

Financial Services  
Mr. Ron Y. Steiger, Chief Financial Officer

**SUBJECT:           REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE TENTATIVE BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2018**

**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 14, 2017, it will give final approval to the recommended meeting schedule for January-December 2018.

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 2018. 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 2018, staff considered: (1) the pattern of Board meeting dates from previous years; (2) the Board's 2017-2018 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 2017 meetings have already been approved by the Board, the tentative dates projected for January-December 2018 School Board meetings are as follows:

January 17	May 16 *	August 15	November 21
February 21	June 20	September 5 ***	December 19
March 21	July 18	October 10	
April 25	July 25**	November 20 ****	

- \* 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 14, 2017, Organization Meeting for final adoption of the 2018 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 2018: January 17, February 21, March 21, April 25, May 16 (Instructional Material Public Hearing/Regular Meeting), June 20, July 18, July 25 (First Budget Public Hearing), August 15, September 5 (Regular Meeting/Second Budget Public Hearing), October 10, November 20 (Organization Meeting), November 21 (Regular Meeting), and December 19. The final listing of meeting dates for 2018 will be established by the Board at the 2017 Organization Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, November 14, 2017.