

School Operations
Eddie T. Pearson, Deputy Superintendent

**SUBJECT: PROPOSED OPENING AND CLOSING TIMES FOR ELEMENTARY,
MIDDLE AND SENIOR HIGH SCHOOLS FOR THE LAST THREE DAYS
OF SCHOOL - JUNE 14, 15 AND 16, 1999**

STRATEGIC PLANNING GOAL: VI - EFFECTIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

Pursuant to Board Rule 6Gx13-6A-1.03, Instruction – Elementary and Secondary, the Superintendent of Schools is required to report changes in opening and closing hours of schools to the Board in open session sixty (60) days prior to the effective date, except in unusual circumstances.

On June 14, 15 and 16, 1999, elementary schools will be dismissed at the conclusion of a five hour and 15 minute day; middle schools will be dismissed at the conclusion of a five hour and 30 minute day; and senior high schools will be dismissed at the conclusion of a four hour and 30 minute day. This schedule allows secondary schools to establish a minimum of two two-hour examination periods each day, with the students being released at the conclusion of the second testing period.

LEVEL	NORMAL SCHOOL DAY	LAST THREE DAYS OF SCHOOL
Senior High School	7:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.	7:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon
Elementary School K-1	8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	8:30 a.m. - 1:45 p.m.
2-5/6	8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	8:30 a.m. - 1:45 p.m.
Middle School	9:00 a.m. - 3:40 p.m.	9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

This early dismissal is permissible under Florida State Statute 228.041 (13) School Day.

Since there are only two days scheduled for post-school planning activities, the reduced school day for both the elementary and secondary schools provides additional time for teachers to prepare for the closing of school, such as, grading examinations, posting and averaging grades, and reviewing promotion requirements.

All early dismissal times have been reviewed by personnel from the Department of Transportation. In order to ensure maximum security for students and minimum disruption to the families, school personnel will be requested to take administrative action to inform all appropriate parties concerning this modification of the closing hours of schools on the above-referenced dates, such as, parents, the private bus companies serving the student body, after-school care programs, and any other agencies or individuals that provide services to students.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida:

1. approve for June 14, 15 and 16, 1999, a reduction of the school day in all elementary schools to five hours and 15 minutes; in all middle schools to five hours and 30 minutes; and in all senior high schools to four hours and 30 minutes; and
2. authorize the Superintendent to make any special adjustments necessary due to unique circumstances in particular schools.

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