

Merrett R. Stierheim, Superintendent of Schools

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE TENTATIVE BOARD MEETING  
SCHEDULE FOR 2003**

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 19, 2002, it will give final approval to the recommended meeting schedule for January-December 2003.

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 2003. By the Board tentatively approving a schedule of meeting dates at this time, planning for the many district wide activities which occur throughout the 2002-2003 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 2003, staff considered: (1) the pattern of Board meeting dates from previous years; (2) the Board's 2002-2003 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 2002 meetings have already been approved by the Board, the tentative dates projected for January-December 2003 School Board meetings are as follows:

January 15	April 21*	July 23**	November 18*****
February 12	May 14	August 20	November 19
March 12	June 18	September 10***	December 10
April 9	July 9	October 22	

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

Staff will return to the Board at the November 19, 2002, organization meeting for final adoption of the 2003 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 2003: January 15, February 12, March 12, April 9, April 21 (attendance boundary hearing only), May 14, June 18, July 9, July 23 (first budget public hearing), August 20, September 10 (regular meeting/second budget public hearing), October 22, November 18 (organization meeting), November 19, and December 10. The final listing of meeting dates for 2003 will be established by the Board at the 2002 organization meeting scheduled for Tuesday, November 20, 2002.