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Clarification regarding misleading Sun Sentinel article

A recent newspaper article titled, "Broward may close schools to deal with low enrollment," does not represent the District's intent or process for dealing with schools identified with relatively lower enrollment.

There is no action proposed within the next year regarding any of the schools identified in the article. The fact is, there is no automatic decision about any school in the District based on enrollment alone. We have a multi-faceted process that includes parents, community members, elected officials, municipalities, school-based staff and administration. The focus is always on the best utilization of our facilities to benefit our students and community.

Another important fact is that School Board Policy 5000 requires that schools under 70% of enrollment capacity, based on a five-year enrollment trend and projection, be reviewed annually for options and opportunities. This policy also requires considering factors such as the overall financial impact, conditions of the building and any potential negative impact on the educational experience of our students.

Again, nothing would be proposed prior to the 2021/22 school year, and that would only be after extensive outreach, input and collaboration with our communities.

Sincerely,

Donna P. Korn
Chair, School Board of Broward County

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