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SUBJECT: DISMISSAL TIMES FOR THE LAST THREE DAYS OF SCHOOL,
                  (JUNE 7, 8, AND 9, 2011)

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

LINK TO STRATEGIC
FRAMEWORK: FINANCIAL EFFICIENCY/STABILITY

Pursuant to School Board Rule 6Gx13-6A-1.03, Instruction–Elementary and Secondary, the Superintendent of Schools is authorized to vary the length of the school day for students within the limitations imposed by law and the Florida Department of Education. Said changes as required to be reported to the School Board.

On June 7, 8, and 9, 2011, 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. Additionally, it ensures that students are provided the opportunity to have lunch each day prior to dismissal.

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.

The dismissal times for the last three days of school are as follows:

- Elementary Schools and K-8 Centers   1:35 p.m.
- Middle Schools   2:40 p.m.
- Senior High Schools   11:50 a.m.

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

1. approve dismissal times for the last three days of school, (June 7, 8, and 9, 2011)

2. authorize the Superintendent to make any special adjustments necessary due to unique circumstances in particular schools.

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