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Keeping Up with School Policy in Lee County

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The Lee County School District has begun a series of School Board Town Halls to promote dialogue between school district leadership and the community. The Town Hall format allows School Superintendent Denise Carlin, School Board members, and Department Heads to present district priorities and policies. It gives community members a chance to ask questions and raise issues in person or by email.

At the Town Halls in January and February, questions centered around cell phone use, the conduct and dress code, and class starting times.

There are four Town Halls remaining in this school year. All are held from 5:30 to 7 PM.

- March 11, at Three Oaks Elementary, 19600 Cypress View Dr., in Fort Myers. With Board Member Bill Ribble.
- March 12, at Oak Hammock Middle School, 5321 Tice St., in Fort Myers. With Board Member Vanessa Chaviano.
- April 1 at Tanglewood Elementary, 1620 Manchester Blvd., in Fort Myers. With Board Member Melisa Giovannelli.
- April 10, at Lemuel Teal Middle School, 104 Arthur Ave., in Lehigh Acres. With Board Member Armor Persons.

In addition to the Town Halls, the monthly Board Workshops and meetings are open to the public. You can find out more at https://www.leeschools.net/school_board.

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