

School Operations  
Dr. George M. Koonce, Jr., Associate Superintendent

**SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION TO TEMPORARILY CHANGE SCHOOL HOURS FOR INCOMING NINTH GRADE STUDENTS AT FELIX VARELA SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE 2002-03 SCHOOL YEAR**

Staff recommends temporarily changing the opening and closing hours for incoming ninth grade students at Felix Varela Senior High School due to severe overcrowded conditions, and a delay with the installation of 24 relocatable classrooms for the 2002-03 school year. 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.

| <b>REGULAR<br/>SENIOR HIGH<br/>SCHOOL HOURS</b> | <b>FELIX VARELA SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL<br/>PROPOSED CHANGE IN THE SCHOOL<br/>HOURS FOR INCOMING NINTH GRADE<br/>STUDENTS FOR THE 2002-2003 SCHOOL<br/>YEAR</b> |
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| 7:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.                           | 9:40 a.m. – 4:40 p.m.  |

Opening and closing hours will not change for students in grades 10, 11 and 12. Temporarily staggering school hours will enable staff to accommodate the educational needs of ninth grade students until the relocatable classrooms are in place. Once that is accomplished, ninth grade students will revert back to regular senior high school hours (7:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.).

**RECOMMENDED:** That the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to temporarily change the school hours for incoming ninth grade students at Felix Varela Senior High School for the 2002-03 school year.

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