

Ms. Lubby Navarro, Board Member

SUBJECT: STATE ASSESSMENT TESTING CALENDAR

LINK TO STRATEGIC BLUEPRINT: INFORMED, ENGAGED AND EMPOWERED STAKEHOLDERS

In an effort to afford Florida school districts the opportunity to create school year calendars and schedule recess periods, such as Spring Break, in a manner that minimizes disruption to the testing period, this item requests that the Board consider amending its 2017 State Legislative Platform to include a request that the Florida Department of Education (FLDOE) establish the State Assessment Testing Calendar two school years in advance of the commencement of the spring testing period.

This past year, FLDOE provided school districts the State Assessment Testing Calendar in the month of July, a month after the school year had already ended. Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) establishes its testing calendar with recommendations from the School Calendar Ad Hoc Committee. The Ad Hoc Committee is comprised of representatives from M-DCPS, the Parent Teacher Association/Parent Teacher Student Association and the United Teachers of Dade. Due to the delay in the District's receipt of the testing calendar, school districts across the State, such as M-DCPS were placed at a disadvantage by having to convene its School Calendar Ad Hoc Committee at a time when many of its members, who are teachers and parents, were on summer recess.

In order to provide ample time to properly schedule the District's School Calendar Ad Hoc Committee meetings prior to the end of each school year, it would be beneficial to request that FLDOE provide the State Assessment Testing Calendar two (2) school years in advance of the commencement of the spring testing period, in order to provide the District with sufficient time to prepare its testing calendar and allow families with ample time to schedule vacations and other activities.

This item does not appear in the published agenda. There exists good cause to vary from the published agenda in order for the Florida Legislature to timely and properly address this matter.

This item has been voluntarily submitted for review to the School Board Attorney and has been approved as to form and legal sufficiency.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
LUBBY NAVARRO:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida amend its 2017 State Legislative Platform to request that the Florida Department of Education establish the State Assessment Testing Calendar two school years in advance of the commencement of the spring testing period.

**Good Cause
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