

**RESOLUTION #14-01  
OF THE BROWARD COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD**

**WHEREAS**, Florida statutes 1001.41 and 1001.42 give the Broward County School Board the power and duty of assigning students to schools; and

**WHEREAS**, the Broward County School Board has decided to create an Innovation Zone (IZone) Voice Committee to act as a Districtwide advisory committee to the School Board to review any necessary or desirable changes to the school attendance areas; and

**WHEREAS**, the Broward County School Board recognizes the importance of providing equitable education opportunities for Broward County's student population while complying with state and local requirements; and

**WHEREAS**, the Broward County School Board intends to adopt the annual school attendance areas after considerations of class size impact, Level of Service impact, enrollment impact, diversity impact, feeder pattern impact, school proximity impact, neighborhood integrity impact, and natural barrier impact; and

**WHEREAS**, the Broward County School Board desires that the community school boundary process be conducted in a public and fair forum in which all Broward County residents have an opportunity to participate and provide input; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Broward County School Board moves for approval of the following item with respect to the composition of the Community School Boundary Process IZone Voice Committee:

**SECTION 1. CREATION OF THE IZONE VOICE COMMITTEE.** There is hereby created an advisory committee to be known as the annual Community School Boundary Process IZone Voice Committee, hereinafter referred to as the "Committee".

**SECTION 2. MEMBERSHIP.** The Committee shall consist of no more than twenty-eight (28) individuals. The representatives for the Committee shall be comprised of one (1) representative and one (1) alternate by each of the twenty-eight (28) Broward County Public School Innovation Zones.

- 1) Each school principal must notify their school parents to solicit committee volunteers to represent the innovation zone at the three pre-scheduled meetings held in the evening.
- 2) The Committee representative and alternate, are recommended annually to the principals by community members from schools from within the innovation zone to represent the entire IZone and serve on the committee and to ultimately provide a Districtwide committee vote for all District school attendance areas.
- 3) The Principals from within the IZone submit the community recommended committee names to the IZone Principal Facilitator(s) who must agree on and select one representative and one alternate from the principal's list of committee volunteers from within the innovation zone by the second week in September and ensure that the persons selected are aware they have been selected to represent the interest of the IZone on the Districtwide IZone Voice Committee.
- 4) The selected IZone Voice Committee member representative and alternate must participate as a committee member in the community school boundary process even if there are no proposals from the innovation zone.
- 5) The selected committee members must not be a map proposer or an employee of the School Board of Broward County and should be an active community volunteer who will act as the eyes and ears of the entire IZone.

6) The IZone Voice Committee Alternate must serve the IZone in the absence of the IZone Voice Committee Representative.

**SECTION 3. DUTIES, RESPONSIBILITIES AND GUIDELINES.** Committee members must attend the IZone Voice Committee orientation (training), Committee public hearing, and Committee deliberation meeting regardless if there are proposals brought forward from the represented IZone. At the December deliberation meeting, the Committee shall select two (2) representatives to present the Committee's countywide school boundary change recommendations to the School Board at the January School Board Workshop. In developing its recommendations, the Committee shall use the considerations for establishing school boundaries. Committee members will be required to cast their vote on all proposals in accordance with Sunshine Law at the deliberation meeting in December. The appointed committee will conduct and complete the annual community school boundary process committee advisory work within the School Board approved community school boundary process timeline.

**SECTION 4. VACANCIES.** In the event of a vacancy on the Committee due to relocation, resignation, death, disability, or any other cause, the alternate shall serve as the Innovation Zone Voice Committee Representative on the Committee for the remainder of the process.

**SECTION 5. MEETINGS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS.** All meetings shall be advertised in a newspaper(s) of general circulation within Broward County and published on the Broward County Public Schools' web site in advance of the meeting date and open to the public. A public hearing shall hereby be defined as any meeting held by the Committee in which the public is afforded an opportunity to comment on any proposed recommendations. The Committee may reasonably limit the time each member of the public can speak at the public

meeting/hearing. The Committee shall meet for Committee orientation (training), a Committee public hearing, and a Committee meeting to deliberate on all proposals to form the Committee's final recommendations. As an advisory committee, the Committee is subject to the State of Florida's Government in the Sunshine Laws as well as Florida's Public Records Laws, as prescribed by Florida law.

**SECTION 6. SUPPORT.** The Committee shall be provided the following Broward County School Board support services in its endeavors to review each proposal:

- (a) The Committee may submit legal questions to the Demographics & Student Assignment Department staff for General Counsel response as necessary.
- (b) The Broward County Public Schools Demographics & Student Assignments Department Geographic Information System (GIS), existing student demographic data and staff shall provide assistance to the Committee as necessary in support of the committee work.

**SECTION 7. ADVISORY NATURE OF THE COMMITTEE.** The recommendations of the Committee are advisory only and are subject to such revisions and amendments as the School Board may elect. Failure by the Committee to make its recommendations by the final December Committee meeting, shall not affect the validity of the community school boundary process in any respect. The School Board is free to reject or disapprove the Committee recommendation(s) in addition to "revising" or "amending" same.

**SECTION 8. TERMINATION AND CESSATION OF REGULAR MEETINGS.** Unless otherwise terminated sooner by the Broward County School Board, the Committee shall sunset upon the Committee's recommendation of school attendance areas at the final committee meeting in December.

**SECTION 9. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Resolution shall become effective upon approval by the Broward County School Board.

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Laurie Rich Levinson, Chair  
School Board of Broward County

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Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent  
Broward County Public Schools