



The City of Fort Lauderdale Commission Conference

Academic & District Updates

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Presentation Content



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Agenda

Overview of District-Wide Academic Success

District 3 & 5 Highlights

Academic Success in Fort Lauderdale

Redefining Our Schools

WE DID IT AGAIN!



- For the **second year** in a row, BCPS earned an **A** rating!
- The number of C-rated schools **were reduced by half** – from 70 in 2023/24 to 34 in 2024/25
- The District reported **NO** D or F rated schools

WE DID IT AGAIN!

- **More than half** of BCPS-operated schools are now A-rated
- Out of the five largest school districts in Florida, BCPS is **one of two with no D or F-rated schools**

84% of our schools received **A or B grades!**



8 schools went from **a C to an A!**



5 schools earned their **first A ever!**



District 3 Highlights

District 3 Schools: Improved from a “C” to an “A”



North Side
Elementary
School



Cypress
Elementary
School

District 3 School:
Received Its First “A”
Grade Ever!



Stranahan
High
School

93% of District 3 Schools
are “A” or “B” rated



District 5 Highlights

District 5 Schools: Improved from a "C" to an "A"



Horizon
Elementary
School



Rock Island
Elementary
School



Sunland Park
Academy

District 5 Schools: Received Their First "A" Grade EVER!



Oriole
Elementary
School



Plantation
Elementary
School



Boyd
Anderson High
School

Academic Success in Fort Lauderdale

School	24/25	23/24	22/23
Bennett ES	B	C	C
Bayview ES	A	A	A
Northside ES	A	C	C
Virginia Shuman Young ES	A	A	A
Harbordale ES	A	A	A
Croissant Park ES	B	A	C
Stephen Foster ES	A	A	C
Westwood Heights ES	A	B	C
Riverland ES	B	B	C
New River Middle	B	C	C
Sunrise Middle	B	B	B
Fort Lauderdale HS	A	A	A
Sheridan Tech HS	A	A	A
Stranahan HS	A	B	C

District 3 Key Highlights

- Bayview, Virginia Shuman, Harbordale, Fort Lauderdale, and Sheridan Technical demonstrated exceptional consistency by earning A ratings for three consecutive years
- Northside, Stephen Foster, Westwood Heights, and Stranahan has showed strong upward momentum, improving from a C to an A over the three-year period
- Bennett and New River has made positive gains, improving from a C to a B
- Riverland showed sustained improvement, rising from a C to consecutive B ratings
- Sunrise Middle School sustained strong performance with three consecutive B ratings
- Croissant Park demonstrated overall growth, improving from a C to a B, with an A achieved during the three-year span

Academic Success in Fort Lauderdale

District 5 Key Highlights

- Dillard Elementary has shown outstanding improvement, rising from a D to a B in just two years
- North Fork has maintained a B rating for two consecutive years
- Rock Island and Sunland made a major leap from a C to an A
- Thurgood Marshall and William Dandy has maintained a C rating over the past three years and was just 1 percentage point shy of achieving a B rating
- Walker has shown remarkable progress, improving from an F to a B in just two years
- Dillard 6–12 has shown positive movement, improving to a B after two years at a C

Redefining Our Schools Update

Purpose:

- Broward County Public Schools, like many districts across South Florida, is facing a significant decline in student enrollment.
- Over the past year, District-managed schools' enrollment declined by 9,987 students (5.04%) from the 2024-25 to 2025-26 school year.
- Over the past 10 years, District-managed schools declined by 37,707 students (16.72%) from 2015-16 to 2025-26 school year.
- These changes are not isolated. They reflect broader trends in family choices, community needs, and educational expectations.
- Enrollment loss affects how we fund, staff, and operate our schools.
- Over the past year, District-managed schools' enrollment loss equates to a funding decrease of approximately \$90,531,456.
- Over the past 10 years, District-managed schools' enrollment loss equates to a funding decrease of approximately \$341,811,316.
- This fiscal reality impacts course offerings, programs, and student opportunities.

Redefining Our Schools Update

School Board Workshops:

- 7/29/25: Direction on Redefining Phase 2 Goals
- 8/26/25: Proposed Schools to be Addressed, Process, and Timeline
- 10/7/25: Update on Community Input and Final List of Schools to be Addressed
- 12/8/25: Rule Development to Present All Proposals and School Boundary Advisory Committee Recommendations

Community Engagements:

- Eight community meetings in the month of September 2025
 - 9/18/25: Dillard High School (Bennett ES, North Fork ES, North Side ES, Thurgood Marshall ES, and Walker ES)
 - 9/24/25: Stranahan High School (Stranahan HS)
- Three regional meetings and one non-traditional schools meeting in the months of October and November 2025
 - 11/6/25: Dillard High School (North Fork ES, Thurgood Marshall ES, Walker ES, Bair MS, Plantation MS, Westpine MS, and Plantation HS)
 - 11/19/25: Whiddon-Rogers Education Center (Seagull Alt. HS and Whiddon-Rogers Ed. Ctr.)

Redefining Our Schools Update

District Commitments

- Implement a Maritime Industry Program at Stranahan HS
- Implement a K-12 Sports Academy at Bennett ES, Sunrise MS, and Fort Lauderdale HS
- Regionalize a Dual Language Feeder Pattern in each region
- Regionalize a Gifted Academy Feeder Pattern in each region
- Create a Broward Powered by AI Innovative Feeder Pattern in each region
- Continue analyses of all programs and take appropriate actions based on findings
- Research additional opportunities for future-ready innovative pathways

January 21, 2026, School Board Agenda Items

- Consolidate North Fork ES into Croissant Park ES, Dr. Martin L. King, Jr. ES, Thurgood Marshall ES, and Walker ES and transition the North Fork ES campus for another use
- Reconfigure Thurgood Marshall ES as a birth through fifth grade early learning center
- Consolidate Seagull Alt. HS into Whiddon-Rogers Ed. Ctr. and transition the Seagull Alt. HS campus for another use

Upcoming School Board Workshops

- 3/24/26: Discussion on Proposals for the North Fork Campus (Pending 1/21/26 Board Action)
- 5/12/26: Update on 2025-26 Redefining Our Schools and Planning for the 2026-27 Process



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