

Mercedes Toural, Chief Education Officer  
and Deputy Superintendent of Schools

**SUBJECT: PROPOSED OPENING AND CLOSING TIMES FOR SCHOOL SITES  
FOR THE LAST THREE DAYS OF SCHOOL – JUNE 7, 8, AND 9, 2004**

**COMMITTEE: EDUCATION AND SCHOOL OPERATIONS**

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 school to the Board in open session (sixty) 60 days prior to the effective date, except in unusual circumstances.

On June 7, 8, and 9, 2004, elementary schools will be dismissed at the conclusion of a five hour and 15 minute day; K-8 centers will be dismissed at the end 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 on each day, with the students being released at the conclusion of the second testing period.

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

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

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

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**RECOMMENDED:**

That The School Board of Miami Dade County, Florida:

1. approve for June 7, 8, and 9, 2004, a reduction of the school day in all elementary schools to five hours and 15 minutes; in all K-8 centers 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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