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SUBJECT: PROPOSED OPENING AND CLOSING TIMES FOR NON-SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT ZONE SITES: ELEMENTARY, K-8 CENTER, MIDDLE, AND SENIOR HIGH SCHOOLS, FOR THE LAST THREE DAYS OF SCHOOL – MAY 27, 31, AND JUNE 1, 2005

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Pursuant to School Board Rule 6GxA- 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 May 27, 31, and June 1, 2005, elementary schools and K-8 centers will be dismissed at the conclusion of a five (5)-hour and 15-minute day; middle schools will be dismissed at the conclusion of a five (5)-hour and 30-minute day; and senior high schools will be dismissed at the conclusion of a four (4)-hour and 30-minute day. These times apply to non-School Improvement Zone sites. This schedule allows secondary schools to establish a minimum of two (two) examination periods on each day, with 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 Center	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.

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

Since there are only two days scheduled for post-school planning activities, the reduced school day for 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.

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

1. approve for May 27, 31, and June 1, 2005, a reduction of the school day in non-School Improvement Zone sites:
 - elementary schools to five (5) hours and 15 minutes;
 - K-8 centers to five (5) hours and 15 minutes;
 - middle schools to five (5) hours and 30 minutes;
 - senior high schools to four (4) 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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