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**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE TENTATIVE BOARD MEETING
SCHEDULE FOR 2005**

COMMITTEE: EDUCATION AND SCHOOL OPERATIONS

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 16, 2004, it will give final approval to the recommended meeting schedule for January-December 2005.

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 2005. By the Board tentatively approving a schedule of meeting dates at this time, planning for the many district wide activities which occur throughout the 2004-2005 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 2005, staff considered: (1) the pattern of Board meeting dates from previous years; (2) the Board's 2004-2005 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 2004 meetings have already been approved by the Board, the tentative dates projected for January-December 2005 School Board meetings are as follows:

January 19	April 21*	July 26**	November 16
February 16	May 18	August 17	November 22****
March 16	June 15	September 7***	December 14
April 13	July 13	October 19	

- * 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 16, 2004, organization meeting for final adoption of the 2005 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 2005; January 19, February 16, March 16, April 13, April 21 (attendance boundary hearing only), May 18, June 15, July 13, July 26 (first budget public hearing), August 17, September 7 (regular meeting/second budget public hearing), October 19, November 16, November 22 (organization meeting), and December 14. The final listing of meeting dates for 2005 will be established by the Board at the 2004 organization meeting scheduled for Tuesday, November 16, 2004.