

South Area Advisory Meeting

March 20, 2024

McArthur High School

South Area Chair Carmelo Borges- nominating committee created at last meeting. Must meet quorum. Title 1 funds will be shared with high schools starting in the Fall. High schools will receive a portion of the funds. The amount of money stays the same but will now be shared. Standardized testing will remain because the House Bill did not move forward.

Speaker Megan Turetsk- Director of Legislative and Community Affairs Legislative Update

House Bill 1 passed focused on operations, financial born from a survey the state board of education put out that school districts provided input on

Learned Local Act-some academics provide VPK instructional.

Broward Schools Appropriation- received \$250,000 for athlete mentoring pilot program to high schools and middle schools because there are high rates of suicide and mental health issues among athletes. The Governor will decide if this will go through.

Deregulation- 2 bills passed.

School Safety- from MSD commission recommendations requires any time student is on campus, all gates must be locked or manned. There will be rulemaking to adopt that. Cities that have spent millions of dollars updating fields and other centers would be jeopardized. Amendment added for reciprocal use agreements would not be included. Very few exceptions, all gates or locks while students are on campus. Also, all class doors to be locked while students are on campus. Mostly implemented in Broward county already.

Safe zone must be clearly noted in each school.

Gate program- Senate priority. Students dropped out of traditional school to pursue work opportunities and get paid. To be able to pursue work opportunities, pathways of opportunities. 14.7 million dollars to implement for students.

Patriotic organizations bill, girl scouts and boy scouts to enter campus and speak about their programs.

HB 1 Online protection of minors 14/15-year-olds to have parental consent for social media platforms.

Received a 3.1% increase per student, currently experiencing declining enrollment in Broward County. Charter and vouchers schools on uptick.

Question: parents are concerned about school during voting process while school is in session. Suggestion was made about the calendar committee focusing on coordinating with teacher planning day.

Carmelo- School Board meeting and redefining our school's (March 20th) same day as South Area Meeting.

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