

Deputy Superintendent of Schools
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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE TENTATIVE BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2002

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 20, 2001, it will give final approval to the recommended meeting schedule for January-December 2002.

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 2002. By the Board tentatively approving a schedule of meeting dates at this time, planning for the many districtwide activities which occur throughout the 2001-2002 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 2001-2002 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 2001 meetings have already been approved by the Board, the tentative dates projected for January-December 2002 School Board meetings are as follows:

January	16	April	24*	July	24**	November	19****
February	13	May	15	August	21	November	20
March	13	June	19	September	11***	December	11
April	17	July	10	October	23		

- * 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 20, 2001, organization meeting for final adoption of the 2002 calendar of School Board meetings.

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 2002: January 16, February 13, March 13, April 17, April 24 (attendance boundary hearing only), May 15, June 19, July 10, July 24 (first budget public hearing), August 21, September 11 (regular meeting/second budget public hearing), October 23, November 19 (organization meeting), November 20, and December 11. The final listing of meeting dates for 2002 will be established by the Board at the 2001 organization meeting scheduled for Tuesday, November 20, 2001.

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