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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Board of County Commissioners will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, March 7, 2023, beginning at 9:00 A.M., or as soon thereafter as the items may be heard, to review the following items:

1. Comprehensive Plan Amendment 22-07, County Operations, a site-specific Text Amendment applicable to a ±29.8 acre parcel located on the west side of S.W. Kanner Highway, south of S.W. 96th Street and north of S.W. Bridge Road.

All interested persons are invited to attend and be heard. The meeting will be held in the Commission Chambers on the first floor of the Martin County Administrative Center, 2401 S.E. Monterey Road, Stuart, Florida. Written comments may be mailed to: Paul Schilling, Director, Martin County Growth Management Department, 2401 S.E. Monterey Road, Stuart, Florida 34996. Copies of the items will be available from the Growth Management Department. For more information, contact Carolyn Grunwald, Planner, Growth Management Department at (772) 288-6495.

Persons with disabilities who need an accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding are entitled, at no cost, to the provision of certain assistance. This does not include transportation to and from the meeting. Please contact the Office of the ADA Coordinator at (772) 320-3131, or the Office of the County Administrator at (772) 288-5400, or in writing to 2401 SE Monterey Road, Stuart, FL, 34996, no later than three days before the hearing date. Persons using a TTY device, please call 711 Florida Relay Services.

If any person decides to appeal any decision made with respect to any matter considered at the meetings or hearings of any board, committee, agency, council, or advisory group, that person will need a record of the proceedings and, for such purpose, may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record should include the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.



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What's the significance of Advanced Placement courses?

No one entity offers an alternative to the powerful combination of the College Board's coursework, testing and scholarships.

Every year, hundreds of thousands of high schoolers across the U.S. take AP courses to get college credit as well as a boost on their college applications.

High school students can earn college credit in other ways, such as taking classes at a community college. Some alternatives aren't considered as prestigious as AP, however, and others — such as International Baccalaureate — aren't as widely available.

Some research shows participation in AP courses, even if it results in a low score that doesn't translate into college credit, correlates with better outcomes in higher education.

"There are some real problems with the Advanced Placement program and some real benefits as well," said Denise Pope, a lecturer at Stanford's Graduate School of Education who has studied the value of AP courses for high school students.

If a state removes financial support for AP students from wealthier families are likely to continue to be able to access the courses and take the exams, she said.

What's going on with Florida and AP African American Studies?

The College Board and DeSantis are at war over the former's Advanced Placement African American Studies pilot course. DeSantis had said he would prohibit it from being piloted in Florida classrooms unless the College Board removed concepts the governor and others have derided as attempts at "woke indoctrination," such as intersectionality, Black Lives Matter and queer theory.

The exclusion of these concepts in the recently published framework outraged many on the left, who said the company was caving to political pressure. Some groups are calling for College Board CEO David Coleman to step down.

Coleman, in interviews with USA TODAY and other outlets, has insisted Florida's concerns had little influence over the revisions to the framework. But correspondence made public late last week suggested College Board and Florida officials had been in discussions for months.

The College Board said in a statement Saturday that many of the concepts considered controversial have been left on as optional topics.

"Contemporary events like the Black Lives Matter movement, reparations, and mass incarceration were optional topics in the pilot course," the statement said. "Our lack of clarity allowed the narrative to arise that political forces had 'downgraded' the role of these con-



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temporary movements and debates in the AP class." DeSantis' office did not respond to a request for comment.

How many students take Advanced Placement courses?

Nationwide, more than 1 in 3 (35%) of high school graduates in the class of 2021 took at least one AP exam, up from roughly 29% of the graduating class a decade earlier.

In Florida, more than half of graduating seniors take at least one AP exam. It's typical for students at the state's largest and most prestigious universities to have taken advanced coursework in high school, whether through AP or something else like IB or dual-enrollment.

At Florida State University, for example, students who were admitted took an average of nine college-level courses while in high school, according to a spokesperson.

Yet Black students are underrepresented among AP test-takers, nationally and in Florida. In the Sunshine State, Black students accounted for 21% of Class of 2021 high school graduates but just 12% of AP test-takers and 7% of the exam population scoring a 3 or higher (usually the minimum score for a student to receive college credit). White students, meanwhile, made up 40% of those who took AP exams.

Florida is one of 31 states and Washington, D.C., that provide funding in an effort to address inequities, subsidizing students' participation in AP coursework and exams. This year, each AP exam costs \$97.

Severing ties with the College Board could have significant implications for students — particularly those who wouldn't otherwise be able to afford to participate in or seek out these programs.

In addition, Florida has paid for all 10th grade students to take the PSAT at no cost for roughly 20 years and given schools, teachers and districts financial bonuses when their students pass AP exams.

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