

Financial Services  
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**SUBJECT:           REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE TENTATIVE BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2015**

**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 18, 2014, it will give final approval to the recommended meeting schedule for January-December 2015.

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 2015. By the Board tentatively approving a schedule of meeting dates at this time, planning for the many district-wide activities which occur throughout the 2014-2015 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 2015, staff considered: (1) the pattern of Board meeting dates from previous years; (2) the Board's 2014-2015 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 2014 meetings have already been approved by the Board, the tentative dates projected for January-December 2015 School Board meetings are as follows:

January 14	May 13	August 5	November 17 ***
February 11	June 17	September 9 **	November 18
March 11	July 15	October 14	December 2
April 15	July 29 *		

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

Staff will return to the Board at the November 18, 2014, Organization Meeting for final adoption of the 2015 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 2015: January 14, February 11, March 11, April 15, May 13, June 17, July 15, July 29 (First Budget Public Hearing), August 5, September 9 (Regular Meeting/Second Budget Public Hearing), October 14, November 17 (Organization Meeting), November 18 (Regular Meeting), and December 2. The final listing of meeting dates for 2015 will be established by the Board at the 2014 Organization Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, November 18, 2014.