



**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
CONFERENCE MEETING**

#26-0795

TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Christopher Cooper, Acting City Manager

DATE: January 6, 2026

TITLE: Broward County Public Schools Informational Presentation Regarding the
Next Generation Referendum – City Manager’s Office **(Commission
Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)**

Broward County Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Howard Hepburn and/or his designee will speak on The Next Generation Referendum. The presentation will provide factual information regarding the referendum appearing on the November 3, 2026 General Election ballot, including what the referendum funds, who it supports, and the potential impact on Broward County Public Schools. This informational presentation is consistent with Broward County Public Schools guidelines regarding communications related to ballot initiatives.

The Next Generation Referendum is a ballot question that will appear on the November 2026 General Election ballot and will determine if voters support the renewal of the one-mill property tax that voters approved in 2022. The initiative will provide funding to Broward County Public Schools, including charter schools, to assist in the recruitment and retention of teachers and staff, maintain and enhance School Resource Officers and school safety staff, and maintain and enhance programs such as mental health services for students and families.

Strategic Connections

This item is a FY 2026 Commission Priority, advancing the Public Places and Community Initiatives.

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2029* Strategic Plan, specifically advancing:

- Business Growth and Support, Goal 6: Build a diverse and attractive economy.

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035* Vision Plan: We Are Community.

This item supports the *Advance Fort Lauderdale 2040* Comprehensive Plan specifically

advancing:

- The Business Development Focus Area
- The Education Element
- Goal 1: Ensure the provision of K-12 school facilities servicing Fort Lauderdale includes consideration of local facilities adequate for the needs of current and future residents; and
- Goal 2: Encourage traditional and non-traditional educational opportunities beyond K-12 including higher educational institutions, continuing education, workforce development and Career Technical Education by developing strategic alliances with business associations, colleges, and universities to connect skills development with jobs.

Attachment

Exhibit 1 – Next Generation Referendum Presentation

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