

Stoneman Douglas' boundary to shrink

By Scott Travis
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Hundreds of Coral Springs students now zoned for Marjory Stoneman Douglas High were informed Wednesday they might get to stay there, but the Broward School Board had other plans.

Ninety minutes before a boundary hearing set for 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, the school district sent out a note to parents and the public saying Interim Superintendent Earlean Smiley was recommending all boundaries stay the same for the 2023-24 school year. That decision came after General Coun-

sel Marilyn Batista, upon receiving a letter of complaint Wednesday, determined the district failed to follow its policy related to the boundary process.

But at the end of a heated six-and-a-half-hour meeting, the School Board rejected that proposal, making it likely that

351 students now zoned for Stoneman Douglas in Parkland will be assigned to Coral Glades High over the next four years. No current student will have to change schools. A final decision is expected to be made April 12.

Board members decided the crowding issues created safety

concerns, which they wanted to avoid, given that Stoneman Douglas was the site of a 2018 mass shooting.

"Board members, do not kick the can down the road. We have a duty to act in the safety of the students

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Children's Foundation Golf Challenge

Trey Fogg, of Palm Beach Gardens, practices his putting on the green of Boca West Country Club on Monday. The ducks are part of a fundraiser for the Boca West Children's Foundation Golf Challenge. More than 30 nonprofits entered teams to share in the expected \$100,000 that will be raised.

REVIEW

'To Kill a Mockingbird' is bit of passion play

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It's a play. Breathe. That could well be your inner monologue as "To Kill a Mocking-

bird" sears across the stage at Fort Lauderdale's Broward Center for the Performing Arts.

The play is a new take on Harper Lee's 1960 Pulitzer Prize-winning novel, which became an acclaimed

1962 movie starring Gregory Peck in a cultural touchstone performance that won him an Academy Award.

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Representatives have fiery exchange on guns in schools

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U.S. Rep. Jared Moskowitz, the Democrat who graduated from and represents Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, delivered a passionate critique of Republican policies on Wednesday, mocking them for trivial oversight and ignoring gun violence in schools.

He ended up in a fiery back and forth with U.S. Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene of Georgia, one of the most prominent Republicans in Congress.

The back and forth came two days after a shooter killed three students and three adults in a school in Nashville, Tenn. Moskowitz minimized a line often used by gun rights advocates — and on Wednesday by Greene — that it takes a good guy with a gun to stop a bad guy with a gun.

"Did the good guys with the gun stop six people from getting murdered? No, but you know what? AR-15s. You ever seen what those bullets do to children? You know why you don't hunt with an AR-15 with a deer? Because there's nothing left. And there's nothing left of these kids when people go into school and murder them while they're trying to read," Moskowitz said, aiming his comments at Republicans. "You guys are worried about banning books. Dead kids can't read."



Moskowitz Greene

Their skirmish erupted during a House Oversight Committee hearing. Oversight Committee hearings are often used by the majority party to score political points, and Republicans who control the House called Wednesday's session about Washington, D.C.

Committee Chairman James Comer, R-Ky., said the District of Columbia is plagued with rising crime. He said property crime is up 28% and homicides up 37% since 2019.

When it was Moskowitz's turn, he mocked what the majority was doing. He initially, and sarcastically, said he wanted to "thank the majority for finding the time" for the hearing.

"Do you think parents in this country, as they're putting their young kids into pajamas at night and are tucking them into bed, you think they're worried about public urination in Washington, D.C.? Or do you think they're worried about sending their kid to school and their kid not

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