

Financial Services
Richard H. Hinds, Chief Financial Officer

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE TENTATIVE BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2012

COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, EFFICIENCY AND GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

LINK TO STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK: STUDENT, PARENT AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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 22, 2011, it will give final approval to the recommended meeting schedule for January-December 2012.

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 2012. By the Board tentatively approving a schedule of meeting dates at this time, planning for the many district-wide activities which occur throughout the 2011-2012 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 2012, staff considered: (1) the pattern of Board meeting dates from previous years; (2) the Board's 2011-2012 adopted school calendar, including holidays and recess periods; (3) legislatively-mandated window periods for such special meetings as budget public hearings; and (4) major religious holidays.

Considering that the dates for September-December 2011 meetings have already been approved by the Board, the tentative dates projected for January-December 2012 School Board meetings are as follows:

January 18	May 16	August 1	November 21
February 15	June 13	September 5**	December 5
March 7	July 18	October 10	
April 18	July 26*	November 20***	

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

Staff will return to the Board at the November 22, 2011, Organization Meeting for final adoption of the 2012 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 2012: January 18, February 15, March 7, April 18, May 16, June 13, July 18, July 26 (First Budget Public Hearing), August 1, September 5 (Regular Meeting/Second Budget Public Hearing), October 10, November 20 (Organization Meeting), November 21 and December 5. The final listing of meeting dates for 2012 will be established by the Board at the 2011 Organization Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, November 22, 2011.