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**SUBJECT: PROPOSED OPENING AND CLOSING TIMES FOR
ELEMENTARY, K-8 CENTERS, MIDDLE, AND SENIOR HIGH
SCHOOLS, FOR THE LAST THREE DAYS OF SCHOOL,
JUNE 2, 3, AND 4, 2009**

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT**

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

Pursuant to School Board Rule 6Gx13- 6A-1.03, Instruction – Elementary and Secondary, the Superintendent of Schools is required to report changes to the School Board in open session sixty (60) days prior to the effective date, except in unusual circumstances, of opening and closing hours.

On June 2, 3, and 4, 2009, elementary schools and K-8 Centers will be dismissed at the conclusion of a five (5)-hour and 15-minute day; middle schools will be dismissed at the conclusion of a five (5)-hour and 30-minute day; and senior high schools will be dismissed at the conclusion of a four (4)-hour and 30-minute day. This schedule allows secondary schools to establish a minimum of two (2) examination periods on each day, with students being released at the conclusion of the second testing period.

LEVEL	NORMAL SCHOOL DAY	LAST THREE DAYS OF SCHOOL (June 2, 3, and 4, 2009)
Elementary Schools		
K-1	8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	8:30 a.m. – 1:45 p.m.
2-5/6	8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	8:30 a.m. – 1:45 p.m.
K-8 Centers	8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	8:30 a.m. – 1:45 p.m.
Middle Schools	9:00 a.m. – 3:40 p.m.	9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Senior High Schools	7:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.	7:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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Schools with exceptions to opening and closing hours will dismiss according to the specified length of the school day. The reduced school day for elementary and secondary schools provides additional time for teachers to prepare for the closing, such as grading examinations, posting and averaging grades, and reviewing promotion requirements.

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

1. approve for June 2, 3, and 4, 2009, a reduction of the school day as follows:
 - elementary schools to five (5) hours and 15 minutes;
 - K-8 Centers to five (5) hours and 15 minutes;
 - middle schools to five (5) hours and 30 minutes;
 - senior high schools to four (4) hours and 30 minutes;
2. authorize the Superintendent to make any special adjustments necessary due to unique circumstances in particular schools.

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