

# Office of Service Quality

## Professional Study Days for 2019-2020

- Thursday, September 12, 2019
- Thursday, October 3, 2019
- Thursday, November 7, 2019
- Thursday, December 5, 2019
- Thursday, January 16, 2020
- Thursday, February 6, 2020
- Thursday, March 5, 2020
- Thursday, April 2, 2020

### Highlights from the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between The School Board of Broward County, Florida and The Broward Teachers Union:

- Continuing with the 2019-2020 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 teacher instructional strategies/practices.
- 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 were presented to the District Calendar Committee for review.
- No date was selected in August 2019 since there are five (5) preplanning days prior to the beginning of the 2019 - 2020 school year.
- Four professional study days have been scheduled for the first semester and four have been scheduled for the second semester.
- Professional Study Days are not scheduled during weeks with another day off or a scheduled Early Release Day.