

Rudolph F. Crew, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE TENTATIVE BOARD MEETING
SCHEDULE FOR 2006**

COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, EFFICIENCY AND GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

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 22, 2005, it will give final approval to the recommended meeting schedule for January-December 2006.

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 2006. By the Board tentatively approving a schedule of meeting dates at this time, planning for the many district-wide activities which occur throughout the 2005-2006 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 2006, staff considered: (1) the pattern of Board meeting dates from previous years; (2) the Board's 2005-2006 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 2005 meetings have already been approved by the Board, the tentative dates projected for January-December 2006 School Board meetings are as follows:

January 18	April 26	July 26**	November 15
February 15	May 17	August 23	November 21****
March 15	June 14	September 13***	December 13
April 18*	July 12	October 11	

- * 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 22, 2005, Organization Meeting for final adoption of the 2006 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 2006: January 18, February 15, March 15, April 18 (Attendance Boundary Public Hearing Only), April 26, May 17, June 14, July 12, July 26 (First Budget Public Hearing), August 23, September 13 (Regular Meeting/Second Budget Public Hearing), October 11, November 15, November 21 (Organization Meeting), and December 13. The final listing of meeting dates for 2006 will be established by the Board at the 2005 Organization Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, November 22, 2005.