

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY

PROPOSED 2023-2024 HCPS CALENDAR

September 19, 2022

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 35-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.

Discussion:

This year, the membership of the 2023-24 Calendar Committee (roster attached) was approved by the Board of Education at its August meeting. The committee met on September 8, 2022 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 Thursday, August 17, 2023.
- Returning teachers report on Monday, August 21, 2023.
- School begins for students (K through grade 12) on Monday, August 28, 2023.
- School begins for pre-kindergarten students on Wednesday, August 30, 2023.
- Schools and offices are closed for one-day holidays on:
 - Monday, September 4, 2023 (Labor Day)
 - Friday, September 15, 2023 (Rosh Hashanah)
 - Monday, September 25, 2023 (Yom Kippur)
 - Monday, January 15, 2024 (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day)
 - Monday, February 19, 2024 (Presidents Day)
 - Monday, May 27, 2024 (Memorial Day)
- Schools and offices are closed for Thanksgiving break Thursday, November 23, and Friday, November 24, 2023, with an early dismissal for schools and offices on Wednesday, November 22, 2023.
- Schools are closed for winter break from Monday, December 25, 2023, through Monday, January 1, 2024, with an early dismissal for schools and offices on Friday, December 22, 2023.
- Schools and offices are closed for spring break Wednesday, March 27 through Monday, April 1, 2024.
- Staff Professional Development will be held before the start of school on Monday, August 21, through Friday, August 25, 2023. It will also occur on Friday, October 20; Friday, November 3; Monday, March 25; Tuesday, March 26, and 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 Friday, September 22, Thursday, October 19; Friday, December 8, Friday, January 12; Friday, January 26, Friday, February 16; Friday, March 22; Friday, May 3, Friday, May 24, and Tuesday, June 4.
- Three-hour early dismissal days for all schools and offices are scheduled for Friday, November 10, Wednesday, November 22, Friday, December 22.

With no inclement weather makeup days utilized:

- The last day for pre-kindergarten students is Friday, May 31, 2024.
- The 180th student day for those in kindergarten through 11th grade is day, Tuesday, June 4, 2024.
- The 190th teacher day is Wednesday, June 5, 2024.

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, Wednesday, June 12, 2024, is the last student day. The last teacher day is Thursday, June 13, 2024.

- There are six inclement weather makeup days built into the calendar. They are scheduled for Wednesday, June 5; Thursday, June 6; Friday, June 7; Monday, June 10; Tuesday, June 11; and Wednesday, June 12, 2024.
- Staff Professional Development makeup days are scheduled for Thursday, June 13, 2024.

Superintendent's Recommendation:

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the proposed 2023-2024 school calendar as presented by the Calendar Committee.

Harford County Public Schools 2023-2024 Calendar Committee Members

Board Liaison

Rachel Gauthier, President, Board of Education
David Bauer, Elected Board Member
Ariane Kelly, Appointed Board Member

Harford County Regional Association of Student Councils

Noa Blanken, Student Member, Board of Education

Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources

Ben Richardson

Assistant Superintendent for Operations

Cornell Brown

Executive Director of Elementary School Instruction and Performance

Renee Villareal

Executive Director of Middle & High School Performance

Mike O'Brien

Executive Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment

Heather Kutcher, Acting
Monica Hobbs, Administrative Support Coordinator

Supervisor of Accountability

Phillip Snyder

Supervisor of Equity & Cultural Proficiency

Paula Stanton

Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment

Heather Kutcher

Director of Organizational Development and Continuous Learning

Peter Carpenter

HCPS Teacher of the Year

Ashley Gereli, Churchville Elementary School

Elementary School Principals

Meridith Dunlap, Ring Factory Elementary School
Jennifer Gasdia, Havre de Grace Elementary School

Harford County Public Schools 2023-2024 Calendar Committee Members

Secondary School Principals

Sandra McMichael, Edgewood High School
Helen Miller, Southampton Middle School

Harford County Parent Teacher Association (PTA) Representatives

Renee DeBiase, Harford County Council PTA President
Tina Brown, Youth's Benefit Elementary School
Ishita Fischer, Meadowvale Elementary School

American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees

Joe Livingston

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

Harford Community College

Courtney Mitchell, HCC Registrar

Day Care Providers

Rachel Duncan, Boys & Girls Club
Patrick Leist, Hot Spots
Ikeia Prince, YMCA

Religious Organizations

Rabbi Kushi Schusterman, Harford Chabad

Agricultural Community

Robert Tibbs, Shadow Springs Farm

9/4 Labor Day; 9/15 Rosh Hashana; 9/25 Yom Kippur; 11/11 Veterans Day;
11/23-24 Thanksgiving; 12/25-1/1 Winter Break; 1/15 MLK Day;
2/19 President's Day; 3/27-4/1 Spring Break; 5/27 Memorial Day
6/19 Juneteenth; 7/4 Independence Day

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Quarters ♦
1st: Aug. 28 - Nov. 2 = 45 days
2nd: Nov. 6 - Jan. 12 = 42 days
3rd: Jan. 16 - Mar. 22 = 48 days
4th: April 2 - June 4 = 45 days

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■ 1st Day of School ■ 1st Day of School - Pre-K ■ Scheduled Closings-Schools & Offices ■ 3-hour Early Dismissal for All Schools ■ Professional Development ■ Potential PD Make Up Day
□ Last Day of School □ Last Day of School - Pre-K ■ Scheduled Closings-Schools □ 3-hour Early Dismissal-All Schools & Offices □ New Teacher Professional Development □ Potential Inclement Weather Make-Up Day
■ Weekend ■ State Testing Windows (testing dates vary by school) ▲ PD Contingent on Student's Last Day

Calendar Requirements

- Schools must be open for 180 days for students
- Schools must be open for 190 days for teachers
- 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
Memorial Day

Board Observances

Rosh Hashanah
Yom Kippur
MSEA Convention Day
Veteran's Day^{early dismissal for all schools and offices}
Easter Monday^{state observed}
Juneteenth

- Professional Development Best Practices
 - 3 or more PD days before the start of school
 - 2 additional PD days for new teachers
 - 10 PD days in total during the school year
 - PD day scheduled for end of 1st quarter
 - 8-10 Early Dismissal days
- Board Policy - Minimum of 6 inclement weather days included

Reminder:

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