

Financial Services
Mr. Ron Y. Steiger, Chief Financial Officer

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE TENTATIVE BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2019

COMMITTEE: FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY

LINK TO STRATEGIC BLUEPRINT: 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 20, 2018, it will give final approval to the recommended meeting schedule for January-December 2019.

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 2019. By the Board tentatively approving a schedule of meeting dates at this time, planning for the many district-wide activities which occur throughout the 2018-2019 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 2019, staff considered: (1) the pattern of Board meeting dates from previous years; (2) the Board's 2018-2019 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 2018 meetings have already been approved by the Board, the tentative dates projected for January-December 2019 School Board meetings are as follows:

January 16	May 8 *	August 14	November 20
February 13	June 19	September 4 ***	December 18
March 13	July 10	October 2	
April 17	July 24**	November 19 ****	

* Instructional Material Public Hearing
** First Budget Public Hearing
*** Regular Meeting/Second Budget Public Hearing
**** Organization Meeting

Staff will return to the Board at the November 20, 2018, Organization Meeting for final adoption of the 2019 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 2019: January 16, February 13, March 13, April 17, May 8 (Instructional Public Hearing/Regular Meeting), June 19, July 10, July 24 (First Budget Public Hearing), August 14, September 4 (Regular Meeting/Second Budget Public Hearing), October 2, November 19 (Organization Meeting), November 20 (Regular Meeting), and December 18. The final listing of meeting dates for 2019 will be established by the Board at the 2018 Organization Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, November 20, 2018.