



ESE ADVISORY GENERAL MEETING WED SEPT 20<sup>th</sup> 2023  
6.15pm-8.45pm, Plantation High School Media Center

## AGENDA

**Call to order 6.15pm** Chair Jacqui Luscombe

- Roll call of School Board representatives

### **ESE Advisory Chair report**

Including updates on: meetings with Supt. Licata; Deaf & Hard of Hearing emergency alert system delays; the future of ESE case management and concerns re EdPlan closure & migration to Focus; school sensory room closure at Fox Trails Elementary; back-to-school ESE parent/student issues incl. transportation

**Intro to BCPS staff & District ESE report** Diane Eagan, Executive Director of ESE, Broward Cty Public Schools

### **Presentations:**

- **Behavioral Threat Assessments** & changes in state requirements: Ernie Lozano, Director, and Kim Punzi-Elabiary, Manager, Behavioral Threat Assessment unit, BCPS
- **School Environmental Safety Incident Reporting (SESIR) changes & their new impacts on students with disabilities** Jodi Washington, Director, Diversity, Equity & School Climate, BCPS

**Open forum:** Your opportunity for Q&As. (Limited to *systemic* ESE concerns/questions only; if you have a concern specific to your child, the ESE dept parent liaison will take your details and provide follow-up) We will also cover the following issues with district staff:

- Reasons for \$11m in unspent IDEA funds (rolled over from 2023 to 2024)
- ESE classroom ratios, shortages of paras
- Speech Language Pathologists (SLPs): changes in qualification requirements
- ESE transportation issues
- Loss of \$200k Adults w/Disabilities state funding

### **ESE Advisory sub-committee updates**

- **Melissa Ramos, Autism (ACE)** (next meeting: Sept 28, 6pm, on Teams)
- **Bach Todaro, Down syndrome** (next meeting Sept 28, 6-8pm, at Broward Gold Coast Down Syndrome Organisation office, The Plaza at City Hall, 7301 NW 4<sup>th</sup> St, Suite #103, Plantation 33317)
- **Ally Walford, Emotional & Behavioral Disabilities** (next meeting: Oct 10, 6.30pm-8pm, at Cross Creek School, 1010 NW31st Ave, Pompano Beach, 33069)
- **Ellen Kay, Meaningful Inclusion** (next meeting: Oct 26, 6.30pm-8pm, on Teams)

**Next ESE Advisory meeting:** Wed October 18, 6.15pm-8.45pm, Indian Ridge Middle School media center, 1355 S.Nob Hill Rd, Davie, 33324. We will be joined by the Superintendent, Dr Peter Licata.

**Close 8.45pm**