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School Operations

SUBJECT: PROPOSED OPENING AND CLOSING TIMES FOR NON-SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT ZONE SITES AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT ZONE SITES: ELEMENTARY, K-8 CENTERS, MIDDLE, AND SENIOR HIGH SCHOOLS, FOR THE LAST THREE DAYS OF SCHOOL FOR NONZONE SITES – MAY 24, 25, AND 26, 2006, AND FOR THE LAST THREE DAYS OF SCHOOL FOR ZONE SITES – MAY 26, 30, AND 31, 2006

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Pursuant to School Board Rule 6Gx13- 6A-1.03, Instruction – Elementary and Secondary, the Superintendent of Schools is required to report changes to the School Board in open session sixty (60) days prior to the effective date, except in unusual circumstances, of opening and closing hours.

On May 24, 25, and 26, 2006, non-School Improvement Zone 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. This schedule allows secondary schools to establish a minimum of two (2) examination periods on each day, with students being released at the conclusion of the second testing period.

NON-SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT ZONE SCHOOLS

LEVEL	NORMAL SCHOOL DAY	LAST THREE DAYS OF SCHOOL (May 24, 25, and 26, 2006)
Elementary Schools 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 Schools	9:00 a.m. – 3:40 p.m.	9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Senior High Schools	7:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.	7:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

On May 26, 30, and 31, 2006, School Improvement Zone elementary schools and K-8 Centers will be dismissed at the conclusion of a six (6) hour and 15 minute day, middle schools will be dismissed at the conclusion of a minimum six (6) hour and 40 minute day, and senior high schools will be dismissed at the conclusion of a five (5) hour and 30 minute day. This schedule allows secondary schools to establish a minimum of two (2) examination periods on each day.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT ZONE SCHOOLS

LEVEL	NORMAL SCHOOL DAY	LAST THREE DAYS OF SCHOOL (May 26, 30, and 31, 2006)
Elementary Schools K-1 2-5/6 K-5/6	8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. (Wednesday)	8:30 a.m. – 2:45 p.m. 8:30 a.m. – 2:45 p.m. 8:30 a.m. – 2:45 p.m.
K-8 Centers K-1 2-8 K-8	8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. (Wednesday)	8:30 a.m. – 2:45 p.m. 8:30 a.m. – 2:45 p.m. 8:30 a.m. – 2:45 p.m.
Middle Schools Westview Middle Miami Edison Middle Charles R. Drew Middle Allapattah Middle Horace Mann Middle Parkway Middle Madison Middle Campbell Drive Middle Norland Middle Jose de Diego Middle Brownsville Middle	9:00 a.m. – 4:40 p.m. 9:00 a.m. – 3:40 p.m. (Wednesday)	9:00 a.m. – 3:40 p.m. 9:00 a.m. – 3:40 p.m. 7:50 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. 7:50 a.m. – 2:40 p.m. 8:00 a.m. – 2:40 p.m. 8:50 a.m. – 3:40 p.m. 8:55 a.m. – 3:40 p.m. 9:00 a.m. – 3:40 p.m. 9:00 a.m. – 3:40 p.m. 9:00 a.m. – 3:40 p.m. 9:00 a.m. – 3:40 p.m. 9:00 a.m. – 3:40 p.m.
Senior High Schools	7:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. 7:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. (Wednesday)	7:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. 7:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

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

Due to the emergencies created by Hurricanes Katrina, Rita, and Wilma, which resulted in the cancellation of the post-school planning days; 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. Additionally, Zone schools are expected to facilitate parent conferences, student exhibitions/performances, transitions, and other end-of-the-year activities.

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

1. approve for May 24, 25, and 26, 2006, a reduction of the school day for 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;

2. approve for May 26, 30, and 31, 2006, a reduction of the school day in all School Improvement Zone sites:
 - elementary schools and the K-8 Centers to six (6) hours and 15 minutes;
 - middle schools to a minimum of six (6) hours and 40 minutes;
 - senior high schools to five (5) hours and 30 minutes; and

3. authorize the Superintendent to make any special adjustments necessary due to unique circumstances in particular schools.

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