**MANATEE DISTRICT SEEKS INPUT ON**

**PROPOSED CALENDARS FOR 2016-2017 & 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEARS**

 **(Bradenton, FL. –)** The School District of Manatee County is seeking public feedback on draft calendars for the 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 school years.

In accordance with school district policy; notices and copies of the draft calendars are being sent to local newspapers and other media, the teachers’ union, and to each school in the district with information about how to provide input. Information about the proposed calendars is also posted on the front page of the district’s website under “Hot Topics.” You can visit the website at [www.manateeschools.net](http://www.manateeschools.net)

Students, parents, district employees and the general public are invited to provide input regarding the proposed calendar. Input can be sent via email to: calendar@manateeschools.net Paul Hockenbury, the Manatee District’s Coordinator of Leadership Development, can also be called at (941) 751-6550, ext. 2315. All input will be collected and forwarded to Superintendent Diana Greene.

 Details for each of the proposed calendars can be found below:

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| **2016-2017** | **2017-2018** |
| Students Start: Wednesday, August 10, 2016 | Students Start: Thursday, August 10, 2017 |
| Thanksgiving: Schools closed for full week | Thanksgiving: Schools closed for full week |
| First Semester Ends: Wednesday, December 21, 2016 | First Semester Ends: Wednesday, December 20, 2017 |
| Students return from winter break January 9, 2017 | Students return from winter break January 8, 2018 |
| Spring Break: March 20-24, 2017 | Spring Break: March 26-30, 2018 |
| School closed for Good Friday | Schools closed for Good Friday |
| Students Last Day: Wednesday, May 31, 2017 | Students Last Day: Wednesday, May 30, 2018 |

The Draft Academic School Calendars will be presented to the School Board for their consideration and approval at a future meeting. Advanced notice of that meeting date and time will be provided to media outlets and the public.