Office of Service Quality

**Professional Study Days for 2017-2018**

**• Thursday, October 5, 2017**

**• Thursday, November 2, 2017**

**• Thursday, December 7, 2017**

**• Thursday, January 11, 2018**

**• Thursday, February 1, 2018**

**• Thursday, March 1, 2018**

**• Thursday, April 5, 2018**

**• Thursday, May 3, 2018**

**Highlights from the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between**

**The School Board of Broward County, Florida and The Broward Teachers Union:**

• Continuing with the 2017-2018 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 2017 since there are five (5) preplanning days prior to the

 beginning of the 2017 - 2018 school year.

• Three professional study days have been scheduled for the first semester and five have

 been scheduled for the second semester because there are fewer days in the first semester.

• 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 2017-2018:**

• The January PSD is scheduled for the second Thursday, January 11, 2017, because the first

 Thursday, January 4, 2017 is a day off during Winter Break.