum (SAF) Meeting

Riverside Elementary School

February 23, 2026

2:30-3:30 PM

MINUTES

- **Update on Testing/Assessment**
 - Concerns about excessive testing were presented to the Board; the Board was receptive to feedback about testing. There seemed to be confusion about what was "required"
 - Another workshop will address possible solutions to reduce BCPS required testing.
- **AC Update**
 - Quote expected this week
 - Approval will be brought to the School Board
 - Replacement over the summer
- **Update on Accountability Funds & ACE Funds**
 - Trying to claw back funds again. The district wants schools to use funds in the year that it is given.
 - A motion was made to send a memo from the superintendent about using funds
 - Update to ACE Funding. Law changed a year ago. ACE funds are for students taking ACE classes. It used to go to school, but now it goes to district. The district buys supplies.
- **Teacher Medication**

GLP-1 is no longer covered by insurance for weight loss. This change was presented to staff after open enrollment passed.

- **Updates from Student Services**
 - Hazel Health - The District's contract with Hazel Health (telehealth service) will end in June. A student services representative clarified that no students had been billed for services.
- **Staff Cuts**
 - 1,000 positions eliminated. Trying to cut vacant positions first (except school security). The next step would be those close to retirement and administrative positions (e.g., AP's, media clerks etc.)
- **Hiring Freeze - Possible Impacts**
 - Representatives from several schools have expressed concern about filling vacant positions for security staff on campuses.
- **Graduation Venues Update**
 - All graduation venues will remain the same as last year for the 2026 graduations.
- **Things to Keep an Eye on**
 - Block Scheduling Next Year - 2 board members brought this topic back up
 - Perfect Attendance Award
- **Future Topics** - What concerns would you like brought to the North Area Advisory Board? None at this time.