BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY

INFORMATIONAL REPORT

2023-2024 HCPS Calendar

September 19, 2022

December 19, 2022

May 22, 2023

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 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:

In election years, schools are used as polling locations. When the Board voted on the 2023-2024 operating school calendar, the primary election date was scheduled on April 23, 2024. During the 2024 legislative session, the Maryland General Assembly voted to move the April 23, 2024 primary election date to May 14, 2024. To accommodate the new primary election date, a proposed update is requested to the 2023-2024 calendar to reflect schools and offices open April 23, 2024 and closed May 14, 2024 to allow schools to be utilized as polling locations.

Superintendent's Recommendation:

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the adjusted 2023-2024 school calendar to accommodate the new primary election schedule date.