

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY

PROPOSED 2021-2022 HCPS CALENDAR

September 21, 2020

December 21, 2020

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 37-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 August. 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) which the calendar committee utilizes to present the calendar as proposed or with suggested changes, and then the Board votes to adopt a calendar for the “out year” at a subsequent meeting.

Discussion:

This year, the membership of the 2021-22 Calendar Committee (roster attached) was approved by the Board of Education at its August meeting. The committee met virtually on August 19, 2020, and reached consensus on a proposal for the Superintendent’s review. The proposed calendar was presented during the Board of Education Business Meeting on September 21, 2020. Following the meeting, the proposed calendar was posted on the hcps.org website for 60 days of public comment. On December 2, 2020, the Calendar Committee met for an additional virtual meeting, to discuss feedback from the public and finalize the proposed 2021-2022 school calendar.

The 180-day student/190-day teacher calendar (grid attached) contains the following features:

- New teachers report on Thursday, August 26, 2021.
- Returning teachers report on Monday, August 30, 2021.
- School begins for students (K through grade 12) on Wednesday, September 8, 2021.
- School begins for pre-kindergarten students on Friday, September 10, 2021.
- Schools and offices are closed for one-day holidays on:
 - Monday, September 6, 2021 (Labor Day)
 - Tuesday, September 7, 2021 (Rosh Hashanah)
 - Thursday, September 16, 2021 (Yom Kippur)
 - Monday, January 17, 2022 (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day)
 - Monday, February 21, 2022 (Presidents Day)
 - Monday, May 30, 2022 (Memorial Day)
- Schools and offices are closed for Thanksgiving break Thursday, November 25, and Friday, November 26, 2021, with an early dismissal for schools and offices on Wednesday, November 24, 2021.
- Schools are closed for winter break from Friday, December 24, 2021, through Friday, December 31, 2021, with an early dismissal for schools and offices on Thursday, December 23, 2021.
- Schools and offices are closed for spring break on Friday, April 15 through Monday, April 18, 2022, with an early dismissal for schools on Wednesday, April 13, 2022.

- Staff Professional Development will be held before the start of school on Monday, August 30, through Friday, September 3, 2021. It will also occur on Friday, October 15; Friday, November 12; Thursday, April 14; Tuesday, April 19, 2022; on early dismissal days throughout the school year and one day after the last day of school.
- Three-hour early dismissal days for all schools are scheduled for Thursday, October 14; Friday, November 5; Friday, January 14; Friday, February 18; Friday, March 18; Wednesday, April 13; and Friday, May 27.
- Three-hour early dismissal days for all schools and offices are scheduled for Thursday, November 11 (in observance of Veterans Day); Wednesday, November 24; and Thursday, December 23.

With no inclement weather makeup days utilized:

- The last day for pre-kindergarten students is Wednesday, June 8, 2022.
 - The 180th student day for those in kindergarten through 11th grade is Friday, June 10, 2022.
 - The 190th teacher day is Monday, June 13, 2022.
- 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, Monday, June 20, 2022, is the last student day. The last teacher day is Tuesday, June 21, 2022.
- There are six inclement weather makeup days built into the calendar. They are scheduled for Monday, June 13; Tuesday, June 14; Wednesday, June 15; Thursday, June 16; Friday, June 17; and Monday, June 20, 2022.
 - A Staff Professional Development makeup day is scheduled for Tuesday, June 21, 2022.

Superintendent's Recommendation:

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the proposed 2021-2022 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*
Carol Mueller, *Appointed Board Member*

Harford County Regional Association of Student Councils

Phoebe Bailey, *Student Member, Board of Education*

Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources

Jean Mantegna

Assistant Superintendent for Operations

Cornell Brown

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Secondary School Instruction and Performance

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Colin Carr, *Director*

Executive Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment

Susan Brown
Darlene Amos, *Administrative Support Coordinator*

Supervisor of Accountability

Phillip Snyder

Manager of Equity & Cultural Proficiency

Paula Stanton

Director of Organizational Development and Continuous Learning

Jacqueline Tarbert

HCPS Teacher of the Year

Elizabeth White, *Harford Technical High School*

Elementary School Principals

Randy Geyer, *John Archer School*
Lisa Minutoli, *Churchville Elementary School*

Secondary School Principals

Chas Hagan, *Southampton Middle School*
Jim Reynolds, *Havre de Grace High School*

Harford County Public Schools
2021-2022 Calendar Committee Members

Harford County Parent Teacher Association (PTA) Representatives

Renee DeBiase, *Harford County Council PTA President,*
Edgewood High School, Fallston Middle School, Forest Lakes Elementary School
Kate Bradshaw, *Red Pump Elementary School*
Ryan Blosser, *North Harford High School*
Renee Stratton, *Havre de Grace Elementary School*

American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees

Deborah Tell

**Association of Harford County Administrative, Technical & Supervisory Professionals/
Transportation Representative**

Danielle Bedsaul

Association of Public School Administrators & Supervisors of Harford County

Stacey Gerring

Harford County Education Association/ Harford County Educational Services Council

Chrystie Crawford-Smick

Special Education Citizens Advisory Committee

Jeanne Erdley, *Chairperson*

Aberdeen Proving Ground

Stacie Umbarger, *School Liaison Officer*

Business Community

Kim Hyde, *Har-co Credit Union*

Day Care Providers

Christina Gleason, *Hot Spot*
Alexis Woolford, *Hot Spot*
Anita Hilson, *Open Door*
Dana Ashley, *Y of Central Maryland*

Religious Organizations

Rabbi Kushi Schusterman, *Harford Chabad*
Pastor Carol Taylor, *Word of Faith International Outreach*

Agricultural Community

Janet Archer, *Fawn View Manor Farm*
Robert Tibbs, *Shadow Springs Farm*