

**Miami-Dade County Public Schools**  
**Superintendent's District Advisory Panel for Exceptional Student Education**  
**Gifted Sub-Committee Minutes**  
**December 13, 2023**

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**Attendees:**

*Via Zoom and/or telephone:* Maria Ratti

*In-person:* Beverly Heller, Maria Sellek, Jeannette Macias

**Discussion Items:**

- The Florida Department of Education designated December 4-8, 2023 as Gifted Education Week. Examples of deep learning in the gifted classrooms across M-DCPS, including projects, were shared.
- Progress made toward Goal 1: The ESE Panel Gifted Sub-Committee supports increasing identification of underrepresented students in gifted education.
  - November 2023 administration of the NNAT-3 to approximately 14,000 first graders.
  - Over 1,000 students have been referred for gifted evaluation.
  - Three Advanced Academics Curriculum Support Specialists continue to work with elementary and K-8 schools to ensure that students that display gifted characteristics are duly considered for potential gifted referral. They also assist administrators in recognizing underrepresented students at their schools.
- Progress made toward Goal 2: The ESE Panel Gifted Sub-Committee supports professional learning for **all** teachers, including teachers of the gifted, administrators, and staff members, on instructional resources and strategies to address the needs of gifted learners.
  - A variety of professional learning opportunities for teachers of the gifted and TEAM teachers have been offered. Additional courses focused on enrichment and acceleration in reading, math, science, and social studies will continue to be offered through the end of the year.

- Advanced Academics and Exceptional Student Education staff attended the National Association for Gifted Children 2023 Conference.
- Progress made toward Goal 3: The ESE Panel Gifted Sub-Committee will share important gifted updates and information with community members and parents, with an emphasis on how they can work with their children to successfully realize their potential.
  - Children's Trust Family Expo was held at Booker T. Washington.
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  - Two Confratute One Day Virtual events will be held in 2024. Each has a specific topical focus. These events are sponsored by the University of Connecticut and are open to teachers and parents.
  - Free webinars related to gifted education were shared. There are three webinars, starting in January, that are offered to the public at no cost.
  - Strategies for parenting the gifted child were shared.
- Tentatively scheduled future meetings:
  - Thursday, February 22, 2024 at 10:00 AM
  - Thursday, April 18, 2024 at 10:00 AM