

Office of Service Quality

Proposed Professional Study Days for 2016-2017

- Thursday, September 1, 2016
- Thursday, October 6, 2016
- Thursday, November 3, 2016
- Thursday, December 1, 2016
- Thursday, January 19, 2017
- Thursday, February 2, 2017
- Thursday, March 2, 2017
- Thursday, April 6, 2017

Highlights from the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between The School Board of Broward County, Florida and The Broward Teachers Union:

- Continuing with the 2016-2017 school year, Broward County high schools may utilize any number of designated days, not to exceed (8), for additional professional study hours for the purpose of implementing school-wide plans to improve student achievement.
- Planning and collaborating are necessary components and require additional time for deep collegial conversations within authentic professional learning communities and professional development opportunities in order to meet the unique challenges faced by high schools.
- A minimum of fifty percent (50%) of the professional study hours shall be devoted to structured conversations using the protocol tools for professional learning communities. These conversations shall be centered on the Florida State Standards and/or the Bridges/Marzano Teaching Framework.
- It is the intent of both parties to strive to schedule professional study hours on the first Thursday of each calendar month.
- In order to establish the hours for up to eight (8) professional Study Days, each school must initiate and conduct a waiver vote.

Rationale for the selection of dates:

- Dates selected do not conflict with state testing dates in accordance with the FLDOE.
- No date was selected in August 2016 since there are five (5) preplanning days prior to the beginning of the 2016-2017 school year.
- As much as possible, Professional Study Days are not scheduled during weeks with another day off or a scheduled Early Release Day.

Explanation for Professional Study Days (PSD) proposed that are not scheduled on the first Thursday of the month for 2016-2017:

- The January PSD is scheduled for the third Thursday, January 19, 2017, because the first Thursday, January 5, 2017 is a day off and the second Thursday, January 12, 2017, is an Early Release Day.