

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY

PROPOSED 2017-18 HCPS CALENDAR

October 10, 2016
December 19, 2016

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 29-person committee – composed of representatives from the community and the school system – is charged with recommending a proposed calendar for the current 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 sixty days to allow for public comment (the proposed calendar is placed on the HCPS web site), and then votes to adopt a calendar for the “out year” at a subsequent meeting.

Discussion:

This year, the membership of the 2017-18 Calendar Committee (roster attached) was approved by the Board of Education at its August meeting. The committee met on September 26, 2016, and reached consensus on a proposal for the Superintendent’s review. The 180-day student/190-day teacher calendar (grid attached) has the following major features:

- New teachers report on Thursday, August 24, 2017.
- Returning teachers report on Monday, August 28, 2017.
- School begins for students (K through grade 12) on Tuesday, September 5, 2017.
- School begins for pre-kindergarten students on Thursday, September 7, 2017.
- Schools and Offices are closed for one-day holidays on:
 - Monday, September 4, 2017 (Labor Day)
 - Thursday, September 21, 2017 (Rosh Hashanah)
 - Monday, January 15, 2018 (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day)
 - Monday, February 19, 2018 (Presidents Day)
 - Monday, May 28, 2018 (Memorial Day)
- School is closed for one-day on Friday, October 20, 2017 (MSEA Day).
- Schools and Offices are closed for Thanksgiving break Thursday, November 23 and Friday, November 24, 2017, with an early dismissal for schools and offices on Wednesday, November 22, 2017.
- Schools are closed for winter break from Monday, December 25 through Monday, January 1, 2018, with an early dismissal on Friday, December 22, 2017.

- Schools are closed for spring break Friday, March 30, through Monday, April 2, 2018, with Offices closed on Friday, March 30.
- Schools are closed for students for Staff Professional Development on Wednesday, March 28 and Thursday, March 29, 2018.
- Staff Professional Development will also be held before the start of school on Monday, August 28 through Friday, September 1, as well as two days after the student's last day in June.
- Three-hour early dismissal days for all schools are scheduled for Friday, September 15, Thursday, October 19, Thursday, November 9, Friday, December 22, Friday, January 12, Friday, February 16, Friday, April 20, and Friday, May 25.

With no inclement weather days used:

- The last day for pre-kindergarten students is Tuesday, June 5, 2018.
- The 180th student day for those in kindergarten through 11th grade is Thursday, June 7, 2018
- The 190th teacher day is Monday, June 11, 2018.
NOTE: The Calendar Committee designed the calendar planning for the last day of school in order to allow for inclement weather make-up days. Friday, June 15, 2018, is the last student day. The last teacher day is Wednesday, June 20, 2018.
- There are 7 inclement weather makeup days built into the calendar. They are scheduled for Friday, June 8, Monday, June 11, Tuesday, June 12, Wednesday, June 13, Thursday, June 14, Friday, June 15, and Wednesday, March 28; inclement weather days will be used in that order.
- A Staff Professional Development make up day is scheduled for June 20, 2018 if March 28, 2018 is used as an inclement weather make up day.

Superintendent's Recommendation:

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the proposed 2017-2018 school calendar as presented by the Calendar Committee.