

**Everglades High School
School Advisory Forum (SAF)
Minutes
General Meeting
March 20, 2024 – 3:00 PM**

Call to order

Approval of February 27, 2024 Minutes. Motion to approved by Anthony Smith, 2nd by Divina Schiff.

Title One – funds will now be shared with High Schools. They will not get as much as the Elementary Schools. The amount of money will remain the same, no increase.

Speaker:

Megan Turetsky - Director of Legislative and Community Affairs
Legislative Update

1. Senate Bill 7002 – Instructional salary flexibility, streamlines educator certificate requirements, expands teacher apprenticeship program, provides school boards with the authority to delegate superintendents with district policy review and approval.
2. Senate Bill 7004 – Provides for instructional material. Revises student progression planning requirements, revises school grade requirements, revises instructional material adoption process, and provides flexibility in virtual instruction.
3. HB 1473 – School Safety: Requires schools to locked or manned all gates when students are on campus, all classroom doors must be locked when students are present, and all classrooms must mark the safest area to shelter during an emergency. Non-compliant personnel will be referred for disciplinary action.
4. HB 1473 – GATE Program: To offer education and workforce opportunities for students who have withdrawn from high school before graduation. \$14.7 million has been appropriated to implement the program.
5. HB 3 – Online Protection of Minors: Requires 14- and 15-year-old to have parental consent to have social media platforms.
6. HB 917 – Career and Technical Education: Allows 16 ad 17-year-old to work on residential building instruction and modifies CTE programs.

7. SB 1264 – History of Communism: Mandates instruction in public schools on the history of communism and establishes the Institute for Freedom in the Americas at Miami Dade College.

- \$250,000 for the Athlete Mentoring Pilot Program. For high schools and middle schools because there seems to be high rates of suicide and mental health issues among athletes.
- \$800,000 of recurring funds have been appropriated for adults with disabilities.

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

The total budget is \$117 billion, with over 1,900 bills filed.

Everything is subject to the Governor's approval or veto and rulemaking.

All the legislative updates can be viewed in full at: **[Browardschools.com/Legislative affairs](http://Browardschools.com/Legislative%20affairs)**

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Minutes submitted by Maxine Linton, SAF Chair