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**District Advisory Council**  
The School Board of Broward County



Questions

**Monday, January 12th, 2026, 8:00am -10:00am**  
Virtual on Teams

Chair – Cynthia Dominique    Vice Chair – Dee Defoe    Recording Secretary – Michael Pezzicola  
Corresponding Secretary – Antoinette Bailey    Communications Chair – Brooke Bordy

A. Call to order

B. Housekeeping

1. Welcome

- i. This is the first of several Elementary Subcommittee meetings. We will be covering several subjects, identifying areas for further follow up, and taking suggestions for topics to be covered at a future subcommittee meeting.
- ii. Discussion shall remain polite and professional at all times.
- iii. **Please keep your microphone on mute while not speaking.**
- iv. Be please mindful of our time constraints and desire to allow everyone speaking time. Use the “Raise Hand” function to ask a question and utilize the chat function for short comments.
- v. If time expires for a specific item before you’re able to speak, please email your question to [districtadvisorycouncil@gmail.com](mailto:districtadvisorycouncil@gmail.com) to request follow up

2. Register on DAC and Area Websites to receive communications (see QR code)

3. Introductions

C. Discussion

1. Physical Education, Recess, and Playgrounds

i. Relevant statutes and policies:

- 1. [Fla. Stat. 1003.455\(3\)](#): “Each district school board shall provide 150 minutes of physical education each week for students in kindergarten through grade 5 [...]”
- 2. [Fla. Stat. 1003.455\(6\)](#): “In addition to the requirements in subsection (3), each district school board shall provide at least 100 minutes of supervised, safe, and unstructured free-play recess each week for students in kindergarten through grade 5 so that there are at least 20 consecutive minutes of free-play recess per day.”
- 3. [SBBC Policy 40009\(II\)\(A\)\(5\)](#) incorporates the State of Florida’s physical education requirements.
- 4. [SBBC Policy 6830](#) incorporates the State of Florida’s recess requirements.
- 5. [SBBC Policy 6830 Wellness](#) additionally states “G. Schools shall not use participation or non-participation in physical education class or recess (free play) as a way to punish or discipline students.”

- ii. Office of Academics
- iii. Discussion: What is PE and recess reality at your school?
- iv. Playgrounds – equity concerns regarding availability, conditions, and accessibility

2. Elementary Testing Concerns

- i. Office of Academics – update regarding BCPS review of elementary testing
- ii. Concerns previously discussed by DAC:
  - 1. Testing Frequency
    - a. What testing does BCPS require? Ongoing conversation about recommended vs required and pressures on teachers to comply
  - 2. Testing Method, Administration, and Software
  - 3. Testing Culture
- iii. Additional concerns by attendees for discussion and follow-up

3. Hiring Freeze, Current Teacher Staffing, and 26-27 Staffing Allocations

- i. Summary of scenarios occurring across the District
  - 1. Vacancies filled by existing staff—classes dissolved, students reassigned, classes overloaded
  - 2. Why are certified teaching staff currently serving at the District level not being deployed to fill vacancies?
- ii. Office of Academics
  - 1. Hiring Freeze
  - 2. Staffing Allocations for '26-'27 School Year

4. Open Discussion and Future Topic Suggestions

D. Future Meetings

- 1. DAC General Meeting 1/14/2026 at 6:15pm-8:45pm at KCW
- 2. Central Area General Meeting 1/15/26 at 9:45 AM at Indian Ridge MS
- 3. North Area General Meeting 1/15/26 at 6:15 PM at Monarch HS
- 4. South Area General Meeting 1/21/26 at 9:15 AM at Pines Collegiate Academy
- 5. DAC Steering Meeting 1/26/26 at 7PM on Teams

E. Adjourn