

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

### **Proposal to Consolidate Broward Estates Elementary into Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Montessori Academy**

**1. What is the specific proposal for my school?**

The proposal is to consolidate Broward Estates Elementary into Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Montessori Academy beginning in the 2025-26 school year. All students living in the attendance area of Broward Estates Elementary will then be assigned to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Montessori Academy. The vacated facility of Broward Estates Elementary will be converted to an early learning center serving birth to prekindergarten to enhance kindergarten readiness for students in the community.

**2. If my school closes, will I have choices of other schools that my child can attend?**

In the event that a school is recommended for consolidation into another school, the School Board may designate specific choice schools that students may attend. At the School Board's discretion, students impacted by the school consolidation may be granted transportation to attend the choice schools. The duration that transportation is offered will also be determined by the School Board. Additionally, the final decision on whether or not a school will be consolidated will be made by the School Board before the first School Choice window closes, which will allow impacted students to make other school choices.

**3. If the proposal is passed, when will it go into effect?**

If the proposal passes, it will go into effect in the fall of the 2025-26 school year.

**4. How can I give my input about the proposal?**

- a. There are several opportunities to give input during the decision-making process. Regional Stakeholder Engagement meetings will be held for the communities of impacted schools where stakeholders will have to opportunity to speak about the proposals. These meetings will be held on the following dates:
  - November 18, 2024, 6-8pm at Broward Estates Elementary School: Broward Estates Elementary and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Montessori Academy.
  - November 19, 2024, 6-8pm at Pines Middle School: Coral Cove Elementary, Hollywood Central Elementary, Silver Lakes Elementary, Silver Palms Elementary, and Silver Shores Elementary.
  - November 20, 2024, 6-8pm at Coconut Creek Elementary School: Coconut Creek Elementary.
- b. On December 10, 2024, the School Board will hold a workshop to discuss all of the proposals and to hear community input from the regional meetings. Community members may sign up to speak at this workshop so that the School Board may hear directly from them.

- c. On January 22, 2025, at a Regular School Board Meeting, the School Board will vote on whether or not to adopt each of the individual proposals. As with the School Board Workshop on December 10, 2024 community members may sign up to speak so that the School Board may hear directly from them.

**5. When is the final decision about this proposal going to be made?**

- a. The final vote on whether or not the proposals will be approved will occur at a Regular School Board Meeting on January 22, 2025.

**6. If my school becomes a K-8, will grades 6-8 be added to my school in the first year?**

- a. The proposal is that one middle school grade will be added each year as rising fifth graders will have the choice to remain. In the first year only 6<sup>th</sup> grade will be added to the grades served at the school, in the second year 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grades will be served, and in the third year, all middle school grades will be served.

**7. Who decides if the proposal will be adopted?**

- a. Florida Statute gives the School Board the power and duty of assigning students to schools, and therefore it is the School Board that will vote to adopt or reject the proposals.