

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

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE TENTATIVE BOARD MEETING
SCHEDULE FOR 2007**

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 21, 2006, it will give final approval to the recommended meeting schedule for January-December 2007.

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 2007. By the Board tentatively approving a schedule of meeting dates at this time, planning for the many district-wide activities which occur throughout the 2006-2007 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 2007, staff considered: (1) the pattern of Board meeting dates from previous years; (2) the Board's 2006-2007 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 2006 meetings have already been approved by the Board, the tentative dates projected for January-December 2007 School Board meetings are as follows:

January 17	April 18*	July 11	October 17
February 14	May 16	August 1**	November 20****
March 14	June 13	September 5***	December 19

* Regular Meeting/Attendance Boundary Public Hearing

** Regular Meeting/First Budget Public Hearing

*** Regular Meeting/Second Budget Public Hearing

**** Organization Meeting/Regular Meeting

Staff will return to the Board at the November 21, 2006, Organization Meeting for final adoption of the 2007 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 2007: January 17, February 14, March 14, April 18 (Regular Meeting/Attendance Boundary Public Hearing), May 16, June 13, July 11, August 1 (Regular Meeting/First Budget Public Hearing), September 5 (Regular Meeting/Second Budget Public Hearing), October 17, November 20 (Organization Meeting/Regular Meeting), and December 19. The final listing of meeting dates for 2007 will be established by the Board at the 2006 Organization Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, November 21, 2006.