

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY

PROPOSED 2019-20 HCPS CALENDAR

**October 8, 2018
December 17, 2018**

Background Information:

Each year, the Board of Education of Harford County appoints a Calendar Committee to make recommendations for the “out year” Harford County Public Schools calendar. The 31-person committee – composed of representatives from the community and the school system – is charged with recommending a proposed calendar for the current school year. The committee meets and attempts to reach consensus on the proposed “out year” calendar during the month of September. The proposal is forwarded to the Superintendent who reviews it and makes a recommendation to the Board to adopt the calendar as proposed by the committee or with suggested changes. The Board receives the Superintendent’s proposal at a public business meeting, holds the proposal over for at least 60 days to allow for public comment (the proposed calendar is placed on the HCPS website), and then votes to adopt a calendar for the “out year” at a subsequent meeting.

Discussion:

This year, the membership of the 2019-20 Calendar Committee (roster attached) was approved by the Board of Education at its August meeting. The committee met on September 24, 2018, and reached consensus on a proposal for the Superintendent’s review. The 180-day student/190-day teacher calendar (grid attached) contains the following features:

- New teachers report on Tuesday, August 20, 2019.
- Returning teachers report on Thursday, August 22, 2019.
- School begins for students (K through grade 12) on Tuesday, September 3, 2019.
- School begins for pre-kindergarten students on Thursday, September 5, 2019.
- Schools and offices are closed for one-day holidays on:
 - Monday, September 2, 2019 (Labor Day)
 - Monday, September 30, 2019 (Rosh Hashanah)
 - Wednesday, October 9, 2019 (Yom Kippur)
 - Monday, January 20, 2020 (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day)
 - Monday, February 17, 2020 (Presidents Day)
 - Monday, May 25, 2020 (Memorial Day)
- Schools are closed for one day on Friday, October 18, 2019 (MSEA Day).
- Schools and offices are closed for Thanksgiving break Thursday, November 28, and Friday, November 29, 2019, with an early dismissal for schools and offices on Wednesday, November 27, 2019.
- Schools are closed for winter break from Monday, December 23, 2019, through Wednesday, January 1, 2020, with an early dismissal on Friday, December 20, 2019.

- Schools are closed for spring break Friday, April 10 through Monday, April 13, with an early dismissal for schools on Thursday, April 9, 2020. Offices are closed on Friday, April 10, 2020.
- Schools and offices are closed for one day on Tuesday, April 28, 2020 (elections).
- Staff Professional Development will be held before the start of school on Thursday, August 22, through Friday, August 30, 2019. It will also occur on Monday, November 4, 2019, on early dismissal days throughout the school year and two days after the last day of school.
- Three-hour early dismissal days for all schools are scheduled for Friday, September 27, Thursday, October 17; Friday, November 1; Wednesday, November 27; Friday, December 13; Friday, December 20; Friday, January 17; Friday, February 14; Friday, March 27; and Thursday, April 9.

With no inclement weather makeup days utilized:

- The last day for pre-kindergarten students is Thursday, June 4, 2020.
- The 180th student day for those in kindergarten through 11th grade is Monday, June 8, 2020.
- The 190th teacher day is Wednesday, June 10, 2020.

NOTE: The Calendar Committee designed the calendar planning for the last day of school in order to allow for inclement weather make-up days. If all inclement weather makeup days are utilized, Friday, June 19, 2020, is the last student day. The last teacher day is Tuesday, June 23, 2020.

- There are nine inclement weather makeup days built into the calendar. They are scheduled for Tuesday, June 9; Wednesday, June 10; Thursday, June 11; and Friday, June 12; Monday, June 15; Tuesday, June 16; Wednesday, June 17; Thursday, June 18; and Friday, June 19, 2020.
- Staff Professional Development makeup days are scheduled for Monday, June 22, 2020, and Tuesday, June 23, 2020.

Superintendent's Recommendation:

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the proposed 2019-2020 school calendar as presented by the Calendar Committee.

Harford County Public Schools
2019-2020 Calendar Committee Members

Board Liaison

Laura Runyeon, *Vice President, Board of Education*

Nancy Reynolds, *Elected Board Member*

Harford County Regional Association of Student Councils

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Joseph Schmitz

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Supervisor of Accountability

Phillip Snyder

Supervisor of Equity & Cultural Proficiency

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Jacqueline Tarbert

Transportation Representative

Danielle Bedsaul

Elementary School Principals

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Brad Stinar, *Hickory Elementary School*

Secondary School Principals

Anthony Bess, *Fallston Middle School*

Michael Thatcher, *C. Milton Wright High School*

Harford County Public Schools
2019-2020 Calendar Committee Members

Harford County Parent Teacher Association (PTA) Representatives

Shoshannah Harvey, *Meadowvale Elementary School PTA, Havre de Grace Middle School PTSA*
Jane Kearney, *Forest Lakes Elementary School PTA*
Sandra Monaco, *North Harford Middle School PTSA, Harford County Council PTA*

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Harford County Education Association

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Harford County Educational Services Council

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