

June 14, 2001

School Operations
Eddie T. Pearson, Deputy Superintendent

**SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION TO CHANGE THE OPENING AND CLOSING TIMES
AND REQUEST A WAIVER FROM THE COMMISSIONER OF
EDUCATION TO ESTABLISH DOUBLE SESSIONS AT MIAMI
SPRINGS SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL**

Severe overcrowded conditions at Miami Springs Senior High School have prompted staff to explore the option of double sessions. To effect the proposed alternative, changes in the opening and closing hours of schools are required. Pursuant to Board Rule 6Gx13- 6A-1.03, Instruction – Elementary and Secondary, the Superintendent of Schools is required to report changes in opening and closing hours of schools to the Board in open session sixty (60) days prior to the effective date, except in unusual circumstances.

SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL HOURS	PROPOSED CHANGES IN SCHOOL HOURS	
7:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Double Sessions	7:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon 12:25 p.m. – 5:25 p.m.

The proposed double session decreases the length of the school day from the required five net hours of instructional time, excluding intermissions, to four hours and 35 minutes of instructional time, excluding intermissions. Florida Statute states that if the length of the school day is decreased, a waiver from the Commissioner of Education is to be sought prior to the implementation of the proposed double session.

The proposed double session schedule provides for a seven hour and 20 minute teacher workday and meets all other contractual obligations.

**REPLACEMENT
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RECOMMENDED:

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize:

1. changing of opening and closing times,
2. instituting double sessions at Miami Springs Senior High School, and
3. requesting a waiver from the Commissioner of Education to establish double sessions.

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