

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

**SUBJECT: AMEND SCHEDULE OF SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS FOR 2020**

**COMMITTEE: FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY & GOVERNMENT RELATIONS**

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In compliance with Section 1001.371, Florida Statutes, the Board established its schedule of regular meetings for 2020 at its organization meeting of November 20, 2019. School Board Policy 0165 Public Meetings – Section A. *Regular Meeting* requires that any change in the date or time for these meetings shall be by an action of the Board. In light of the COVID-19 crisis and its impact on District operations and working conditions, the Regular School Board Meeting and Second Public Budget Hearing currently scheduled for September 2, 2020, are proposed to be rescheduled to Wednesday, September 9, 2020.

This year, perhaps more than ever before, our budget process will be dependent upon decisions being made by Federal, State, and County officials. Many of these decisions remain in flux and may or may not be provided on a timely basis. As you are aware, the District's comprehensive budget is developed in a holistic manner. Variations to requirements and conditions will impact the final budget presented for Board consideration. Therefore, this proposed one week delay will provide additional time to ensure that the Annual Financial Report for 2019-2020, as well as the final proposed budget for the coming year are completed and presented with the most accurate and timely information available and in accordance with any potential new state or local county mandated requirements.

The District will remain in compliance with Florida Administrative Code 6A-1.0071 fiscal reporting dates requiring the Annual Financial Report and all official parts thereof to be submitted to the Florida Commissioner of Education no later than September 11 of each year. Further, this movement will allow us to comply with the TRIM timeframe that requires school districts to hold the final budget hearing within 65 – 80 days of certification of value; between September 3<sup>rd</sup> and September 18<sup>th</sup>.

**RECOMMENDED:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve the rescheduling of the September 2, 2020 Regular School Board Meeting and the Second Budget Public Hearing of the same date to Wednesday, September 9, 2020.