

June 29, 2005

Freddie Woodson, Associate Superintendent
School Operations

**SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO RESTORE OPENING AND
CLOSING HOURS OF SCHOOLS FOR TROPICAL ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL, MAYS MIDDLE SCHOOL, REDLAND MIDDLE SCHOOL,
RIVIERA MIDDLE SCHOOL, SHENANDOAH MIDDLE SCHOOL,
MIAMI SOUTHRIDGE SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL, C.O.P.E. NORTH,
AND DOROTHY M. WALLACE/C.O.P.E. SOUTH**

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

At the meeting of April 13, 2005, the School Board approved Agenda Item C-70 and authorized the Superintendent to approve the stated exceptions to the opening and closing hours of schools for the 2005-2006 school year.

During the public hearing, at a subsequent School Board meeting, May 18, 2005, several parents expressed their concerns regarding the changes in school hours for Tropical Elementary School. In response to these concerns, as well as, to ensure equity among schools and provide the necessary transportation routes needed, authorization is requested to restore the 2004-2005 bell schedule for the 2005-2006 opening and closing hours at the following schools: Tropical Elementary School, Mays Middle School, Redland Middle School, Shenandoah Middle School, and Miami Southridge Senior High School. Affected stakeholders, i.e. School Operations, Regional Centers, schools, principals, and parents have been notified.

Additionally, authorization is requested to restore the 2004-2005 bell schedule for the 2005-2006 opening and closing hours originally approved at the April 13, 2005, Board meeting from 8:45 A.M. to 9:00 A.M. for C.O.P.E. North and Dorothy M. Wallace /C.O.P.E. South.

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SCHOOL	SCHOOL HOURS APPROVED BY THE SCHOOL BOARD ON APRIL 13, 2005	RESTORED SCHOOL HOURS FOR THE 2005-2006 SCHOOL YEAR
Tropical Elementary School	9:00 A.M. – 2:30 P.M. (Pre K, K, 1) 9:00 A.M. – 3:30 P.M. (Grades 2 – 5) 9:00 A.M. – 2:30 P.M. (Wednesday)	8:30 A.M. – 2:00 P.M. (Pre K, K, 1) 8:30 A.M. – 3:00 P.M. (Grades 2 – 5) 8:30 A.M. – 2:00 P.M. (Wednesday)
Mays Middle School	9:30 A.M. – 4:10 P.M.	9:00 A.M. – 3:40 P.M.
Redland Middle School	9:30 A.M. – 4:10 P.M.	9:00 A.M. – 3:40 P.M.
Riviera Middle School	7:30 A.M. – 2:10 P.M.	8:20 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.
Shenandoah Middle School	Approved for regular middle school hours 9:00 A.M. – 3:40 P.M.	8:00 A.M. – 2:40 P.M.
Miami Southridge Senior High School	7:15 A.M. – 2:15 P.M.	7:30 A.M. – 2:30 P.M.
C.O.P.E. North	8:45 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.	9:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.
Dorothy M. Wallace / C.O.P.E. South	8:45 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.	9:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

Requests for restoration to the 2004-2005 bell schedule for the 2005-2006 opening and closing hours, have been reviewed and are recommended by the Associate Superintendent, School Operations, Regional Center Superintendents, principals of stated schools, and the Administrative Director, Department of Transportation.

No additional funds are required for this action.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to restore the bell schedule to restore the 2004-2005 bell schedule for the 2005-2006 opening and closing hours at Tropical Elementary School, Mays Middle School, Redland Middle School, Shenandoah Middle School, Miami Southridge Senior High School, C.O.P.E. North and Dorothy M. Wallace /C.O.P.E. South.

No additional funds are required for this action.

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