

Ms. Ana Rivas Logan, Board Member

**SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE THE SUPERINTENDENT TO RESEARCH THE
 FEASIBILITY OF A 4-DAY WORK WEEK DURING THE SUMMER
 MONTHS**

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**

Several school districts have implemented the 4-day work week during the school year as well as during the summer session in order to save money. In light of the projected decline in enrollment that may result in a budget shortfall, it may be prudent to consider the 4-day work week for students and all M-DCPS Employees during the summer months.

According to research done by the New York Times, and published in a June 9, 2002 article, 15 states sharply reduced education spending by reviving interest in the 4-day week which was last tried during the 1970's energy crisis. About 20 districts in eight states, including some in Minneapolis suburbs and in Florida, Nebraska and South Carolina, have considered and implemented this approach.

The fifth day of the week can be used for instructional professional development; tutoring, college classes on campus and many other incentives. Additionally, Miami-Dade County Public Schools could join forces with Miami-Dade County Parks and Libraries for programs on the fifth day for the children of Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

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**ACTION PROPOSED BY
MS. ANA RIVAS LOGAN:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida authorize the Superintendent to conduct research and report back to the Board at the December 19, 2007 School Board meeting the feasibility of implementing a 4-day work week for the summer months.

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