

**School Board of Broward County, Florida Proposed 2018-2019 School Calendar
December 5, 2017 Board Agenda**

CONTINUATION OF SUMMARY EXPLANATION AND BACKGROUND

At the October 24, 2017 School Board Workshop, staff outlined the Calendar Development Process, presented four (4) Proposed School/Personnel Calendar Options and requested Board feedback on a preferred option. All proposed calendar options considered feedback from various stakeholder groups including: District/Area Advisory, District Program Staff, Employee Bargaining Groups, School Administration, Student Representatives, and PTA. As a result of the Board Workshop, School Board Members recommended Proposed Calendar Option 1 be presented at a future School Board Meeting for Board approval.

Key highlights in support of Calendar Option 1 included:

- Serves as a viable option with a midweek (*Wednesday*) start;
- Midweek start will allow days for teachers and students to settle and organize;
- Students will have an opportunity to visit all of their classes (inclusive of Block Schedules) and have a fresh start on the following Monday; and
- Exams will occur prior to Winter Break.

In addition, the proposed 196 Day School/Personnel Calendar reflects six (6) paid holidays, ten (10) employee planning days and six (6) early release days. The first day of school for students is Wednesday, August 15, 2018 and the last day of school is Tuesday, June 4, 2019. Additional Calendar Highlights include:

- Semester Breakdown: 84 school days/96 school days;
- Election Day: Tuesday, November 6, 2018;
- Thanksgiving Break: Wednesday, November 21, 2018 through Friday, November 23, 2018;
- Winter Break: Monday, December 24, 2018 through Friday, January 4, 2019; and
- Spring Break: Monday, March 25, 2019 through Friday, March 29, 2019.

The proposed calendar option satisfies the bona fide instructional time requirements, pursuant to Section 1003.436(1), F.S., Definition of High School Credit.

Following Board approval of the 2018-2019 School/Personnel Calendar, staff, in conjunction with the Calendar Committee, will develop the corresponding 2018-2019 Personnel Calendars and Summer Term Calendars for Community Schools and Technical Colleges. It is anticipated these calendars will be presented for Board approval in March 2018. The Year Round Calendar will sunset at the end of the 2017-2018 School Year.