

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY

PROPOSED 2020-2021 HCPS CALENDAR

October 14, 2019
November 18, 2019

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 33-person committee – composed of representatives from the community and the school system – is charged with recommending a proposed calendar for the upcoming 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.

This year, a presentation on public input received to date will occur at a public business meeting. This presentation will allow Board members the opportunity to discuss public comment received to date before voting to adopt a calendar.

Discussion:

This year, the membership of the 2020-21 Calendar Committee (roster attached) was approved by the Board of Education at its August meeting. The committee met on September 9, 2019 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 Monday, August 24, 2020.
- Returning teachers report on Wednesday, August 26, 2020.
- School begins for students (K through grade 12) on Tuesday, September 1, 2020.
- School begins for pre-kindergarten students on Thursday, September 3, 2020.
- Schools and offices are closed for one-day holidays on:
 - Monday, September 7, 2020 (Labor Day)
 - Monday, September 28, 2020 (Yom Kippur)
 - Wednesday, November 11, 2020 (Veterans Day)
 - Monday, January 18, 2021 (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day)
 - Monday, February 15, 2021 (Presidents Day)
 - Monday, May 31, 2021 (Memorial Day)
- Schools and offices are closed for one day on Tuesday, November 3, 2020 (Election Day).

- Schools and offices are closed for Thanksgiving break Thursday, November 26, and Friday, November 27, 2020, with an early dismissal for schools and offices on Wednesday, November 25, 2020.
- Schools are closed for winter break from Thursday, December 24, 2020, through Friday, January 1, 2021, with an early dismissal for schools and offices on Wednesday, December 23, 2020.
- Schools and offices are closed for spring break Friday, April 2 through Monday, April 5, 2021, with an early dismissal for schools and offices on Thursday, April 1, 2021.
- Staff Professional Development will be held before the start of school on Wednesday, August 26, through Monday, August 31, 2020. It will also occur on Friday, October 16; Monday, November 2; Friday, March 5; Tuesday, April 6; 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 25, Thursday, October 15; Friday, January 15; Friday, February 12; Thursday, March 4; and Friday, May 21.
- Three-hour early dismissal days for all schools and offices are scheduled for Wednesday, November 25; Wednesday, December 23; and Thursday, April 1.

With no inclement weather makeup days utilized:

- The last day for pre-kindergarten students is Monday, June 7, 2021.
- The 180th student day for those in kindergarten through 11th grade is Wednesday, June 9, 2021.
- The 190th teacher day is Friday, June 11, 2021.
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 18, 2021, is the last student day. The last teacher day is Tuesday, June 22, 2021.
- There are seven inclement weather makeup days built into the calendar. They are scheduled for Thursday, June 10; Friday, June 11; Monday, June 14; Tuesday, June 15; Wednesday, June 16; Thursday, June 17; and Friday, June 18, 2021.
- Staff Professional Development makeup days are scheduled for Monday, June 21, 2021, and Tuesday, June 22, 2021.

Superintendent's Recommendation:

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the proposed 2020-2021 school calendar as presented by the Calendar Committee.

Harford County Public Schools
2020-2021 Calendar Committee Members

Board Liaison

Rachel Gauthier, *Vice President, Board of Education*
Patrice Ricciardi, *Appointed Board Member*

Harford County Regional Association of Student Councils

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Supervisor of Equity & Cultural Proficiency

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Coordinator of Leadership and Professional Development

Jacqueline Tarbert

Transportation Representative

Danielle Bedsaul

Elementary School Principals

Alberta Porter, *Darlington Elementary School*
Christopher Yancone, *Riverside Elementary School*

Secondary School Principals

James Johnson, *Havre de Grace Middle School*
Bryan Pawlicki, *North Harford High School*

Harford County Public Schools
2020-2021 Calendar Committee Members

Harford County Parent Teacher Association (PTA) Representatives

Renee DeBiase, *Harford County Council PTA President*
Kim Brayman, *Joppatowne Elementary School PTA*
Shoshannah Harvey, *Havre de Grace Middle School PTA*
Heather Johnson, *Fallston High School PTA*

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Harford County Educational Services Council

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Carrie Patrick, *Open Door*
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Lisa Moreno, *Y of Central Maryland*

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Pastor Carol Taylor, *Word of Faith International Outreach*