



Memorandum

Memorandum No: 25-141

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Rickelle Williams, City Manager *AW*

DATE: August 8, 2025

SUBJECT: Fort Lauderdale Police Department Support for the 2025-2026 School Year

As part of our ongoing commitment to school safety and positive youth engagement, the Fort Lauderdale Police Department (FLPD) will implement a multi-faceted approach to support students, staff, and families as the 2025–2026 school year begins. FLPD presence will be both visible and proactive, reinforcing safety and strengthening community relationships.

Operational Overview of School Reopening

FLPD will maintain a high-visibility presence at all public schools during student drop-off and dismissal during the first week of school, beginning on Monday, August 11, 2025. Special Operations personnel assigned to this initiative would be redeployed from regular unit assignments during drop-off and pick-up hours. These units include:

- Motor Unit;
- Mounted Unit;
- Community Support Unit (CSU);
- Homeless Outreach Team (HOT);
- Marine Unit;
- Code Enforcement Officers; and
- Sergeants and Patrol Officers.

Patrol will coordinate additional coverage to complement Special Operations personnel. FLPD also works with the City's contracted vendor to provide safe crossings for students through our Crossing Guard program. These efforts ensure coverage and promote safety at every public school across all districts for the week of reopening.

School Resource Officer Assignments

FLPD provides full-time School Resource Officers (SROs) at the following schools:

Sunrise Middle School	William Dandy Middle School
Fort Lauderdale High School	Dillard 6-12
New River Middle School	Stranahan High School
Whiddon Rodgers Education Center	Sheridan Technical High School
Seagull Alternative High School	

All public elementary schools are protected by Broward Sheriff's Office (BSO) Guardians. In addition, each school will have a designated FLPD Patrol Officer assigned as its direct point of contact for enhanced communication and responsiveness.

Private School Security Details

Several private schools utilize off-duty FLPD officers as part of their contracted security plans. A complete list of these institutions is also attached for reference.

Event and Career Day Participation

FLPD is actively engaged in a variety of school and community-based events throughout the academic year. These include career days, festivals, safety days, parades, and other enrichment opportunities across all commission districts. A comprehensive list of confirmed events for the 2025–2026 school year is included as an attachment. As a reminder, FLPD hosted National Night Out at Carter Park earlier this week to promote community outreach and assist with providing back to school resources.

High School Football Game Coverage

In accordance with Broward County Athletic Association (BCAA) requirements, a minimum of two (2) officers will be present at each high school football game. Most public and private schools exceed this minimum, deploying additional personnel for crowd management and safety. These officers are assigned via off-duty detail.

New Safety Technology Implementation

As of August 9, 2025, Broward County Public Schools will begin utilizing Centegix Crisis Alert Badges for all faculty and bus drivers. These devices allow immediate notification for on-campus incidents:

- Three (3) taps = faculty/staff assistance (no police response)
- Eight (8) taps = active shooter response (alerts BSO Dispatch and triggers police response)

The Real Time Crime Center will monitor alerts, and only law enforcement can clear an active shooter alert.

Please contact Chief William Schultz at w Schultz@flpd.gov or 954-828-5590 with any questions or concerns.

Attachments:

1. List of City of Fort Lauderdale Schools
2. 2024/2025 School Year Events

c: D'Wayne M. Spence, Interim City Attorney
David R. Solomon, City Clerk
Patrick Reilly, City Auditor
City Manager's Office
Department Directors

District	School	Address	SRO
Police District One	Cardinal Gibbons High School	2900 NE 47th ST	Detail
	Christ Church School	4845 NE 25th Ave	No
	Pine Crest School	1501 NE 62nd ST	Detail
	Floranada Elementary School	5251 NE 14th Way	No
	Shepherd of the Coast - Pre K-8	1901 E.Commercial Blvd	No
	Westminster Academy	5601 North Federal Hwy	Detail
	Bayview Elementary School	1175 Middle River DR	No
	Benett Elementary School	1755 NE 14th ST	No
	Sunrise Middle School	1750 NE 14th ST	SRO
	Saint Anthony Catholic School	820 NE 3rd ST	No
	Fort Lauderdale High School	1600 NE 4th Ave	SRO
	Virginia Shuman Young Elementary	101 NE 11th Ave	No
	North Side Elementary School	120 NE 11th ST	No
	Calvery Chapel	2401 West Cypress Creek	Detail
Police District Two	Thurgood Marshall Elementary	800 NW 13th ST	No
	Atlantic Technical College-Arthur Ashe Jr.	1701 NW 23rd Ave	No
	Dillard Elementary School	2330 NW 12th CT	No
	Dillard 6-12	2501 NW 11th ST	SRO
	North Fork Elementary School	101 NW 15th Ave	No
	Rock Island Elementary School	2350 NW 19th ST	No
	Sunland Park Academy	919 NW 13th Ave	No
	Walker Elementary School	1001 NW 4th ST	No
William Dandy Middle School	2400 NW 26th ST	SRO	
Police District Three	Saint Jerome Catholic School	2601 SW 9th Ave	No
	New River Middle School	3100 Riverland Rd	SRO
	Charter School of Excellence	1217 SE 3rd Ave	No
	Croissant Park Elementary	1800 SW 4th Ave	No
	Harbordale Elementary School	900 SE 15th ST	No
	AmiKids of Greater Ft. Lauderdale	3220 SW 4th Ave	No
	Bethany Christian School	615 SE 9th ST	No
	Stranahan High School	1800 SW 5th PL	SRO
	Whiddon Rogers Education Center	700 SW 26th ST	SRO
	Sheridan Technical High School	3775 SW 16th ST	SRO
	Baldwin Academy - Preschool	1161 SW 30th Ave	No
	St. Thomas Aquinas High School	2801 SW 12th ST	Detail
	Riverland Elementary School	2600 SW 11th CT	No
	Stephen Foster Elementary School	3471 SW 22nd ST	No
Westwood Heights Elementary	2861 SW 9th ST	No	
	Segull Alternative High School	425 SW 28th St	SRO
Public Schools			
Private Schools			

2024/2025 School Year Events

dates are still being established by events below

Event	Police District
<u>August</u>	
Back to School Jamboree YMCA	2
<u>September</u>	
Rock Island Elementary Police Breakfast	2
Gold Ribbon Cancer Parade	City Wide
<u>October</u>	
Pizza, Pumpkins and Police with Lauderdale Manor Teen Group	2
Croissant Fall Festival	3
Safety Day at St. Anthony's School	1
Calvary Fun Day	2
Turkey Trot at Bennet Elementary	1
<u>December</u>	
Mystic Force Cancer Parade	Citywide
BPOA Christmas Thurgood Marshall Elementary	2
Seagull School Christmas	3
BPOA Florinda Elementary	2
BPOA Dillard Christmas	2
William Dandy Career Day	2
LEOs and Legos Boys-n-Girls Club	3
<u>January</u>	
Career Day at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs	3
Virginia Shuman Young Parade	1
Carter Park Career Day	2
Winter Carnival Jack and Jill School	2
Safety Town Annual Officer Day	Citywide
<u>February</u>	
Whiddon Rogers Education Career Day	3
Board Games at Boys-n-Girls Club	3
STEM Day	2
Friendship Circle School Visit	3
<u>March</u>	
Dillard Career Day	2
Autism Caravan	Tri-County
North Fork Career Day	2
Sunrise Middle Career Day	2
Friendship Circle School Cooking Class	3

<u>Event</u>	<u>Police District</u>
<u>April</u> Bring Your Child to Work Day Red Schoolhouse Graduation Parade Seagull School Career Day	Citywide 2 3
<u>May</u> End of School Celebration Lauderdale Manors Park Colossal Academy Career Day Seagull School End of Year Celebration Balwin Academy Graduation	2 2 3 3