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SUBJECT: FINAL READING: TO AMEND POLICY 8210, *SCHOOL CALENDARS*

COMMITTEE: PERSONNEL, STUDENT, SCHOOL, AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT

LINK TO STRATEGIC

PLAN: SAFE, HEALTHY, AND SUPPORTIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS

In July of 2021, The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approved Agenda Item H-4, proffered by School Board Member Dr. Lubby Navarro, to authorize the Superintendent to explore the feasibility of recognizing Juneteenth as an official holiday of the Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS), and amend the 2021-2022 School Calendar as appropriate and present it for Board approval.

Subsequent to the Board's action, the District collaborated with its labor partners through the bargaining process, and the parties agreed that Juneteenth shall be added to the calendar as a Board-approved holiday leave day each year starting in 2022 upon the Board's approval of a revised school calendar. Pursuant to Board Policy 8210, *School Calendars*, when a holiday, except Veterans' Day, "falls on a Saturday or Sunday, either the preceding Friday or subsequent Monday may be designated as the school holiday." The same provision is contained in the District's labor agreements.

The policy amendments were drafted in collaboration with and reviewed by the Superintendent, Cabinet, District staff, and the School Board Attorney's Office.

The Notice of Intended Action was published in the Miami Daily Business Review on April 18, 2022, and posted in various places for public information, and mailed to various organizations representing persons affected by the amended Board policy and individuals requesting notification. The time to request a hearing or protest the amendment of this policy has elapsed.

The Notice of Intended Action and proposed policy are attached to this item.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, adopt Board Policy 8210, *School Calendars*, and authorize the Superintendent to file the policy with The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, to be effective May 18, 2022.

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NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, announced on April 13, 2022, its intention to amend Board Policy 8210, *School Calendars*, at its regular meeting on May 18, 2022.

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: Board Policy 8210, *School Calendars*, is proposed for revision to observe Juneteenth as a Board-approved holiday leave day.

SUMMARY: Board Policy 8210, *School Calendars*, is proposed for revision to observe Juneteenth as a Board-approved holiday leave day. Juneteenth honors the end of slavery in the United States and is considered the longest-running African American holiday. On June 17, 2021, it officially became a federal holiday. The policy amendments specify that Juneteenth will be observed as a Board-approved holiday leave day.

SPECIFIC LEGAL AUTHORITY UNDER WHICH RULEMAKING IS AUTHORIZED: 1001.41 (1), (2), F.S.

LAWS IMPLEMENTED INTERPRETED OR MADE SPECIFIC: 1001.42(4)(g), (5); 1001.43(11); 1011.60(3)(d); 1012.66, (4), F.S.

IF REQUESTED, A HEARING WILL BE HELD DURING SCHOOL BOARD MEETING OF May 18, 2022, which begins at 1:00 p.m., in the School Board Auditorium, 1450 N.E. Second Avenue, Miami, Florida 33132. Persons requesting such a hearing or who wish to provide information regarding the statement of estimated regulatory costs, or to provide a proposal for a lower cost regulatory alternative as provided in Section 120.54(1), F.S., must do so in writing by May 10, 2022, to the Superintendent, Room 912, at the same address.

ANY PERSON WHO DECIDES TO APPEAL THE DECISION made by the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, with respect to this action will need to ensure the preparation of a verbatim record of the proceedings, including the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. (Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes)

COPIES OF THE PROPOSED NEW AND AMENDED POLICIES are available at cost to the public for inspection and copying in the Citizen Information Center, Room 102, 1450 N.E. Second Avenue, Miami, Florida 33132.



Book	Policy Manual
Section	May 18, 2022 - <u>Final</u> Reading
Title	SCHOOL CALENDARS
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Adopted	May 11, 2011

8210 - **SCHOOL CALENDARS**

The Board shall develop and approve the standard school year calendar according to the following requirements:

I. Holidays

- A. The following holidays **and holiday leave days** are incorporated into the standard year calendar: Labor Day, Veterans' Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, New Year's Day, Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday, All Presidents' Day, Memorial Day, **Juneteenth**, and Independence Day.

The actual designated days may vary from year to year depending upon Board action specifying alternate days for those listed above.

When any of these holidays, except Veterans' Day, falls on a Saturday or Sunday, either the preceding Friday or subsequent Monday may be designated as the school holiday.

- B. Holiday leave and recess periods are determined by the calendars adopted annually by the Board.
- C. Personnel are expressly requested to take into consideration **weather-related**~~weather-related~~ and other building-closing emergencies which could add additional days to the school calendar beyond those already scheduled. Personnel should avoid scheduling any activities requiring absence from duty immediately following the scheduled date of schools' closing

II. Summer School Standard Calendar

The days and hours per day of the summer sessions shall be established annually by the Board.

III. Exceptions to Standard School Year Calendars

- A. Exceptions to the standard school year calendars, such as **year-round**~~year-round~~ school, may be developed.

Such exceptions shall take into account all State and District requirements, holidays, and recess periods as specified in this policy.

- B. Exceptions to the standard school year calendars, such as **year-round**~~year-round~~ school, shall be approved by the Board.

Effective 7/1/11

Legal F.S. 1001.42, 1001.43, 1003.43, 1011.60, 1012.66