

Freddie Woodson, Associate Superintendent
School Operations

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF SCHOOL CALENDARS FOR THE
2007-2008 SCHOOL YEAR:**

**ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL CALENDAR – 2007-
2008, WITH A START DATE OF AUGUST 20, 2007;**

**SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT ZONE SCHOOL CALENDAR – 2007-
2008, WITH A START DATE OF AUGUST 9, 2007;**

**ADULT/VOCATIONAL EDUCATION SCHOOL CALENDAR – 2007-
2008, WITH A START DATE OF AUGUST 20, 2007**

COMMITTEE: SCHOOL SUPPORT ACCOUNTABILITY

Section 1001.42(4)(f), Florida Statutes, regarding the responsibility of district school boards to set school start dates was amended this past legislative session, May, 2006, mandating that school boards shall, "Adopt policies for the opening and of schools and fix uniform dates; however, beginning with the 2007-2008 school year, the opening date for schools in the district may not be earlier than 14 days before Labor Day each year." In order to allow the Superintendent of Schools the flexibility to make adjustments to school calendars in a timely manner should it become necessary under emergency situations, and to comply with Section 1001.42(4)(f), F. S., the following school calendars are presented for approval by The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida:

Elementary and Secondary School Calendar – 2007-2008, which:

- provides 180 days for students
- provides 196 days for teachers (180 days for students, 10 teacher planning days, and six (6) legal holidays), and
- designates early release dates for parent-teacher conferences.

School Improvement Zone School Calendar – 2007-2008, which:

- provides 187 days for students
- provides 206 days for teachers (187 days for students, 10 teacher planning days, three (3) professional development days, and six (6) legal holidays, and
- designates early release dates for parent-teacher conferences.

If approved, a waiver will be requested for the School Improvement Zone School Calendar start date of August 9, 2007.

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Adult/Vocational Education School Calendar – 2007-2008, which:

- provides 216 days for students,
- provides 234 days for teachers (216 days for students, 12 teacher planning days, and six (6) legal holidays).

The proposed Elementary and Secondary School Calendar, School Improvement Zone School Calendar, and Adult/Vocational Education School Calendar were jointly developed by the School Calendar Ad Hoc Committee comprised of representatives from Miami-Dade County Public Schools and the United Teachers of Dade.

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

1. approve the Elementary and Secondary School Calendar – 2007-2008, with a start date of August 20, 2007; the School Improvement Zone School Calendar – 2007-2008, with a start date of August 9, 2007, and the Adult/Vocational Education School Calendar – 2007-2008, with a start date of August 20, 2007; and
2. authorize the Superintendent to request a waiver for the School Improvement Zone School Calendar – 2007-2008 start date of August 9, 2007.

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Elementary and Secondary School Calendar 2007-2008

12/15/2006

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180 Student Days

10 Teacher Planning Days


6 Legal Holidays/16 Recess Days


E=Elementary/K-8 Schools

M=Middle Schools


S=Senior High Schools


Legend: *Tentative


 New Teachers Report


 Teacher Planning Day


 Early Dismissal/Parent Conferences

 Legal Holiday

 Recess Day

 Beg/End of Grading Period

 Secondary Early Release

 Evening/Parent Conferences

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ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL CALENDAR – 2007-2008

August 16, 17, 2007	Teacher planning days; no students in school
August 20	Begin first semester
September 3	Labor Day; holiday for students and employees
September 13	Teacher planning day; no students in school
September 27	Secondary early release day
October 8	Teacher planning day; Professional Development Day – not available to opt; no students in school
October 16	Early Dismissal – Elementary Schools and K-8 Centers Afternoon Parent-Teacher Conferences
October 23	Early Dismissal – Middle Schools Afternoon Parent-Teacher Conferences
October 25	End first grading period; first semester
October 26	Teacher planning day; no students in school
October 29	Begin second grading period; first semester
October 30	Early Dismissal – Senior High Schools Afternoon Parent-Teacher Conferences
November 12	Observation of Veterans' Day; holiday for students and employees
November 13	Evening Parent-Teacher Conferences – Elementary Schools and K-8 Centers (Tentative)
November 15	Secondary early release day
November 20	Evening Parent-Teacher Conferences – Middle Schools (Tentative)
November 22, 23	Thanksgiving; Board-approved holiday for students and employees
November 27	Evening Parent-Teacher Conferences – Senior High Schools (Tentative)
December 24 -	Winter recess for students and 10-month employees; December 24, 25, 31
January 4, 2008	2007, and January 1, 2008, Board-approved holidays for 12-month employees
January 15	Early Dismissal – Elementary Schools and K-8 Centers Afternoon Parent-Teacher Conferences
January 17	End first semester and grading period
January 18	Teacher planning day; no students in school
January 21	Observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday; holiday for students and employees
January 22	Begin second semester; third grading period
January 29	Early Dismissal – Middle Schools Afternoon Parent-Teacher Conferences
January 31	Secondary early release day
February 1	Teacher planning day, Professional Development Day – not available to opt; no students in school
February 5	Early Dismissal – Senior High Schools Afternoon Parent-Teacher Conferences
February 18	All Presidents Day; holiday for students and employees
February 19	Evening Parent-Teacher Conference Sessions – Elementary Schools and K-8 Centers
February 20	Evening Parent-Teacher Conference Sessions – Middle Schools
February 21	Secondary early release day
March 4	Evening Parent-Teacher Conference Sessions – Senior High Schools
March 21	Teacher planning day, no students in school
March 27	End third grading period; second semester
March 28	Teacher planning day, no students in school
March 31, April 1, 2, 3, 4	Spring recess for students and 10-month employees
April 7	Begin fourth grading period; second semester
April 17	Secondary early release day
May 26	Observance of Memorial Day; holiday for students and employees
June 5	End fourth grading period; second semester
June 6	Teacher planning day; no students in school

NOTE: Every Wednesday – Students (Grades 2-8) in elementary and K-8 Centers are released one (1) hour early

Job Category	Beginning Date	Ending Date
Teachers new to the system	August 9, 2007	June 6, 2008
Assistant Principals and 10-month clerical	August 9, 2007	June 13, 2008
Cafeteria Managers	August 14, 2007	June 9, 2008
Satellite Cafeteria Managers	August 15, 2007	June 6, 2008
All Instructional Staff, Paraprofessionals & Security	August 16, 2007	June 6, 2008
Cafeteria Workers (full-time & part-time)	August 20, 2007	June 5, 2008

*Teachers/paraprofessionals and school support personnel may opt to work one or two days, August 14, 15, 2007, or June 9, 10, 2008, or during winter or spring recess with the consent of the principal, in lieu of any one or two of the following days: September 13, 2007, October 26, 2007, January 18, 2008, March 21, 2008, and/or March 28, 2008. October 8, 2007, and February 1, 2008, are Professional Development Days and are not available to opt.

+Teachers new to Miami-Dade County Public Schools may opt to work one or two days, June 9, 10, 2008, or during winter or spring recess with the consent of the principal, in lieu of any one or two of the following days: September 13, 2007, October 26, 2007, January 18, 2008, March 21, 2008, and/or March 28, 2008. October 8, 2007, and February 1, 2008, are Professional Development Days and are not available to opt.

#Ten-month secretarial and clerical employees may opt to work one or two days, August 7, 8, 2007, or June 16, 17, 2008, or during winter or spring recess with the consent of the principal, in lieu of any one or two of the following days: September 13, 2007, October 26, 2007, January 18, 2008, March 21, 2008, and/or March 28, 2008. October 8, 2007, and February 1, 2008, are Professional Development Days and are not available to opt.

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School Improvement Zone Calendar 2007-2008

12/15/2006

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187 Student Days

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6 Legal Holidays/16 Recess Days

3 Professional Dev Days

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Legend: * Tentative

	New Teachers Report		Legal Holiday
	Teacher Planning Day		Recess Day
	Early Dismissal/Parent Conferences		

	Beg/End of Grading Period
	Professional Dev Day
	Evening/Parent Conferences

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SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT ZONE SCHOOL CALENDAR – 2007-2008

August 2, 3, 6, 2007	Professional Development Days; no students in school
August 7, 8	Teacher planning days; no students in school
August 9	Begin first semester
September 3	Labor Day; holiday for students and employees
September 13	Teacher planning day; no students in school
October 8	Teacher planning day; Professional Development Day – not available to opt; no students in school
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NOTE: Every Wednesday – Students in grades 2-12 are released one (1) hour early in School Improvement Zone schools

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Adult/Vocational Education School Calendar 2007-2008

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Legend:

	New Teachers Report
	Teacher Planning Day

	Legal Holiday
	Recess Day

	Beg/End of Grading Period
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**2007-2008 SCHOOL CALENDAR
ADULT/VOCATIONAL EDUCATION
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
MIAMI, FLORIDA**

HOLIDAYS – 2007

September 3	Labor Day
November 12	Veterans' Day
November 22	Thanksgiving

HOLIDAYS – 2008

January 21	Observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday
February 18	All Presidents' Day
May 26	Observance of Memorial Day

Total Trimester Days Students Are in School = 216

TRIMESTER 1					TRIMESTER 2				TRIMESTER 3			
Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	Apr.	May	June	July
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TOTAL: 82					TOTAL: 68				TOTAL: 66			

*Teachers may opt to work one or more days, August 14, 15, 2007, or March 31, April 1, 2, 3, 4, 2008, in lieu of any of the teacher planning days except August 17, 2007, and the designated Professional Development Days, October 8, 2007 and February 1, 2008. At the discretion of the principal, teachers may also opt to work during the winter recess, in lieu of any teacher planning day except August 17, 2007, October 8, 2007, and February 1, 2008. Total opt days may not exceed five days. Also, at the discretion of the principal, teachers may opt to conduct classes on a teacher planning day in lieu of a regularly scheduled class day during those times when special events and activities scheduled by the day school program disrupt on-campus adult education programs.