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District/School Operations

**SUBJECT:                    OPENING AND CLOSING HOURS OF SCHOOLS FOR THE 2010-2011  
SCHOOL YEAR**

**COMMITTEE:                INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

**LINK TO STRATEGIC  
FRAMEWORK:                FINANCIAL EFFICIENCY/STABILITY**

Pursuant to School Board Rule 6Gx13- 6A-1.03, School Day, the Superintendent of Schools is required to report changes in opening and closing hours of schools to the Board in open session sixty (60) days prior to the effective date.

The following opening and closing hours and length of the school day for students are recommended for Pre-K-12 schools, including exceptional student education centers and alternative education schools, effective for the 2010-2011 school year:

Elementary Schools	Grades Pre-K, K,1 Grades 2 - 5/6	8:20 a.m. – 1:50 p.m. 8:35 a.m. – 3:05 p.m.
K - 8 Centers	Grades Pre-K, K,1 Grades 2 - 8	8:20 a.m. – 1:50 p.m. 8:35 a.m. – 3:05 p.m.
Middle Schools	Grades 6 – 8	9:10 a.m. – 3:50 p.m.
Senior High Schools	Grades 9 – 12	7:20 a.m. – 2:20 p.m.

On Wednesdays, all elementary and K-8 students are dismissed at 1:50 p.m.

Staff in the Department of Transportation recommends synchronizing the bell schedules for the 2010-2011 school year to reduce approximately 100 bus routes in order to save approximately \$4 million while providing the same level of service. On April 26, 2010, the District and School Budget Priorities Parent Advisory Subcommittee unanimously approved the recommended bell schedules for the 2010-2011 school year.

Under these unusual circumstances, the 2010-2011 school year exceptions to the opening and closing hours will be reported to the Board pursuant to School Board Rule 6Gx13- 6A-1.03 at the 2010 June Board meeting.

**RECOMMENDED:**                That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve the opening and closing hours of Pre-K-12 schools for the 2010-2011 school year.

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