

Business Operations
Ofelia San Pedro, Deputy Superintendent

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE TENTATIVE BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2009

COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, EFFICIENCY AND GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

LINK TO DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLAN: GENERAL OPERATIONS

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 20, 2008, it will give final approval to the recommended meeting schedule for January-December 2009.

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 2009. By the Board tentatively approving a schedule of meeting dates at this time, planning for the many district-wide activities which occur throughout the 2008-2009 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 2009, staff considered: (1) the pattern of Board meeting dates from previous years; (2) the Board's 2008-2009 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 2008 meetings have already been approved by the Board, the tentative dates projected for January-December 2009 School Board meetings are as follows:

January 14	May 20	July 28 *	October 14
February 11	June 17	August 12	November 17 ***
March 18	July 15	September 9 **	December 9
April 22			

* 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 18, 2008, Organization Meeting for final adoption of the 2009 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 2009: January 14, February 11, March 18, April 22, May 20, June 17, July 15, July 28 (First Budget Public Hearing), August 12, September 9 (Regular Meeting/Second Budget Public Hearing), October 14, November 17 (Organization Meeting/Regular Meeting), and December 9. The final listing of meeting dates for 2009 will be established by the Board at the 2008 Organization Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, November 18, 2008.