

# UPDATED Timeline for 2020-2021 HCPS Calendar

September 9, 2019

Calendar Committee Meeting

- Establish proposed calendar

October 14, 2019

Proposed Calendar Presentation to Board of Education

- Allow 60 days for public comment (ending December 13, 2019)

November 18, 2019

Board of Education Discussion on 2020-2021 Calendar Public Comment

December 16, 2019

Board of Education Final Decision on 2020-2021 Calendar



## School Calendar Requirements

- Schools must be open for **180 days for students**
- Schools must be open for **190 days for teachers**
- Board Policy - **Minimum of 6 inclement weather days** included
- Professional Development Best Practices
  - 3 or more PD days before the start of school
  - 2 additional PD days for new teachers before the start of school
  - 10 PD days **total** during the school year
  - Elementary conferences/ PD day scheduled for end of 1<sup>st</sup> quarter
  - 8-10 Early Dismissal days to allow for continued PD in the school year

## School Calendar Requirements

- Official Holidays per Negotiated Agreements

- Labor Day

- Primary & General Election Days

- Thanksgiving Day & Thanksgiving Friday

- Christmas Eve & Christmas Day

- New Year's Day

- Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday

- President's Day

- Good Friday & Easter Monday

- Memorial Day

- Board Closures

- Rosh Hashanah

- Yom Kippur

- MSEA Convention Day

- Veteran's Day

\*Reminder:

The calendar needs to designate four quarters,  
with an approximate number of equal days per quarter.

**Pre-Labor Day Start** *(Recommended by Calendar Committee)*

- First day for students: September 1, 2020
- Last day for students: June 18, 2021 (with 7 inclement weather days)
- Last day for students: June 9, 2021 (if NO inclement weather days utilized)
- Number of days schools closed for students: 22 days

**Post-Labor Day Start** *(maintaining committee recommendations)*

- First day for students: September 8, 2020
- Last day for students: June 24, 2021 (with 7 inclement weather days)
- Last day for students: June 15, 2021 (if NO inclement weather days utilized)
- Number of days schools closed for students: 21 days

# Public Comment on Proposed 2020-2021 HCPS School Calendar

## 2019-2020 School Calendar

- 55 comments received via the official Public Input tool on the website at the conclusion of 60 days of public comment
- Facebook- 145 interactions

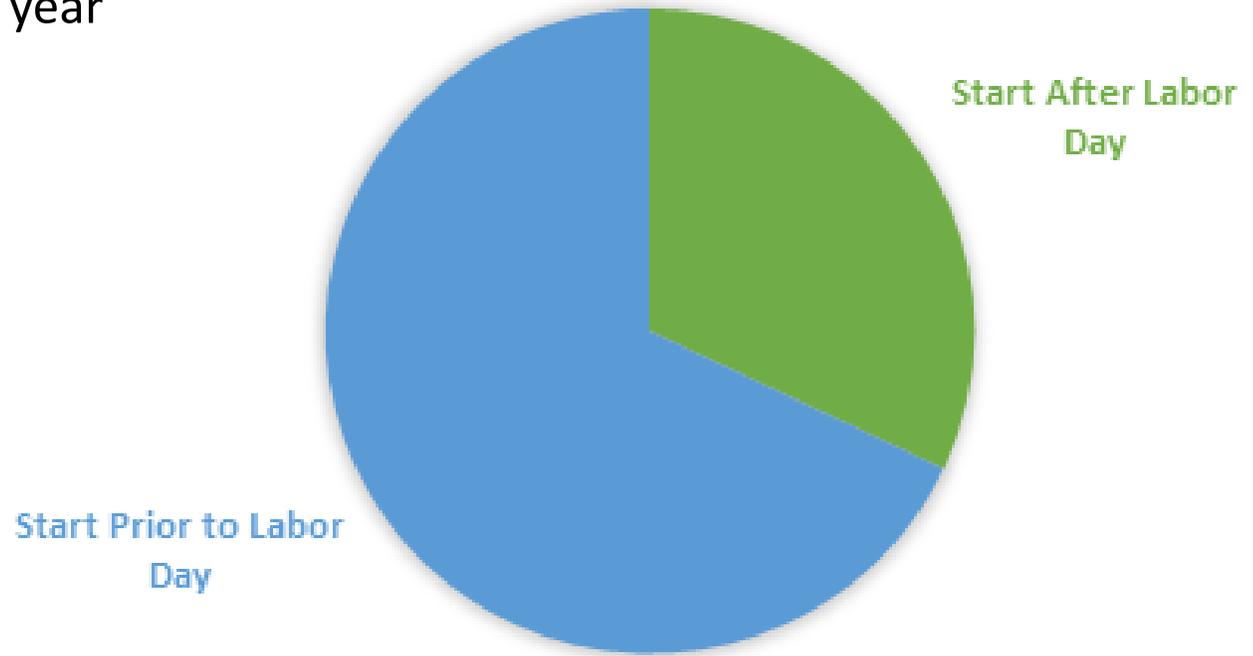
## 2020-2021 School Calendar

- 490 comments received via the official Public Input tool on the website as of Friday, November 8, 2019 *(25 days remaining for public input)*
- Facebook- over 350 interactions

# Public Comment: School Year Start Date

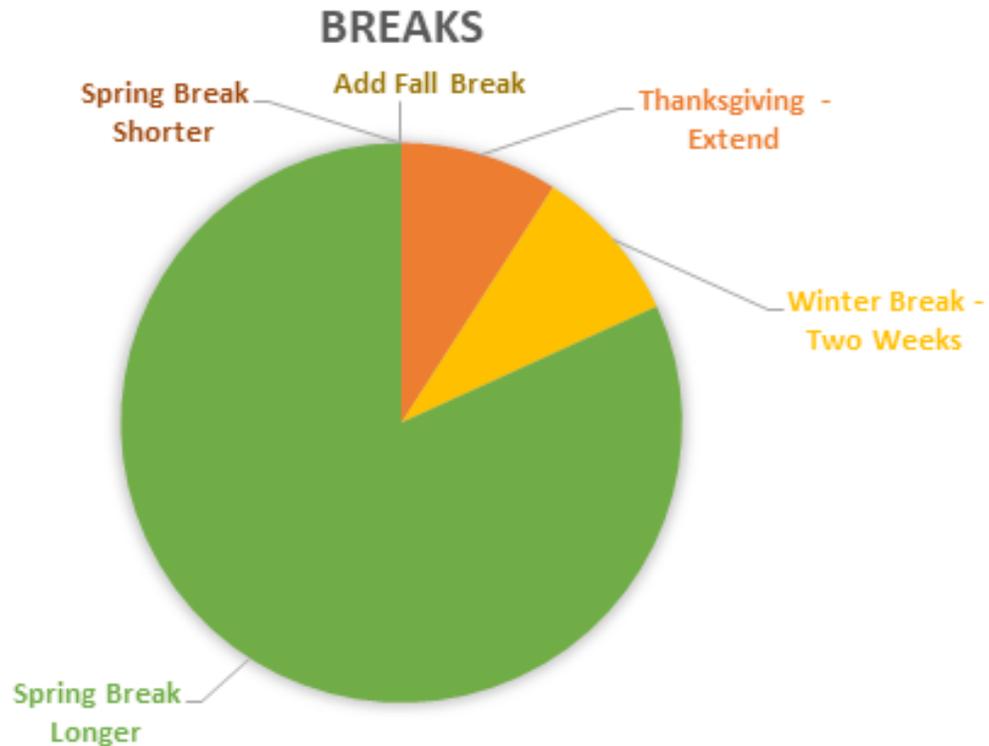
- Pre vs Post Labor Day Start
  - Of 419 Public Input Comments:
    - 287 for Pre-Labor Day start this year
    - 132 for Post-Labor Day start

2020-2021 HCPS SCHOOL START DATE -  
PUBLIC INPUT

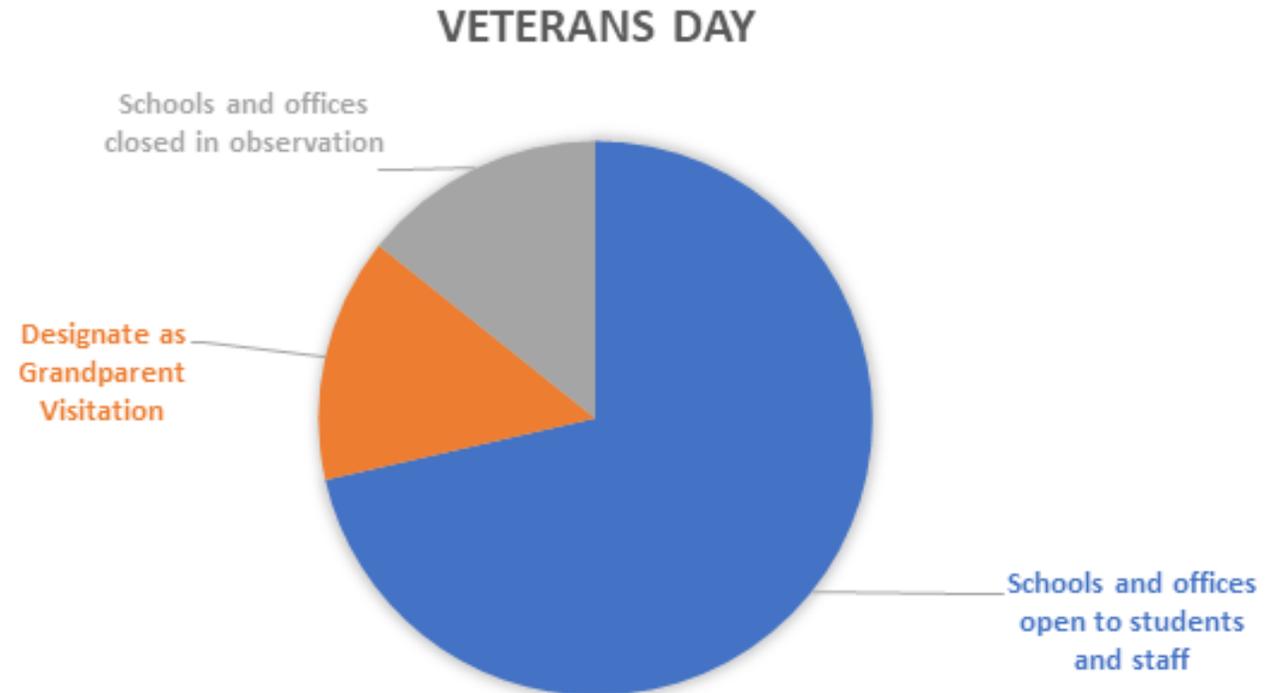


# Public Comment: Holidays/"Breaks"

- Of 57 Public Input Comments on "Breaks:"
  - 44 requested a longer Spring Break
  - 2 requested a shorter Spring Break
  - 7 requested a longer Winter Holiday
  - 3 requested a longer Thanksgiving
  - 1 requested an additional "Fall" Break

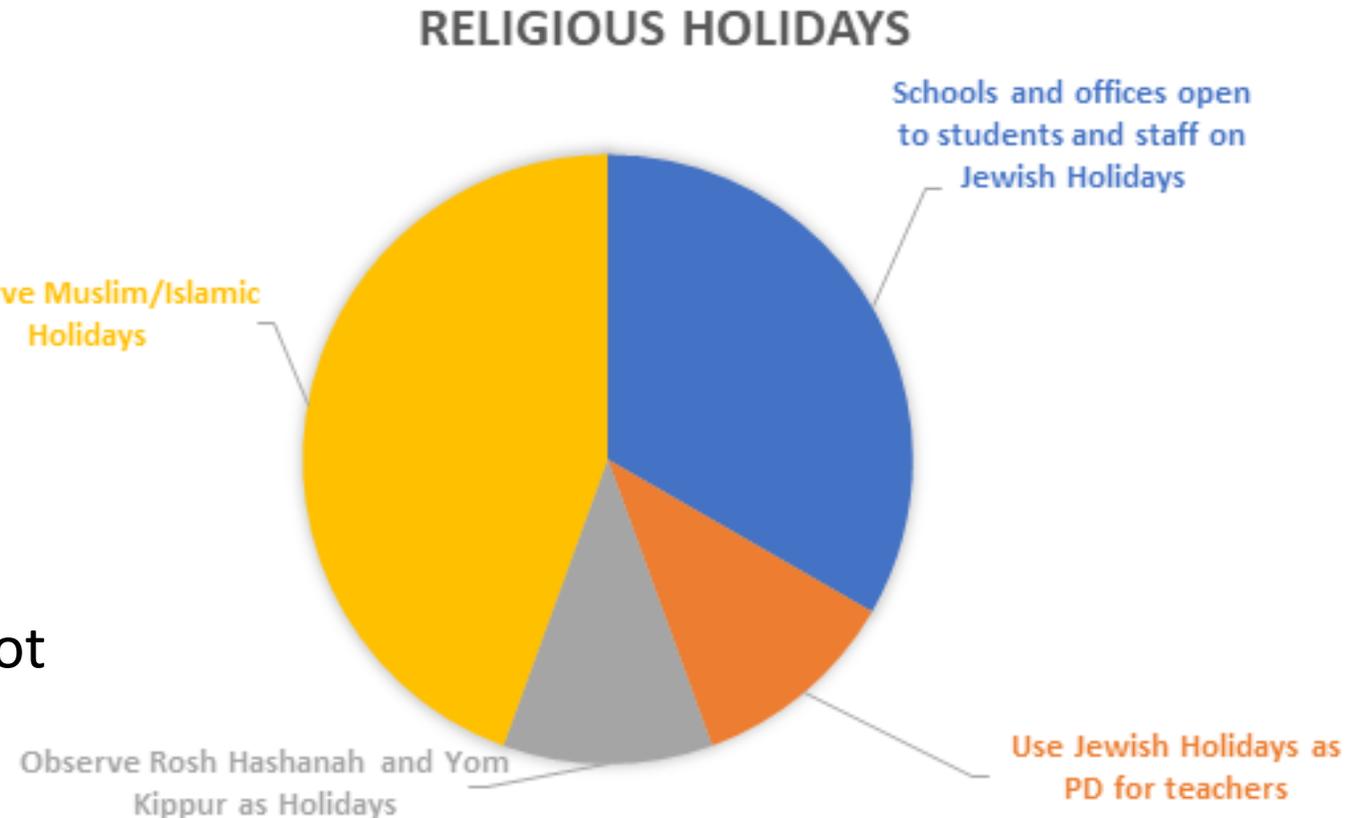


- Of 28 Public Input Comments on Veteran's Day:
  - 26 requested schools be open to students and staff
  - 1 requested it be designated "Grandparent" visitation
  - 1 requested schools and offices be closed in observation



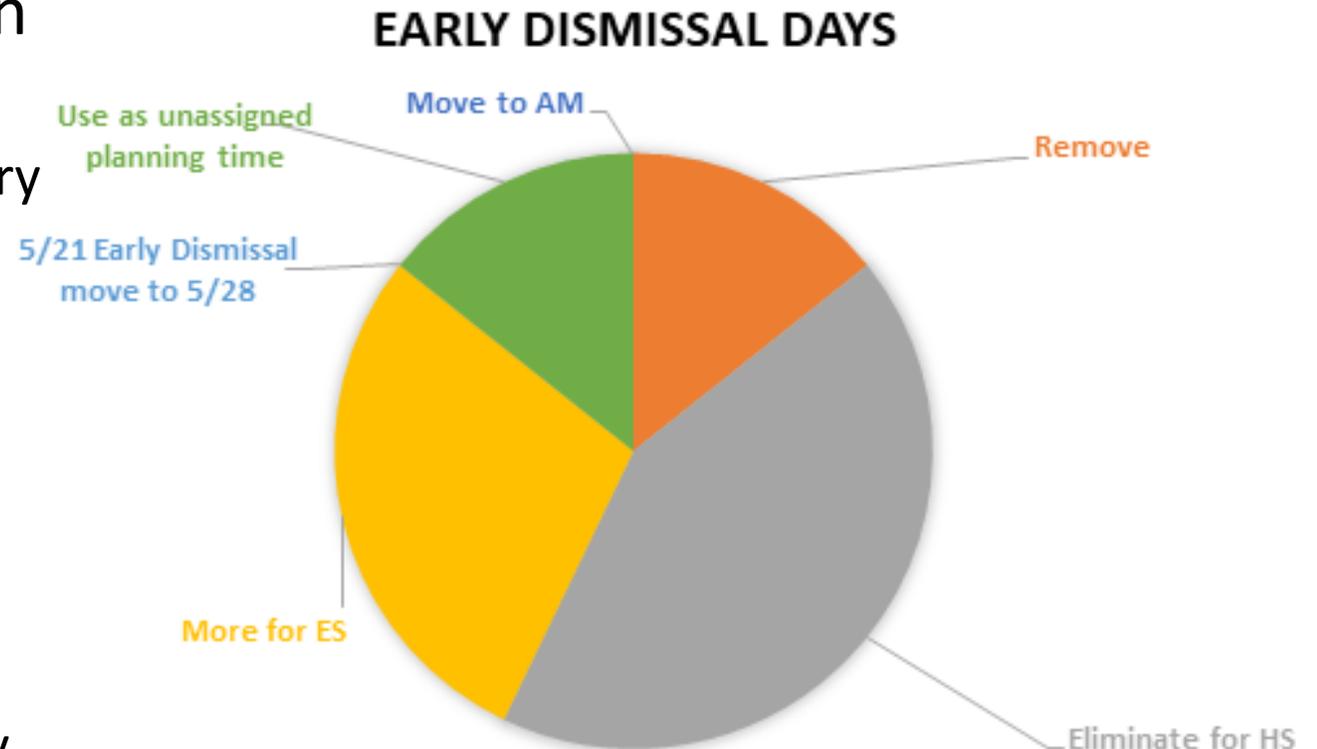
# Public Comment: Religious Holidays

- Of 45 Public Input Comments on Religious Holidays
  - 19 requested observation of Muslim/Islamic Holidays
  - 17 requested schools and offices be open to students and staff on Jewish Holidays
  - 6 requested Jewish Holidays be used for staff professional development (not open to students)
  - 3 requested schools and offices continue to be closed to students and staff on Jewish Holidays



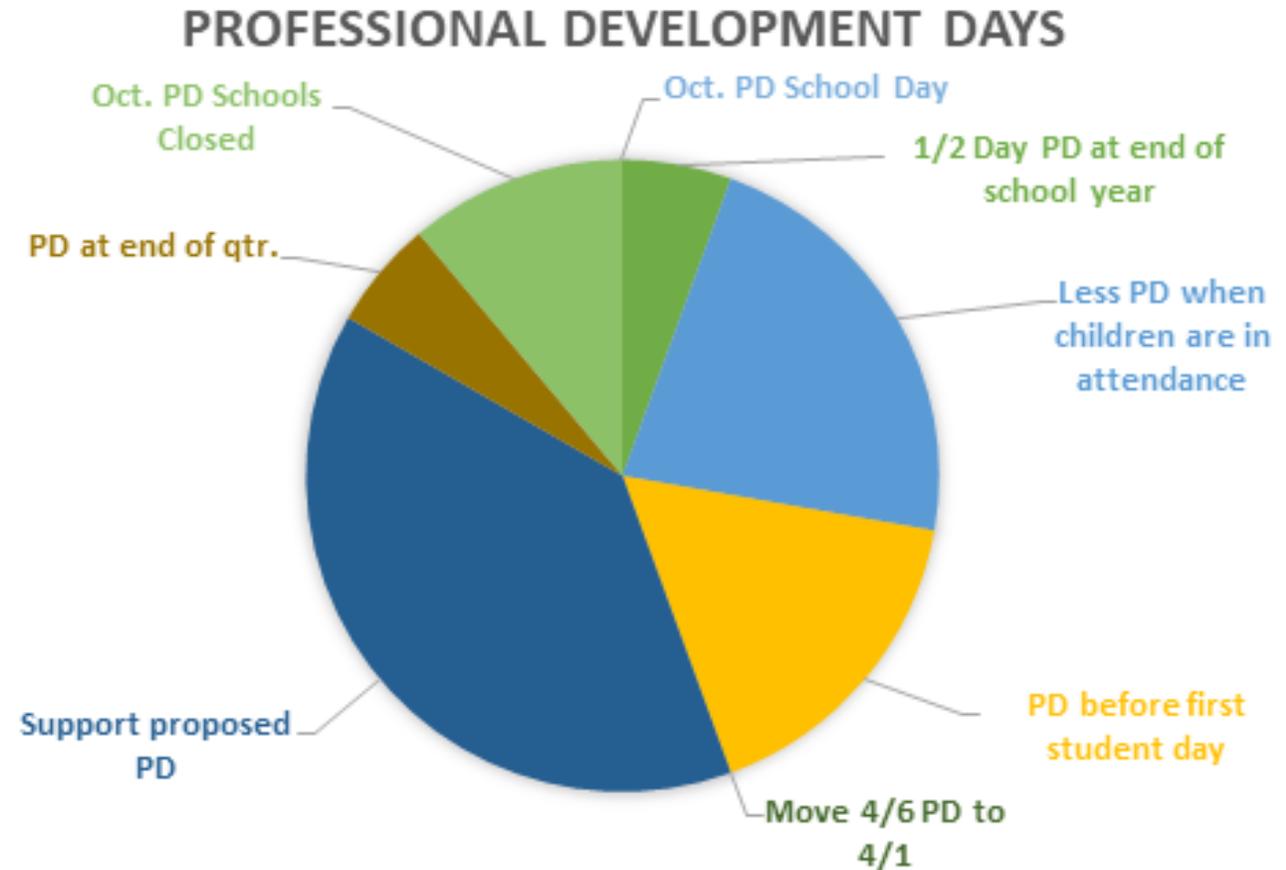
# Public Comment: Early Dismissals

- Of 32 Public Input Comments on Early Dismissals
  - 7 requested additional for elementary
  - 15 requested elimination for high
  - 3 requested they be used for unassigned planning
  - 2 requested to move the May 21 early dismissal to May 28
  - 3 requested to remove all early dismissals
  - 1 requested to make them late entry (PD in the morning)



# Public Comment: Professional Development

- Of 92 Public Input Comments on Professional Development:
  - 22 requested less during the school year
  - 34 supported the proposed days *throughout* the SY
  - 14 requested days be moved from within SY to beginning of SY
  - 5 requested early dismissals on the last 3 days of school to allow ½ day PD and eliminate full day PD at the end of the SY



# Public Comment: Inclement Weather

- Of 17 Public Input Comments on Inclement Weather
  - 9 requested students make up work electronically
  - 6 requested PD and President's Day be used as make-up days
  - 2 requested we don't make up inclement weather days

MAKE-UP INCLEMENT WEATHER DAYS

