

Financial Services
Richard H. Hinds, Chief Financial Officer

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE TENTATIVE BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2011

COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, EFFICIENCY AND GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

LINK TO STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK: STUDENT, PARENT AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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 16, 2010, it will give final approval to the recommended meeting schedule for January-December 2011.

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 2011. By the Board tentatively approving a schedule of meeting dates at this time, planning for the many district-wide activities which occur throughout the 2010-2011 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 2011, staff considered: (1) the pattern of Board meeting dates from previous years; (2) the Board's 2010-2011 adopted school calendar, including holidays and recess periods; (3) legislatively-mandated window periods for such special meetings as budget public hearings; and (4) major religious holidays.

Considering that the dates for September-December 2010 meetings have already been approved by the Board, the tentative dates projected for January-December 2011 School Board meetings are as follows:

January 12	May 11	July 27 *	October 11
February 9	June 15	August 3	November 22 ***
March 9	July 13	September 7 **	December 14
April 13			

- * First Budget Public Hearing
- ** Regular Meeting/Second Budget Public Hearing
- *** Organization Meeting/Regular Meeting

Staff will return to the Board at the November 16, 2010, Organization Meeting for final adoption of the 2011 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 2011: January 12, February 9, March 9, April 13, May 11, June 15, July 13, July 27 (First Budget Public Hearing), August 3, September 7 (Regular Meeting/Second Budget Public Hearing), October 11, November 22 (Organization Meeting/Regular Meeting), and December 14. The final listing of meeting dates for 2011 will be established by the Board at the 2010 Organization Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, November 16, 2010.