

## CONTINUATION OF SUMMARY EXPLANATION AND BACKGROUND

On December 18, 2018, The School Board of Broward County, Florida approved the 196 Day School/Personnel Calendar for the 2019-2020 School Year.

In support of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas Commemoration, the Commemoration Planning Committee continues to work very closely with various stakeholder groups including the City of Parkland, Broward Teachers Union (BTU), HandsOn Broward, Dr. David J. Schonfeld, Director, National Center for School Crisis and Bereavement and the District's Recovery Team. In preparation for the upcoming commemorative activities, the MSD Planning Committee is requesting the School Board of Broward County, Florida move the *Early Release Day* scheduled for Thursday, February 20, 2020 to Friday, February 14, 2020.

As we approach the two-year commemoration of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas (MSD) tragedy, Broward County Public Schools (BCPS) is committed to continuing to provide support to our students, staff, families and communities. Broward County Public Schools has adopted the idea of engaging in *A Day of Service and Love*.

Benefits of Engaging in Service are:

- Builds awareness, engagement and connections during difficult times;
- Creates significant reflection and service opportunities;
- Raises visibility of needs within our community;
- Grows network and support of community partners;
- Connects communities with information, resources and opportunities to get involved in ongoing service; and
- Encourages stronger civic engagement and bringing us all closer.

Memorial and commemorative activities can be helpful to students and staff. Students and their parents depend on schools to help their students understand and deal with important events in their lives and communities. By actively planning and taking part in a memorial and commemoration events as part of the school community, children have some control over how they will remember the event and the impact it has had on them and their community.

Additionally, with the approval of the *Early Release* move, from Thursday, February 20, 2020 to Friday, February 14, 2020, the Hurricane Make-Up Day scheduled for Thursday, February 20, 2020 will be removed from the following calendars:

- 2019-2020 196 Day School/Personnel
- 2019-2020 School Calendar Synopsis
- School & Administrative Offices Calendar for 2019-2020 School Year
- 2019-2020 Calendar for 208 (A-D) Day Personnel