

Education  
Joseph H. Mathos, Deputy Superintendent

**SUBJECT: EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS CLASSIFIED AS LEVEL I OR LEVEL II - PLANNING PHASE**

**STRATEGIC PLANNING GOALS: II - STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT/PREPARATION FOR POST SECONDARY EXPERIENCES**

Among the several actions taken by the 1999 Florida Legislation to improve student achievement was the approval of proviso language in Specific Appropriation 117C authorizing an extension of the school year from 180 days to 210 days. The proviso appropriation identified the 1999-2000 school year as the planning year in which districts were to submit the names of schools which would be developing an implementation plan for such an extension.

To be eligible to receive these funds, the proviso language requires that by August 1, 1999, schools interested in having an extended school year submit a letter of commitment to the Commissioner of Education. In light of the possibility of having an extended school year, the administration is requesting authorization to submit the names of all schools currently classified as Levels I and II as potentially being candidates for an extended school year.

**RECOMMENDED:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to submit to the Florida Department of Education the names of all the schools currently classified as Levels I and II for funding under currently available resources to plan for implementation of the extended year concept.