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School Operations

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT
ZONE SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR THE 2007-2008 SCHOOL YEAR,
WITH A START DATE OF AUGUST 20, 2007**

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

**LINK TO DISTRICT
STRATEGIC PLAN: ENSURE SCHOOL INFRASTRUCTURE AND SCHEDULES MEET
THE NEEDS OF STUDENTS AND TEACHERS AND ENHANCE
TEACHING AND LEARNING**

At its meeting of January 17, 2007, The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approved the School Improvement Zone School Calendar 2007-2008, with a start date of August 9, 2007, pending approval of a waiver from the State. On April 10, 2007, Miami-Dade County Public Schools was notified that the request for a waiver was denied, creating a need to develop a revised School Improvement Zone School Calendar for the 2007-2008 school year, with a start date of August 20, 2007.

The following School Improvement Zone School Calendar – 2007-2008 presented for approval provides:

- 187 days for students (The seven additional days provide three (3) days prior to FCAT and four (4) days after FCAT.);
- 206 days for teachers (187 days for students, 10 teacher planning days; three (3) professional development days, and six (6) legal holidays); and
- designates early release dates for parent-teacher conferences.

The proposed School Improvement Zone School Calendar – 2007-2008 was jointly developed by the School Calendar Ad Hoc Committee comprised of representatives from Miami-Dade County Schools and the United Teachers of Dade.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve the School Improvement Zone School Calendar – 2007-2008, with a start date of August 20, 2007.

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**REPLACEMENT
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Miami-Dade County Public Schools

School Improvement Zone 2007-2008

AUGUST				
M	T	W	T	F
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13				
	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	31

SEPTEMBER				
M	T	W	T	F
	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28

OCTOBER				
M	T	W	T	F
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15		17	18	19
22		24	25	
		31		

NOVEMBER				
M	T	W	T	F
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
		14	15	16
19		21		
26		28	29	30

DECEMBER				
M	T	W	T	F
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21

JANUARY				
M	T	W	T	F
7	8	9	10	11
14		16		
		23	24	25
28		30	31	

FEBRUARY				
M	T	W	T	F
				1
4		6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
		20	21	22
25		27	28	29

MARCH				
M	T	W	T	F
3		5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	
24	25	26		

APRIL				
M	T	W	T	F
	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30		

MAY				
M	T	W	T	F
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
	27	28	29	30

JUNE				
M	T	W	T	F
2	3	4	5	6
9	10			
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30				

1=47 2=47 3=46 4=47

187 Student Days

10 Teacher Planning Days

6 Legal Holidays/16 Recess Days

3 Professional Dev Days

E=Elementary/K-8 Centers

M=Middle Schools

S=Senior High Schools

Beg/End of Grading Period

Professional Dev Day

Evening/Parent Conferences

Legend:

* Tentative

New Teachers Report

Teacher Planning Day

Teacher Planning Day - Professional Development (Not Available To OPT)

Early Dismissal/Parent Conferences

Legal Holiday

Recess Day

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT ZONE SCHOOL CALENDAR – 2007-2008

August 9, 10, 13, 2007	Professional Development Days; no students in school
August 14, 15	Teacher planning days; Professional Development Days – not available to opt; no students in school
August 16, 17	Teacher planning days; no students in school
August 20	Begin first semester
September 3	Labor Day; holiday for students and employees
September 13	Teacher planning day; no students in school
October 16	Early Dismissal – Elementary Schools and K-8 Centers Afternoon Parent-Teacher Conferences
October 23	Early Dismissal – Middle Schools Afternoon Parent-Teacher Conferences
October 26	End first grading period; first semester
October 29	Begin second grading period; first semester
October 30	Early Dismissal – Senior High Schools Afternoon Parent-Teacher Conferences
November 12	Observation of Veterans' Day; holiday for students and employees
November 13	Evening Parent-Teacher Conferences – Elementary Schools and K-8 Centers (Tentative)
November 20	Evening Parent-Teacher Conferences – Middle Schools (Tentative)
November 22, 23	Thanksgiving; Board-approved holiday for students and employees
November 27	Evening Parent-Teacher Conferences – Senior High Schools (Tentative)
December 24 - January 4, 2008	Winter recess for students and 10-month employees; December 24, 25, 31, 2007, January 1, 2008, Board-approved holidays for 12-month employees
January 15	Early Dismissal – Elementary Schools and K-8 Centers Afternoon Parent-Teacher Conferences
January 17	End first semester and grading period
January 18	Teacher planning day; no students in school
January 21	Observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday; holiday for students and employees
January 22	Begin second semester; third grading period
January 29	Early Dismissal – Middle Schools Afternoon Parent-Teacher Conferences
February 5	Early Dismissal – Senior High Schools Afternoon Parent-Teacher Conferences
February 18	All Presidents Day; holiday for students and employees
February 19	Evening Parent-Teacher Conferences – Elementary Schools and K-8 Centers
February 26	Evening Parent-Teacher Conferences – Middle Schools
March 4	Evening Parent-Teacher Conferences – Senior High Schools
March 21	Teacher planning day, no students in school
March 27	End third grading period; second semester
March 28	Teacher planning day, no students in school
March 31, April 1, 2, 3, 4	Spring recess for students and 10-month employees
April 7	Begin fourth grading period; second semester
May 26	Observance of Memorial Day; holiday for students and employees
June 11	End fourth grading period; second semester
June 12, 13	Teacher planning days; no students in school

NOTE: Every Wednesday – Students in grades 2-12 are released one (1) hour early in School Improvement Zone schools

Job Category	Beginning Date	Ending Date
Teachers new to the system	August 8, 2007	June 13, 2008
Assistant Principals and 10-month clerical	August 2, 2007	June 20, 2008
Cafeteria Managers	August 14, 2007	June 13, 2008
Satellite Cafeteria Managers	August 15, 2007	June 12, 2008
All Instructional Staff, Paraprofessionals & Security	August 9, 2007	June 13, 2008
Cafeteria Workers (full-time & part-time)	August 20, 2007	June 11, 2008

*Teachers/paraprofessionals and school support personnel may opt to work one or two days, August 7, 8, 2007, or June 16, 17, 2008, or during winter or spring recess with the consent of the principal, in lieu of any one or two of the following days: September 13, 2007, January 18, 2008, March 21, 2008, March 28, 2008, and/or June 13, 2008.

+Teachers new to Miami-Dade County Public Schools may opt to work one or two days, June 16, 17, 2008, or during winter or spring recess with the consent of the principal, in lieu of any one or two of the following days: September 13, 2007, January 18, 2008, March 21, 2008, March 28, 2008, and/or June 13, 2008.

#Ten-month secretarial and clerical employees may opt to work one or two days, July 31, 2007, August 1, 2007, or June 23, 24, 2008, or during winter or spring recess with the consent of the principal, in lieu of any one or two of the following days: September 13, 2007, January 18, 2008, March 21, 2008, March 28, 2008, and/or June 13, 2008.