

Deputy Superintendent of Schools
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**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE TENTATIVE BOARD MEETING
SCHEDULE FOR 2001**

Each year, as a part of the Board's November organization meeting, a schedule of School Board meetings is approved for a one-calendar-year period, beginning with the upcoming January. This year, for example, when the Board meets on Tuesday, November 21, 2000, it will give final approval to the recommended meeting schedule for January-December 2001.

Consistent with past practice, and in order to aid district planning efforts, staff is proposing that the Board give advance tentative approval to meeting dates through December 2001. By the Board tentatively approving a schedule of meeting dates at this time, planning for the many districtwide activities which occur throughout the 2000-2001 school year may begin. This then places Board members and staff in a better position to plan their own calendars of activities and avoid schedule conflicts.

In projecting Board meeting dates through the end of 2001, staff considered: (1) the pattern of Board meeting dates from previous years; (2) the Board's 2000-2001 adopted school calendar, including holidays and recess periods; (3) legislatively mandated window periods for such special meetings as budget public hearings; (4) projected dates of major state and national professional association meetings and/or conventions which Board members may be attending; and (5) major religious holidays.

Considering that the dates for September-December 2000 meetings have already been approved by the Board, the tentative dates projected for January-December 2001 School Board meetings are as follows:

January	17	April	25*	July	23**	November	14
February	14	May	16	August	22	November	20****
March	14	June	20	September	12***	December	12
April	18	July	11	October	24		

- * Attendance Boundary Public Hearing Only
- ** Budget Public Hearing Only
- *** Regular meeting/Second Budget Public Hearing
- **** Organization Meeting

Staff will return to the Board at the November 21, 2000, organization meeting for final adoption of the 2001 calendar of School Board meetings, including proposed conference sessions.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, tentatively approve for planning purposes, the following schedule of Board meeting dates for the period January-December 2001: January 17, February 14, March 14, April 18, April 25 (attendance boundary hearing only), May 16, June 20, July 11, July 23 (first budget public hearing only), August 22, September 12 (regular meeting/second budget public hearing), October 24, November 14, November 20 (organization meeting), and December 12. The final listing of meeting dates for 2001 will be established by the Board at the 2000 organization meeting scheduled for Tuesday, November 21, 2000.

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