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District Advisory Council
The School Board of Broward County



Questions

Monday, February 2nd, 2026, 7:00pm -9:00pm
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 our 4th Elementary Subcommittee meeting. 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 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. Discussion: What is PE and recess reality at your school?
- iii. Playgrounds –
 - 1. Concerns about availability, condition, accessibility, and sand/pour-in-place
 - 2. This will be a separate topic we take up in the future as Facilities Task Force gathers more information.

2. Elementary Testing Concerns

- i. Update regarding BCPS Office of Academics review of elementary testing
 - 1. Survey
 - 2. Presentation to Board on February 17, 2026
 - a. The Agenda for Feb. 17 is forthcoming. Please check this link starting Feb 3, 2026: <https://www.browardschools.com/school-board/meeting-agendas>
 - b. Once posted, members of the public can submit written comment on the item or sign up to speak on the item. You can also attend the Board meeting in person and sign up to speak before the item is called.
- 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
 - a. Software
 - i. I-Ready
 - 1. Concerns about I-Ready benchmark taking multiple days to complete. Far too long. Suggestions or solutions?
 - ii. Performance Matters
 - 1. Visibility for teachers and parents
 - 2. Do parents and teachers find Performance useful? Do you feel BCPS should continue to use it?
 - b. Testing Windows
 - i. PM1 and PM3
 - 3. Testing Culture
 - a. Relevance of Anecdotal and Qualitative Information
 - b. Survey for Parents/Guardians and Students

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

- i. Hiring Freeze
 - 1. Background: Hiring Freeze implemented on December 8, 2026. Contained exceptions for safety and security, as well as other core functions.
 - 2. On January 13 Advisory
- ii. Staffing Allocation Model

1. Background: The Staffing Allocation Model determines how many instructional and support staff positions for which a school is funded. (See <https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1730333141/browardschoolscom/ziu6iemrrxymifirx6j3/2024-2025.pdf>, pgs. 9-10 for '24-'25 teacher and specials allocations)
2. Current Concern: Since early fall, BCPS staff have stated that there will be significant changes to the '26-'27 allocations. Because of that, staff recommended pushing back District Advisory Council's (DAC) Budget Training for SAF Chairs. DAC has been waiting for an update on this item. The Staffing Allocation Model was included on the January 13 Board Workshop agenda, but was pulled before the meeting and not heard. Upon inquiry of when the item would go to the Board, the Board Chair stated via email that it would be part of the organizational chart discussion in the Spring. DAC is concerned that does not guarantee a purposeful or adequate discussion of this item.
3. If you are concerned about the Staffing Allocation Model, please contact the Board members.

4. Open Discussion and Future Topic Suggestions

- i. Laptop rollout
- ii. Media Clerk vs. Specialists and Site-based decision making about whether media center is a special.

5. Feb 3 Report to Board

- i. Summarize Subjects
- ii. Missing data and outstanding requests to staff
 1. Academics Presentation re Elementary Testing
 2. PE Policy
 3. Staffing Allocation Model
- iii. Requests to the Board

D. Future Meetings

1. DAC Elementary Subcommittee
2. DAC General Meeting Feb 11 at 6:15 PM at Plantation High School

E. Adjourn

Resources

Please email DAC at districtadvisorycouncil@gmail.com with questions.

District Advisory Council Website:

<https://browarddistrictadvisory.ch2v.com/Index.asp?PageID=0>

North Area Advisory:

<https://northareaadvisorycouncil.ch2v.com/>

South Area Advisory:

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School Board of Broward County (SBBC) Website:

<https://www.browardschools.com/school-board>

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