

Financial Services  
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**SUBJECT:           REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE TENTATIVE BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2014**

**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 19, 2013, it will give final approval to the recommended meeting schedule for January-December 2014.

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 2014. By the Board tentatively approving a schedule of meeting dates at this time, planning for the many district-wide activities which occur throughout the 2013-2014 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 2014, staff considered: (1) the pattern of Board meeting dates from previous years; (2) the Board's 2013-2014 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 2013 meetings have already been approved by the Board, the tentative dates projected for January-December 2014 School Board meetings are as follows:

January 15	May 14	August 6	November 18***
February 12	June 18	September 3**	November 19
March 12	July 16	October 7	December 10
April 9	July 24*		

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

Staff will return to the Board at the November 19, 2013, Organization Meeting for final adoption of the 2014 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 2014: January 15, February 12, March 12, April 9, May 14, June 18, July 16, July 24 (First Budget Public Hearing), August 6, September 3 (Regular Meeting/Second Budget Public Hearing), October 7, November 18 (Organization Meeting), November 19 (Regular Meeting), and December 10. The final listing of meeting dates for 2014 will be established by the Board at the 2013 Organization Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, November 19, 2013.