

Financial Services
Mrs. Judith M. Marte, Chief Financial Officer

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE TENTATIVE BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2017

COMMITTEE: FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY

LINK TO STRATEGIC BLUEPRINT: 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, 2016, it will give final approval to the recommended meeting schedule for January-December 2017.

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 2017. By the Board tentatively approving a schedule of meeting dates at this time, planning for the many district-wide activities which occur throughout the 2016-2017 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 2017, staff considered: (1) the pattern of Board meeting dates from previous years; (2) the Board's 2016-2017 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 2016 meetings have already been approved by the Board, the tentative dates projected for January-December 2017 School Board meetings are as follows:

January 25	May 24 *	August 9	November 15
February 15	June 21	September 6 ***	December 6
March 15	July 12	October 11	
April 5	July 26**	November 14 ****	

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

Staff will return to the Board at the November 22, 2016, Organization Meeting for final adoption of the 2017 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 2017: January 25, February 15, March 15, April 5, May 24 (Instructional Material Public Hearing/Regular Meeting), June 21, July 12, July 26 (First Budget Public Hearing), August 9, September 6 (Regular Meeting/Second Budget Public Hearing), October 11, November 14 (Organization Meeting), November 15 (Regular Meeting), and December 6. The final listing of meeting dates for 2017 will be established by the Board at the 2016 Organization Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, November 22, 2016.