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DISTRICT RELEASES NEW SCHOOL CALENDAR PROPOSAL FOR THE 2007-2008 SCHOOL YEAR

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(Bradenton, FL. – February 2, 2007) The next school year would begin on August 20, 2007 and end on June 5, 2008, according to a new calendar proposed by Manatee County School District officials. The proposed calendar reflects a change in Florida law which states schools can start no earlier than 14 days before Labor Day.

The Manatee County School Board will be asked to approve the new calendar in the near future. Members of the public who wish to provide thoughts or input about the new calendar prior to its approval should contact Dr. Lyn Boyer at BoyerL@ManateeSchools.Net, or call 708-8770, ext. 2072.

Significant dates in the proposed calendar include:

School begins – August 20, 2007

Thanksgiving – November 21-23 (November 21st is a hurricane make-up day if needed)

Winter Break – December 22, 2007 through January 8, 2008

FCAT test dates – March 12-26

Spring Break – April 5-13

School ends – June 5, 2008

The current school year started on August 7, 2006 and concludes on May 24, 2007. The earlier start date was scheduled in accordance with previous school years so that students and teachers could complete exams and finish the first semester prior to the Winter Break.

With the change in the law, the new calendar proposal calls for the first semester to end in January next year. The proposed calendar provides for first semester exams in December at the request of the district's secondary principals and members of the district's calendar committee, which were convened to make recommendations for the new calendar.

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