

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

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE TENTATIVE BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2021**

**COMMITTEE: FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY & GOVERNMENT RELATIONS**

**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 17, 2020, it will give final approval to the recommended meeting schedule for January-December 2021.

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 2021. By the Board tentatively approving a schedule of meeting dates at this time, planning for the many district-wide activities which occur throughout the 2020-2021 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 2021, staff considered: (1) the pattern of Board meeting dates from previous years; (2) the Board's 2020-2021 calendar, including holidays and recess periods; (3) legislatively-mandated window periods for such special meetings as budget public hearings; and no fewer than two (2) Budget Workshops shall be scheduled between May and the First Budget Public Hearing in preparation for the Budget cycle (4) major religious holidays.

Considering that the dates for September-December 2020 meetings have already been approved by the Board, the tentative dates projected for January-December 2021 School Board meetings are as follows:

January 13	May 19	September 9***^
February 10	June 23	October 20
March 10*	July 14	November 16****
March 17	July 28**	November 17
April 21	August 18	December 15

\* Instructional Material Public Hearing  
\*\* First Budget Public Hearing  
\*\*\* Regular Meeting/Second Budget Public Hearing  
\*\*\*\* Organization Meeting  
^ Thursday Board Meeting

**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 2021: January 13, February 10, March 10 (Instructional Materials Public Hearing), March 17, April 21, May 19, June 23, July 14, July 28 (First Budget Public Hearing), August 18, September 9 (Regular Meeting/Second Budget Public Hearing), October 20, November 16 (Organization Meeting), November 17 and December 15. The final listing of meeting dates for 2021 will be established by the Board at the 2020 Organization Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, November 17, 2020. Furthermore, no fewer than two (2) Budget Workshops shall be scheduled between May and the First Budget Public Hearing in preparation for the Budget cycle.