

SUMMARY EXPLANATION AND BACKGROUND

Amended School Board of Broward County, Florida 2017-2018 School Calendar

District schools were closed for seven (7) days in preparation for and cleanup following Hurricane Irma (September 7-15, 2017). On Tuesday, September 19, 2017, Florida Education Commissioner Pam Stewart announced School Districts could waive two (2) of the closure days.

At the September 26, 2017 School Board Meeting, Superintendent Robert W. Runcie announced the recommendation to extend two (2) previously scheduled Early Release Days - October 19, 2017 and December 22, 2017 as make-up days for Hurricane Irma. As part of the approved 2017/18 School Year Calendar, these dates are currently included as hurricane makeup days.

Additionally, the amended school calendar requests the formal beginning of the Second Quarter be moved from Monday, October 23, 2017 to Monday, October 30, 2017 and the start of the Third Quarter move from Tuesday, January 9, 2018 to Tuesday, January 16, 2018. The amended 2017/2018 School Calendar – SYNOPSIS provides a complete outline of the recommended changes. The amended changes satisfies the bona fide instructional time requirements, pursuant to Section 1003.436(1), F.S., Definition of High School Credit.

The District's recommendation regarding the make-up days was made in consideration of students, families and staff commitments for vacation and holidays scheduled around the school year calendar. As a result, there are no changes to winter break and spring break or the last day of school. The proposed make-up days reflects input from employee group representatives, including Broward Teachers Union and other community stakeholders.