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During the 2015/16 school year, District and school staff hosted a variety of conversations and meetings regarding proposed changes to several schools that would take effect for the 2016/17 school year. Please see below for an overview of the new educational opportunities being implemented for the 2016/17 school year.

School Name:	New Educational Opportunities for 2016/17:
Bair Middle School	Bair Middle School will expand its current academic and innovative program offerings with addition of a new Montessori Program model for middle school. This implementation at Bair expands the number of opportunities for students to enroll in the Montessori Middle School program. The Montessori Program cultivates individualism, freedom of choice, greater problem-solving ability, and social development in children. At the same time, it promotes academic achievement and peer acceptance in a non-competitive environment. Literature, the arts, history, social issues, civics, economics, science and technology all complement one another in the Montessori curriculum. Activities promote the development of self-expression, self-awareness, critical thinking, commitment, and responsibility. Students think for themselves and become actively engaged in the learning process. Students in this program will leave middle school with well-developed 21st century workforce soft skills, including the ability to successfully collaborate with team members on project based learning tasks.
Coconut Creek High School	Coconut Creek High School will open the Creek Technical Academy (CTA) Magnet starting in the fall of 2016. The program will be a replication of the successful Technical High Schools at Broward's Technical Colleges. Partnering with Atlantic Technical College the program will house up to 150 9th grade students next year and add up to an additional 150 students in the subsequent three years topping out at 600 students in 4 years. Students will follow an intense academic track in grades 9 and 10, then split their time in grades 11 and 12 between academics and one of 29 technical programs in which they will be career dual enrolled (CDE). CDE programs will be taken on the Coconut Creek or Atlantic Technical College campus depending on the program. Students in CDE classes will earn the same quality points towards their GPA as students in traditional dual enrollment or AP classes. All graduates from the program will graduate with a **High School Diploma**, at least one **Industry Certification**, and **Articulated College Credit**. Coconut Creek High will be opening a Medical Suite to house up to 6 programs in that field, including Practical Nursing. Programs will also be offered in the areas of Public Service (Emergency Medical Responder and Emergency Management) and Law (Court Reporting and Transcription). Other programs in these areas will follow in the future.
Gulfstream Middle School and Hallandale Elementary School become Hallandale K-8	Gulfstream Middle School and Hallandale Elementary School will be combining to create a K-8 school. The new K-8 school in Hallandale will provide many advantages to all of the children that live in the boundary. The K-8 will foster an environment in which staff members can vertically plan through the primary, intermediate and middle grades with an emphasis on college and career readiness. Providing unique academic opportunities, such as the STEM Innovative Program, Dual Language Programs, Jobs For Florida Graduates (JFG), LEGO Robotics, Microsoft Office Industry Certification, scholastic chess, debate and many others, Hallandale K-8 will be a leader in providing our students with the skills necessary for high school. Hallandale K-8 will also upgrade the facilities for our children. Students in the middle grades will now be in age appropriate classrooms, an age appropriate cafetorium and have access to more science lab classrooms. The physical education and athletic opportunities will also be upgraded with a fully functional gymnasium and athletic fields. Also, Hallandale Elementary parents with children in multiple grade levels will now have all of their children on one campus, improving transportation, attendance and communication.

Hallandale Adult Center	For the 2016/17 school year, Hallandale Adult Community Center will continue to provide quality services to our diverse group of learners. The center offers services to pregnant and parenting teens enrolled in our Alternative High School, a child development center for the children of our teen parents and adult students, an accelerated learning environment for 8th graders who enroll in our Academy program to accelerate their studies, and adult learners seeking to learn to speak English and/or earn their GED ®. Daytime and nighttime classes are offered, along with transportation to students in grades 7-12.
Martin Luther King Elementary School	Martin Luther King, Jr. Montessori Academy will become a Montessori Magnet school offering seats to elementary students north of 595. The Montessori philosophy was implemented in the 2014/15 school year through the SSOS process and is successfully providing students with choice and physical movement through out the school day in a non-traditional environment. Because of the demand for the Montessori based programing in the district, MLK has the opportunity to increase enrollment and continue to provide students an opportunity to be in a learning environment that infuses Peace Education through the teachings of the Montessori Life Skills. Through the Montessori philosophy, students learn to think critically, to communicate effectively, to work collaboratively and to be creative, which are 21st century skills for college and career readiness. The Montessori Philosophy is a cultural shift that will involve all stakeholders, preK-5 teachers, students, and the community. Community involvement will be extended through strategic partnerships, Montessori education and family events.
New Renaissance Middle School	New Renaissance Middle School is excited to be an IB MYP Candidate School. This distinction will provide students with the opportunity to be well prepared to enroll in the High School IB Diploma Program. The Cavalier Academies have been designed to meet the individual academic interests and needs of students while connecting classroom learning to real world experiences. The Academy for Advanced Academics focuses on academic acceleration. The Academy for Innovation allows students to explore robotics and technology. The Academy for the Performing Arts, the only one of its kind in the south area, focuses on dance, music and drama, and the Success Academy provides intensive instruction and remediation in reading and mathematics skills. Through these academies, students have the ability to enroll in middle school and high school courses, to ensure high school readiness upon completion of eighth grade.

About the Student Success Opportunities Schools (SSOS) Initiative

Student Success Opportunity Schools (SSOS) is a strategic initiative by Broward County Public Schools (BCPS) to review the performance of schools utilizing a variety of criteria, such as student academic performance, school enrollment, climate, facilities and other local factors. SSOS provides an opportunity for the District to work with parents, students, staff and community members to discuss the potential educational options available for students that are sustainable and promote increased student achievement.

As the state continues to wrestle with the implementation of the Florida Standards and the Florida State Assessment (and how school grades are computed), BCPS continues to work with communities in an inclusive way to generate positive changes in schools that reflect community wishes, as well as school and District needs. The District, as well as the communities, work together to review school grade level configurations, potential magnet programs and more effective and efficient education services and programs.

For additional information about SSOS, visit http://browardschools.com/BCPS-Spotlights/Student-Success-Opportunity-Schools.