

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

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**Minutes from December 7, 2022 meeting**

**Attendees:**

*Via Zoom:* Lisette Rodriguez, Tiombe Kendrick-Dunn, Isabel De la Torre

*In-person:* Beverly Heller, Maria Ratti, Maria Sellek, Karen Marsh

**Discussion Items**

- Gifted Education Week is December 5-9, 2022
  - Schools are encouraged to commemorate the week by posting projects and examples of deep learning on social media using the hashtag **#MDCPSGiftedEdWeek**.
  
- Updates on Goal 1: The ESE Panel Gifted Sub-Committee supports increasing identification of underrepresented students in gifted education.
  - NNAT-3 data from 2021-2022 was shared.
  - 2,417 were identified using NNAT-3 results, and 800 students were then referred for further testing.
  - When comparing NNAT-3 to SAT-10 as a screening tool, NNAT-3 identified 18% of Black students, while SAT-10 only identified 7%. Similarly with the ELL subgroup, NNAT-3 identified 37% while SAT-10 identified 2%.
  - The new Gifted Creativity Scale K-12 which replaced the Williams Scale was shared. Dr. Gail Ryser, a researcher at Texas State University, developed the new measure. It is based on current research in the area of creativity and giftedness and will be used as part of the gifted eligibility criteria for underrepresented students.
  
- Updates on Goal 2: The ESE Panel Gifted Sub-Committee supports professional development for teachers of the gifted, administrators, and staff members on instructional resources and strategies to address the needs of gifted learners.
  - A variety of micro-learning sessions have been conducted. Topics include gifted characteristics, instructional strategies, and supplementary materials for cross-curricular instruction.
  - Several one-day or multiple day sessions have been held for teachers and administrators. Topics include problem-based learning, fundamentals of

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teaching gifted courses, overview of gifted for administrators, and *Nature and Needs of the Gifted*, one of the five required gifted endorsement courses.

- Updates on Goal 3: The ESE Panel Gifted Sub-Committee will share important gifted updates and information, with an emphasis on social/emotional development, with parents, school staff, and community members.
  - Advanced Academics presented information on two high school programs, Advanced Placement and Dual Enrollment, to parents and community members participating in the virtual **NAACP Education Matters** and will return January 19, 2023 for a session focused on gifted education.
  - Advanced Academics participated in the M-DCPS Family Fest held at Parkway Educational Complex and shared information regarding the department's many offerings, including gifted.
- Other Discussion:
  - Ms. Heller reiterated her support for Florida Bright Futures Scholarship eligibility for students earning an AP Capstone diploma similar to IB and AICE diplomas as well as her support for its inclusion in the M-DCPS legislative platform.
- Future Meeting
  - The next meeting will be held in the M-DCPS Annex Building, Conference Room 326Y from 10:00 to 11:00 AM on February 2, 2023.
- Closing Remarks