

Barber Lakedra

From: Lisa Whittaker <lisaawhittaker@msn.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 24, 2018 9:41 PM
To: Barber Lakedra
Subject: Dual Enrollment courses: specifically college level math courses

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Please continue to offer the higher level DE classes that have been provided in the past to Pine View students- as well as at other county high schools. Many of the high school age students have worked very hard in previous years to be able to take these courses during their high school years; also many students who excel in mathematics will have no options for high school math if these courses are not offered. It would force them to Dual Enroll full time junior or senior year to take such courses - or homeschool sophomore year in order to take these courses, thus depriving them of the opportunity to continue in high school.

Sarasota is a community that prides itself in educational excellence as we are seen as an educationally diverse for students. By discontinuing Dual Enrollment courses taught at local high schools, we would be doing a disservice to our students.

Thank you-

Lisa Whittaker
Pine View parent

Barber Lakedra

From: chris <chris@florandmediation.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 26, 2018 6:08 AM
To: Barber Lakedra
Subject: Concern about SCF courses

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Hello Barbara,

I'm writing to express my concern and disagreement with taking away the availability for students at Pine View to continue to have the 3 math courses that would now only be offered through SCF. I've attached the link below if there are any question about what I'm referring to. It is important in a child's high school experience to stay on their own campus and be with their friends. These students should not be penalized because they are ahead in math. That is what Pine View was designed for and it should be allowed to stay as is.

Thank you for your time and I hope you will take the opinion of mine and others into consideration. We all want what is best for our kids at the end of the day :)

Chris Florand

<http://sarasotacountyschools.net/WorkArea/DownloadAsset.aspx?id=98460>

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

Barber Lakedra

From: Dan <danielhersey@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 24, 2018 10:27 PM
To: Barber Lakedra
Subject: Dual Enrollment - Calculus III, Differential Equations, and Discrete Mathematics

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Please continue to offer Calculus III, Differential Equations, and Discrete Mathematics as dual enrollment courses in Sarasota high schools. Students on an accelerated curriculum who make it that far should be able to earn college credits, just like they can for other math courses as well as courses in other subjects. If they can handle the rigorous material, they deserve the credit.

Thank you.

-- Dan Hersey

Barber Lakedra

From: The Gavette Family <thegavettes@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 18, 2018 11:07 PM
To: Barber Lakedra
Subject: SCF Articulation Agreement

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am concerned about this policy, because I am currently enrolled in high school pre-calculus (spring semester) needing to test for summer semester math course MAC 1114 at SCF. I would not be able to finish my class, take the test, AND register for the course by the May 15 deadline if this semester enrollment eligibility placement test retake policy is authorized.

SCF Placement Test Retake Policy

Dual Enrollment students may take the SCF Placement Test only one time per semester. This includes testing administered at SCF or on the high school campus.

SEMESTER ENROLLMENT ELIGIBILITY		
Fall Semester Testing	Spring Semester Testing	Summer Semester Testing
Enrollment following Spring semester	Enrollment following Fall semester	Enrollment following Spring semester

Thank you,


Barber Lakedra

From: Julie Hausmann <heyjulie123@optonline.net>
Sent: Wednesday, April 25, 2018 6:38 PM
To: Barber Lakedra
Subject: DE math courses at Pine View School

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I am requesting that Pine View school continue to offer DE Calculus 3 and Differential Equations and Discrete Math courses. The availability of these accelerated courses are essential to qualified students to provide them with the high level challenges, depth and rigor of learning opportunities to competently compete for the best college placements. I am hoping you will reconsider discontinuing these courses since doing so could likely be a detriment to your hard working students' future education.

Barber Lakedra

From: K Huggles <khuggles4@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 25, 2018 6:02 PM
To: Barber Lakedra
Cc: James Hugglestone
Subject: Early College Program Manual & Articulation Agreement

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Good afternoon, I am writing today to voice my concern of the following proposal of the Early College Program Manual & Articulation Agreement between the Sarasota County School Board and State College of Florida. It has come to my attention that several math college-level courses will not be offered as Dual Enrollment in accordance with this agreement. As a parent and an educator, I believe that it would be in the best interest for all students who partake in these Dual Enrollment classes to continue to offer them for their benefit and success. I am a parent of a dual enrollment student and would hope that some kind of agreement can be reached to keep Discrete Math and other Gordon Rule Credit Math courses to help students achieve their goals. Thank you

Sincerely, Kristi Hugglestone.

Barber Lakedra

From: Kenneth Giraldo <kgiraldomd@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 30, 2018 6:43 PM
To: Barber Lakedra
Subject: DE Calc III and Diff Eq at PV High School

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Begin forwarded message:

From: KENNETH Giraldo <kenkollo@comcast.net>
Date: April 30, 2018 at 6:33:32 PM EDT
To: kgiraldomd@gmail.com
Subject: DE Calc III and Diff Eq at PV High School
Reply-To: KENNETH Giraldo <kenkollo@comcast.net>

DE Calc III and Diff Eq at PV High School

From: Kenneth Giraldo <kenkollo@comcast.net>
Date: April 27, 2018 at 4:47:09 PM EDT
To: lakedra.barber@sarasotacountyschools.net
Subject: DE Calc III and Diff Eq at PV High School

Good afternoon,

I was dismayed to review the planned DE courses for 2018-2019 School year and find out that the calculus III and differential equations course via SCF as DE, which has been offered at Pine view school is not going to be offered next year. My son, [REDACTED] is a current junior at Pineview high school, and had already enrolled in the course for the upcoming year. He has planned his math courses out carefully from the moment he started high school. He has had straight A's, and had a perfect score on the ACT math portion. While I am aware that he could enroll on one of the SCF campuses to take the course, it would be undue hardship. School hours at Pineview are from 7:20-1 PM. The course is given from 8 to 9 AM. It would require disrupting at least three class hours from the Pineview schedule, when he is taking another four or five AP classes. Not all students are able to make those travel arrangements either. He could also take the same course with a great teacher at Pineview as an honors course. However, that is weighted on a lesser scale than the DE class. Another option apparently is to enroll at

University of Florida, online and take the class. However, online curriculum and in person instruction with a great teacher are two completely different things.

To have this option taken away so abruptly, without prior notice, when it has been available until this point in time (and to the seniors just ahead of him) seems quite unreasonable. I would be able to comprehend a phasing out over time with advanced notice. Even so, it would seem to be punitive on those students who are highly motivated. Aren't we trying to raise the bar on math in the United States to be able to compete an international level when we have been found lacking? What about the students who are under financial hardship and taking the course in high school reduces subsequent strain on their families resources?

I respectfully request that you consider all of these issues, as well as at all times keeping the best intellectual interests of the students at heart. Let's give them all the possible advantages in this ever more competitive environment they are growing up in!

Respectfully,

Kenneth Giraldo, MD
941-809-3415
kenkollo@comcast.net

Barber Lakedra

From: Cindy Gries <cindygries@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 26, 2018 5:28 PM
To: Barber Lakedra
Subject: Dual Enrollment Calculus III, Differential Equations, Discrete Math

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Dear Lakedra,

I am a Pine View graduate and currently a Pine View parent. Math was my favorite subject at Pine View, and I loved taking Calculus III (then called multivariate calculus which is the same class) and Differential Equations my senior year. At the time, we did not receive dual enrollment credit for these classes and Pine View was the only school in the state that offered these advanced classes. I therefore had to take Calculus III again in college when I later earned a masters in Math Education even though I got an A in the same class at Pine View. In addition, AP Calculus was the only math class available to earn college credit for with the AP tests, while there are multiple classes in other subjects. I was thrilled that my child would get the opportunity to take these classes for dual enrollment credit. Therefore, I was disappointed to hear that the school board is considering discontinuing the ability to earn dual enrollment for these advanced math classes. Please consider keeping the ability to earn dual enrollment for these special classes.

Respectfully,
Cindy Gries

Barber Lakedra

From: Keri Kuhn <keribingkuhn@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 25, 2018 10:44 AM
To: Barber Lakedra
Subject: Agreement with SCF/County School District

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Hello,

It has been brought to our attention that Calculus III, Differential Equations and Discrete Math may no longer be taught through the high schools as a dual enrollment course. Although my son will not be in high school next year, this affects his future as he has been working toward a track that would include all three of those classes in the future.

"Math kids" are different. They don't necessarily share the glory of the "sports kids" or the passion of the "performing arts" kids. Their happiness and satisfaction is found in classroom achievement. To see these classes eliminated not only takes away the goal my son is working toward but eliminates the opportunity to take additional courses in college due to time constraints.

If there is adequate enrollment for the classes, please reconsider the elimination of this program. Thank you so much for your time.

Keri Kuhn

[REDACTED], Pine View School

[REDACTED], Pine View School

Barber Lakedra

From: Dina Koopman <dina.koopman@gvc.net>
Sent: Wednesday, April 25, 2018 8:33 AM
To: Barber Lakedra
Subject: De classes

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Isn't it early enough that the high school students could be polled to see if they are interested in taking any of these classes that are not going to be offered as DE classes next year?

It should be handled like any other college class...if they don't have a required minimum, then they don't offer the class as DE. These sound like classes that may not have been popular in the past and maybe offer them as on campus DE classes instead of being taught at PV. I know Venice high student used to leave and go to SCF campus to take classes (3 years ago).

My daughter had a great experience taking her DE math class and I hope they don't do away with the more popular ones...the lower math's.

I hope my opinion helps. My daughter graduates from PV next month and this has been a great school! She will enter UCF as a Sophomore with 2 scholarships and the highest Bright Futures award. I'm not sure if she would have had the opportunity at a 'regular' high school to accomplish that.

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Barber Lakedra

From: Jennifer Kourelakos <jprothn@me.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 24, 2018 10:39 PM
To: Barber Lakedra
Subject: please keep DE calc 3 at PV

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Dear Mrs. Barber-

My daughter attends the Pine View school in Osprey. She is in ninth grade and will be in AP BC Calculus next year. She is not the only gifted student accelerated more than three years in math. Please do not allow the school board to do away with DE calculus 3 and DE differential equations. In order to attend top colleges and succeed in STEM careers these gifted kids must be allowed access to pursue advanced math.

Pine View is the top school

in the state and one of the top high schools in the country for a reason - the rigorous college prep curriculum offered and the gifted students that attend there.

Please consider not eliminating this program

Thank you

Jennifer Kourelakos

Sent from my iPhone

Barber Lakedra

From: Shannon Kondos <slkondos@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 25, 2018 7:00 AM
To: Barber Lakedra
Subject: Math DE

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Good Morning Ms.Barber,

As a parent of a Pine View junior, I would like to express my concern that three mathematics dual enrollment courses have been removed from the 2018-2019 offerings to Sarasota students.

I would like to understand what is the rationale behind this decision. From my discussions with other parents, I have learned that Pine View students perform very well in these particular classes and have benefitted a great deal by having these courses available to them.

I think our decision makers are at a critical juncture as we move forward in promoting our schools' STEM programs. These three classes are an important component to achieving the advancement we aspire for in our educational programs. I think it's essential that we continue to keep reaching higher by offering our students opportunities for rigorous intellectual challenge. It would be a shame to take these opportunities away. I hope the school board will reconsider.

Thank you,
Shannon Kondos

Sent from my iPhone

Barber Lakedra

From: McDonald family <ptmbgm@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 25, 2018 6:31 AM
To: Barber Lakedra
Subject: Dual Enrollment courses and articulation agreement

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Dear Ms. Barber:

My son who is a high school freshman has scheduled all of his classes since Middle School so that he can take the Dual Enrollment mathematics courses offered at Pine View School. He plans to pursue a mathematics or science major in college, and these courses are critical to making his college application attractive, and to establishing a strong foundation in mathematics. Furthermore, he will run out of math courses offered at his high school--which is ridiculous given that it is a premier academic institution for gifted students.

My daughter is a high school junior. She has completed the SCF Dual Enrollment courses in Pre-Calculus (2015), Trigonometry (2016), and Calculus III (2017). She is currently enrolled in Differential Equations. All of these courses were taken at Pine View. My daughter plans on majoring in mathematics or physics in college. These courses have been essential for developing her interest in math and in providing her with the basic knowledge that she will need in college.

Our family can speak about the importance of these higher level mathematics courses. Please continue teaching higher level mathematics Dual Enrollment courses at Pine View school. We do not approve of the changes in the SCF Articulation Agreement that would discontinue offering these courses on the Pine View campus.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Barbara McDonald
960 Indian Beach Dr
Sarasota, FL 34234

Barber Lakedra

From: Camillia Mankovich <camilliam@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 25, 2018 3:53 PM
To: Barber Lakedra
Subject: DE courses

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Hello,

I would like to express my concern regarding the fact that Sarasota County high schools will no longer be able to teach Calculus III, Differential Equations and Discrete Math as Dual Enrollment courses. My family believes that having these courses taught as DE courses on our high school campus is a huge benefit to our students. Please allow our high schools to continue offering these DE courses.

Best regards,
Camillia

Barber Lakedra

From: Alex Merkher <amerkher@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 24, 2018 12:58 PM
To: Barber Lakedra
Subject: Comment on proposed Early College Program Manual & Articulation Agreement...

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We noticed that in the new Articulation Agreement between Sarasota County School Board & State College of Florida, Sarasota County High Schools will no longer be able to teach Calculus III, Differential Equations and Discrete Math as Dual Enrollment courses.

Our daughter is a Freshman at Pine View, and having these courses taught as DE courses on PV campus is a huge benefit that is being taken away from her and other students at Pine View School.

We would like that benefit restored, please.

- Alex

Barber Lakedra

From: Andrew Mickish <mickish@ndr.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 25, 2018 9:50 AM
To: Barber Lakedra
Subject: Feedback for SCF Articulation Agreement

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The SCF Articulation Agreement ought to include Calculus III, Differential Equations, and Discrete Math.

Tackling these subjects is a fulfilling accomplishment for a student that has the background to understand them.

I am a Pine View parent. If Pine View can get kids up to this level, so that they are ready to take these courses while still in high school, then they should be given the opportunity to take them.

These classes have been part of a routine accelerated program at Pine View. The absence of these classes in the agreement reduces what Pine View graduates have demonstrated they can accomplish in high school.

Please add these classes to the agreement.

Thanks,

--Andrew Mickish
mickish@ndr.com

Barber Lakedra

From: E Page <fineprint@verizon.net>
Sent: Friday, April 27, 2018 12:44 PM
To: Barber Lakedra
Subject: In favor of retaining certain math classes as part of Dual Enrollment options

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Please include the following classes in the Dual Enrollment agreement between SCF and the Sarasota County Schools:

Calculus III

Differential Equations

Discrete Math

My son, at Pine View, has been planning to take the Differential Equations option in the 2018-2019 school year. We were dismayed to see that it may not be an option. Please retain it! Many Pine View students rely on these academic options.

Thank you,
Erin Page
(Parent)

Barber Lakedra

From: jpetersboucher@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, April 25, 2018 3:38 PM
To: Barber Lakedra
Subject: Pine View will no longer be able to teach Calculus III, Differential Equations and Discrete Math as Dual Enrollment courses

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Dear Lakedra Barber,

I am hoping that I am just one of many Pine View (PV) parents writing to you out of concern about the three advanced SCF/PV DE math courses (taught to PV HS students on the PV campus) that are potentially going to be discontinued (i.e., Calculus III, Differential Equations, and Discrete Mathematics).

Our family actually moved from Manatee County to Sarasota County so that our son, [REDACTED] could attend Pine View. Our belief was and continues to be that primary to Pine View's mission is addressing the special educational needs of academically advanced children. Discontinuing said DE math classes is counter to that mission. I hear plenty of folks complain about how PV doesn't have an athletic program, and more importantly (given PV's mission) that we don't have great science labs or facilities in general, and we (PV) offer virtually nothing in relation to computer programming, etc. These are a couple of serious drawbacks for a school that is supposed to be providing advanced kids with a foundation for higher education in STEM disciplines. That said, I have always come to PV's defense and touted the fact that we at least have a great offering for our students on the Mathematics front -- noting that, at the end of the day, advanced Mathematics is the underpinning of STEM generally.

It would quite a shame to remove what I consider one of PV's saving graces. If we remove these DE Math courses and start down this slippery slope, it is only a matter of time before PV is no longer Sarasota County's nationally recognized gem of a public HS (this really would be quite a shame for our county and school district in general).

And on a personal note, this will have a huge impact on the plans we had for Nolan going forward. Fact is, there is a cohort of students (substantial in size -- ~20% of each grade) at PV that tracks toward taking AP Calculus (AB or BC) as Juniors in HS (many of whom count on said DE Math courses being available as Seniors). Our son, Nolan, is among a subset of that cohort tracking toward taking AP BC Calculus as a Sophomore. Our intent, given Nolan's aptitude and interests, was to have Nolan take all 3 of said DE Math classes between his Junior and Senior year at PV. If these courses are no longer available when Nolan finishes his Sophomore year, what kind of message does that send to a kid who has been working so hard to track toward such goals?

I really hope that there is some way to preclude the discontinuation of these DE Math courses. Please let me know what else I might be able to do to have an impact on this decision.

Thanks,

Jennifer Peters-Boucher

Barber Lakedra

From: Mildred Pastorizo <mpastorizo@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 30, 2018 12:58 PM
To: Barber Lakedra
Subject: Input on SCSB and SCF Articulation Agreement: Courses Removed MAC2313 and MAP2302

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Dear Ms. Barber,

Regarding the changes to the Articulation Agreement: Sarasota County School Board and SCF, it took me by surprise to find out that two of the classes (DE Calculus with analytic Geometry: MAC2313 and DE Differential equations: MAP2302) that my son registered for since the beginning of the year have been suddenly removed from the classes offered by FSC.

I don't understand how these courses that have been offered for many years on location at Pine View, with great demand and success (31 Pine View students registered for 2018-19) and that many students have been planning to take even before starting high school, could be removed from the curriculum. This news is alarming especially after the students were already enrolled and that it was given at the very end of the school year giving no time to students and families to make a carefully search for other options.

One may argue that interested students could take them at the FSC campus but it is my understanding that that will create a mayor scheduling conflict since those classes are offered from 8-9am and Pine View School day starts at 7:26 AM. Another option seems to take the courses online, but I believe this will never compare to the experience of in site class with a great teacher.

Taking away these classes with so a short notice and with no reasonable alternatives will have a detrimental impact on students .hat have been working so hard during their high school years. For those reasons I would like to kindly request the re-installment of these courses -as they have been offered in the past at Pine View- for the 2018-19 school year.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Mildred Pastorizo MD

"Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all." -Aristotle

Barber Lakedra

From: subha raman <subhaashok09@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 26, 2018 2:07 PM
To: Barber Lakedra
Subject: re: Dual enrolment math courses for high school students

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Hi Ms. Barber,

I would like to first express my delight and pride in the Sarasota county school system for providing great opportunities to our students for gaining more merit in high school and becoming competitive in their college applications. It would indeed be disappointing to see any of the courses be withdrawn form the dual enrolment program. Kindly facilitate continuation of the program with these courses. Thanking you

Sincerely

Parent of high schooler.

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

Barber Lakedra

From: outlook_9F6A6E5C6DBB7F8F@outlook.com
Sent: Tuesday, April 24, 2018 9:55 PM
To: Barber Lakedra
Subject: PLEASE KEEP OUR DUEL ENROLLMENT CLASSES

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Barbara,

Please do not take higher/advanced education opportunities away from our children.

Plain and simple these classes (**Calculus III, Differential Equations, Discrete Math**) are needed at Pine View, as well as other schools, to challenge our gifted students.

Let's not lower our expectations for our kids.

Thank you for your consideration.

Kind regards,

Teresa Sweet

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Barber Lakedra

From: Diana Sujanto <diana.sujanto@outlook.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 26, 2018 4:35 PM
To: Barber Lakedra
Subject: Three missing Advanced Math Classes

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Dear Ms. Barber:

I believe that **Calculus III**, **Differential Equations**, and **Discrete Math** should be kept as a choice to take for Pine View Students. Dual Enrollment has provided them more opportunity to take advanced classes while the students are still in high school.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Sincerely yours,
Diana
Pine View Parent

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Barber Lakedra

From: Yu Ya Hersey <yyhersey@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 24, 2018 10:30 PM
To: Barber Lakedra
Subject: Dual enrollment math courses

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Please continue to offer Calculus III, Differential Equations, and Discrete Mathematics as dual enrollment options at the Sarasota high schools where they are offered. The material is as challenging as other dual enrollment courses, so they deserve college credit if they successfully tackle it.

Yu Ya Hersey

Barber Lakedra

From: Robert Zamsky <rzamskysrq@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 25, 2018 1:46 PM
To: Barber Lakedra
Subject: Changes to SCF Articulation Agreement

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Dear Sarasota County Schools,

I am writing to urge that students at Pine View School continue to be able to take Calculus III, Differential Equations, and Discrete Math through the Articulation Agreement with SCF. I am the parent of a student at Pine View, and also Dean of Studies and Professor of English at New College of Florida. I know what it is like to work with talented and gifted students, and the ability to take these courses while in high school provides these students with a significant advantage when they start their college careers. In general, I am actually not supportive of accelerated academic programs because they can easily rob students of a rich academic experience -- but that's not at issue, here. If students have the capacity to take these courses while in high school, they should be able to do so in order to meet their greatest potential in college and beyond.

All best.

Robert L. Zamsky, PhD

Barber Lakedra

From: Victoria Andrich <andrichvictoria@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 24, 2018 9:38 PM
To: Barber Lakedra
Subject: Dual Enrollment Math for PV

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I am writing to express my concern that removing the three highest level math courses from the list of Dual Enrollment options will have an adverse effect on Pine View students who are typically able to successfully complete these courses.

My own daughter is currently a 10th grader and currently has an A in Dual Enrollment Calculus taught right on the Pine View campus, and I hate for her options to be capped by a shortsighted and not well-considered altering of the currently offered course options.

Please consider my feedback - as well as the opinions of other Pine View parents - regarding this decision before making any changes.

Thank you -

Victoria Andrich

Sent from my iPhone

Barber Lakedra

From: Beth Bailey <bethannbailey@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 24, 2018 10:01 PM
To: Barber Lakedra
Cc: Jefferson G. Bailey
Subject: State College agreement feedback

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Hello,

I recently read the draft agreement between Sarasota County School Board & State College of Florida and would like to understand why I see you have removed Differential Equations and Discrete Math as Dual Enrollment courses. While this may seem inconsequential, we moved to this area for the specific opportunities these upper level courses offer within the high school setting. Our daughter is already a very young high schooler. Pine View is one of the only schools we could find where she will not "run out of math". She is not interested in going to college; rather interested in being challenged in her current school. When taking DE courses at Pine View, she can be challenged yet normal. It's not about the college credits. It's about the challenge and it's what sets the Sarasota County Schools (in our case, Pine View) apart from other standard high school offerings.

Thank you in advance for avoiding removal of the upper level courses that are so important to your top students. Should you wish to discuss further, I can be reached at 941-447-7670.

Sincerely,
Beth Bailey
parent

Barber Lakedra

From: Benson Bruce <bensonpineview@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 25, 2018 2:44 PM
To: Barber Lakedra
Subject: Calculus III, Differential Equations and Discrete Math as Dual Enrolment Courses: SCF and the Sarasota County School District

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Dear Sarasota County School District,

I am really disappointed to learn that Sarasota County High Schools will no longer be able to teach Calculus III, Differential Equations and Discrete Math as Dual Enrolment courses. I have two kids who are very advanced in math, and both of them say, that despite the good courses at Pine View, that they find their math classes to be too easy. I just happened to speak to a counsellor this morning on this subject, and they said that one of the issues, is that if kids skip ahead, there would not have enough courses left for them to be able to keep taking math in 12th grade. Now, it seems that one very viable option will be eliminated.

I am told that Pine View students generally score very well in these courses, taught as DE courses on, campus, which shows there is a need, and that the students can handle the higher level math.

I just moved to Sarasota County last year, after having lived in Japan and China for many years. Those countries are increasingly beating the US in trade, and part of that lead probably stems from their concerted efforts to promote math, science and technology in their schools. Instead of offering less math and science, we should be offering more.

I do not know if this e-mail will do any good, but as a concerned parent and a patriotic American, I hope the School Board can do something to keep the Dual Enrolment Courses (Calculus III, Differential Equations and Discrete Math) between SCF and the Sarasota County School District.

Please feel free to pass this e-mail along to anyone who might have some influence.

Thank you!

Very sincerely,

Bruce Benson (parent)

Barber Lakedra

From: Jim Cefalu <jamescefalu@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 29, 2018 8:05 AM
To: Barber Lakedra
Subject: Concerned parent Pine View

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Dear Ms. Barber

I am concerned that the agreement between SCF and Sarasota County Schools regarding DE classes not being taught on the Pine View campus could negatively impact my daughter. It would effect scheduling of her other classes and be disruptive to her. Can we please continue to offer the DE classes on campus at Pine View.

Thank You

Jim Cefalu

Barber Lakedra

From: Reed Copsey <reed@ctech.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 25, 2018 9:50 AM
To: Barber Lakedra
Cc: president@yourpva.org; Anne Mobile
Subject: The case to retain Calculus III, Differential Equations and Discrete Math at Pine View

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Dear Ms. Barber,

We are the parents of [REDACTED] an eighth grade student at Pine View. Our family moved from Hawaii to Siesta Key in 2014, for the sole purpose of enrolling our daughter in Pine View. [REDACTED] was previously attending Punahou (the most prestigious private school in Hawaii) through 4th grade, and though she was doing very well, she was not challenged.

We have been very happy with our decision to move to Pine View. [REDACTED] has thrived in the more academically challenging environment at Pine View. Since 6th grade she has been in the accelerated math program, and has consistently excelled in these classes. We have been very excited with the advanced mathematics course options that the accelerated program *offered*, and were therefore very disappointed to read that Calculus III, Differential Equations and Discrete Math would no longer be taught as Dual Enrollment courses.

We realize that it will be 2 more years before this affects [REDACTED] but we fear that once these courses are dropped, it is unlikely that they will be reinstated. The City and County of Sarasota and the State of Florida has much to be proud of in Pine View School. I would hope that budget (or more frivolous) considerations are not responsible for this decision to erode the reputation of Pine View. Once you start chipping away at the most elite offerings at an elite school, it becomes quite a bit more ordinary.

Reed & Anne Copsey
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From: Pine View Association <president@yourpva.org>
Date: Tue, Apr 24, 2018 at 9:14 PM
Subject: April Pine Views & Important High School Info
To: reed@ctech.com

Barber Lakedra

From: Amy Covert <apcovert@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 25, 2018 6:41 AM
To: Barber Lakedra
Subject: SCF Articulation Agreement

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Please reconsider the omission of Calculus III, Differential Equations, and Discrete Math from the SCF/Sarasota County Schools Articulation Agreement for the coming year. Thank you!
Amy

Amy Parrish Covert

Strong people don't put others down... They lift them up. – Michael P. Watson

Barber Lakedra

From: Wendy Cohen <wendy@cohenfamilyemail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 25, 2018 5:48 PM
To: Barber Lakedra
Subject: SCF DE Math Options

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I'm writing to express my concern regarding the options for Dual Enrollment math courses next year with SCF.

My son is a junior at Pine View; he is currently taking AP Calculus BC. He has been preparing since 10th grade for Calculus III and Differential Equations by taking summer courses of Trigonometry and PreCalc.

It has just been brought to our attention that Calculus III and Differential Equations may not be offered next year. If this happens my son and many of his peers will not be able to progress in math next year. These DE courses are the only

higher level options for math available for students in this position.

I'm reaching out to ask you, please do not allow this to happen. I sincerely appreciate you help in this matter.

Warm regards,
Wendy Cohen

"Not by might, not by power but by your Spirit"

Barber Lakedra

From: Jeff Cohen <jcohen@cynergytelecom.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 26, 2018 9:12 AM
To: Barber Lakedra
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: SCF DE Math Options

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Lakedra,

I am writing out of concern for my child and his peers who have worked very hard to be able to take this course their senior year. We are talking about kids who on their own took summer courses to get ahead, not goofing off for a summer, and it is very unfair that this change is now occurring. These are exceptional kids who have a deep desire to learn, wouldn't it be great if many more were as dedicated? I'm sure the teachers in our county would love to teach more kids like this. The impact goes beyond what class do they take, it is a detriment to their college experience and options as well.

We intend to gather up all of the students and parents and push this issue, our children deserve to have options to continue an aggressive curriculum and we cannot sit back and be silent. Please let me know who we can speak with in person regarding Calculus 3 and Differential Equations to insure an option is made available.

Regards,
Jeff

Jeff Cohen



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Barber Lakedra

From: Joe Cooper <joe.cooper99@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 26, 2018 9:54 AM
To: Barber Lakedra
Subject: DE agreement between SCF and Sarasota County Schools

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I am a Pineview high school parent and feel strongly that these advanced math course should continue to be offered as DE classes at Pineview.

Calculus III, Differential Equations and Discrete Math

Please readdress this and allow our advanced students to maintain the offering for which they planned for already.

Joe Cooper
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Barber Lakedra

From: Cynthia Collawn <cynsig@comcast.net>
Sent: Friday, April 27, 2018 4:47 PM
To: Barber Lakedra
Subject: DE Calc III and Diff Eq at PV High School

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Good afternoon,

I was dismayed to review the planned DE courses for 2018-2019 School year and find out that the calculus III and differential equations course via SCF as DE, which has been offered at Pine view school is not going to be offered next year. My son, [REDACTED] is a current junior at Pineview high school, and had already enrolled in the course for the upcoming year. He has planned his math courses out carefully from the moment he started high school. He has had straight A's, and had a perfect score on the ACT math portion. While I am aware that he could enroll on one of the SCF campuses to take the course, it would be undue hardship. School hours at Pineview are from 7:20-1 PM. The course is given from 8 to 9 AM. It would require disrupting at least three class hours from the Pineview schedule, when he is taking another four or five AP classes. Not all students are able to make those travel arrangements either. He could also take the same course with a great teacher at Pineview as an honors course. However, that is weighted on a lesser scale than the DE class. Another option apparently is to enroll at University of Florida, online and take the class. However, online curriculum and in person instruction with a great teacher are two completely different things.

To have this option taken away so abruptly, without prior notice, when it has been available until this point in time (and to the seniors just ahead of him) seems quite unreasonable. I would be able to comprehend a phasing out over time with advanced notice. Even so, it would seem to be punitive on those students who are highly motivated. Aren't we trying to raise the bar on math in the United States to be able to compete an international level when we have been found lacking? What about the students who are under financial hardship and taking the course in high school reduces subsequent strain on their families resources?

I respectfully request that you consider all of these issues, as well as at all times keeping the best intellectual interests of the students at heart. Let's give them all the possible advantages in this ever more competitive environment they are growing up in!

Respectfully,

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Sent from my iPhone

Barber Lakedra

From: Martha David <martha-david@verizon.net>
Sent: Thursday, April 26, 2018 9:10 PM
To: Barber Lakedra
Subject: Articulation Agreement between SCF and Sarasota County Schools

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Hello,

I was dismayed to find out that, according to the proposed new above-mentioned agreement, Sarasota County Schools would no longer be able to offer Calculus III, Differential Equations and Discrete Math as Dual Enrollment classes. I am emailing to request that these courses not be eliminated. It is extremely important for Sarasota County students to be able to have access to these courses.

My son attends Pine View School and has registered to take these classes next year. He has spent his school years working extremely hard so that he can get into a top college. Getting into college is so competitive these days and being able to take these courses would add extremely important credentials to his college applications. If he is not able to take these courses, it would significantly diminish the strength of his college applications. There are no other math courses that match these in their level of rigor. It would be outrageous to take away this opportunity from these hard working students.

Thank you,
Martha David

Barber Lakedra

From: Martha David <martha-david@verizon.net>
Sent: Monday, April 30, 2018 3:08 PM
To: Barber Lakedra
Subject: Early College Program Manual & Articulation Agreement between Sarasota County School Board & State College of Florida 2018-2019

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Hello,

I really hope you will please consider reinstating the following Dual Enrollment math courses next year for Sarasota County Schools:

DE Calculus III
DE Differential Equations
DE Discrete Math

Many students have held these courses as their ultimate goal for their senior year math courses. My son spent much of his summer vacation before 9th grade taking Geometry online for the sole purpose of moving ahead in math so he could take two of the above courses his senior year. He's now finishing his junior year and just found out these courses probably won't be available. It would be horrible if the goals these wonderful students set for themselves, and have worked incredibly hard for, were pulled out from under them just as they're entering their final year of high school.

Please consider offering these courses next year.

Thank you,
Martha David