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**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE TENTATIVE BOARD MEETING  
SCHEDULE FOR 2000**

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, 1999, it will give final approval to the recommended meeting schedule for January-December 2000.

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 2000. By the Board tentatively approving a schedule of meeting dates at this time, planning for the many districtwide activities which occur throughout the 1999-2000 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 2000, staff considered: (1) the pattern of Board meeting dates from previous years; (2) the Board's 1999-2000 adopted school calendar, including holidays and recess periods; (3) legislatively mandated window periods for such special meetings as budget public hearings; (4) projected dates of major state and national professional association meetings and/or conventions which Board members may be attending; and (5) major religious holidays.

Considering that the dates for September-December 1999 meetings have already been approved by the Board, the tentative dates projected for January-December 2000 School Board meetings are as follows:

January	12	April	24*	July	24**	November	21****
February	9	May	17	August	23	November	22
March	15	June	21	September	13***	December	13
April	12	July	12	October	11		

- \* Attendance Boundary Hearing Only
- \*\* First Budget Public Hearing Only
- \*\*\* Regular Meeting/Second Budget Public Hearing
- \*\*\*\* Organization Meeting

Staff will return to the Board at the November 16, 1999, organization meeting for final adoption of the 2000 calendar of School Board meetings, including proposed conference sessions.

**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 2000: January 12, February 9, March 15, April 12, April 24 (attendance boundary hearing only), May 17, June 21, July 12, July 24 (first budget public hearing only), August 23, September 13 (regular meeting/second budget public hearing), October 11, November 21 (organization meeting), November 22, and December 13. The final listing of meeting dates for 2000 will be established by the Board at the 1999 organization meeting scheduled for Tuesday, November 16, 1999.