

Financial Services
Richard H. Hinds, Chief Financial Officer

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE TENTATIVE BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2010

COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, EFFICIENCY AND GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

LINK TO DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLAN: GENERAL OPERATIONS

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 17, 2009, it will give final approval to the recommended meeting schedule for January-December 2010.

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 2010. By the Board tentatively approving a schedule of meeting dates at this time, planning for the many district-wide activities which occur throughout the 2009-2010 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 2010, staff considered: (1) the pattern of Board meeting dates from previous years; (2) the Board's 2009-2010 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 2009 meetings have already been approved by the Board, the tentative dates projected for January-December 2010 School Board meetings are as follows:

January 13	May 12	July 28 *	October 13
February 10	June 16	August 4	November 16 ***
March 17	July 14	September 7 **	December 15
April 14			

* First Budget Public Hearing
** Regular Meeting/Second Budget Public Hearing
*** Organization Meeting/Regular Meeting

Staff will return to the Board at the November 17, 2009, Organization Meeting for final adoption of the 2010 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 2010: January 13, February 10, March 17, April 14, May 12, June 16, July 14, July 28 (First Budget Public Hearing), August 4, September 7 (Regular Meeting/Second Budget Public Hearing), October 13, November 16 (Organization Meeting/Regular Meeting), and December 15. The final listing of meeting dates for 2010 will be established by the Board at the 2009 Organization Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, November 17, 2009.