

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF

HARFORD COUNTY

INFORMATIONAL REPORT

PRESENTATION OF DRAFT 2025-2026 HCPS SYNCHRONOUS

INSTRUCTION PLAN FOR INCLEMENT WEATHER DAYS

August 18, 2025

Background Information:

The Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) allows districts to utilize virtual instruction on inclement weather days. To do so, districts must use all built in **in-person** inclement weather days and must include 4 hours of **synchronous** instruction. MSDE requires at least 3 traditional inclement weather days to be included in district calendars for waivers of the 180-day requirement. If HCPS elects to utilize virtual instruction on inclement weather days, a plan must be approved by the Board of Education after public review.

Discussion:

This presentation, along with the attached materials, provides the Board with a draft instructional plan for implementing synchronous virtual instruction on inclement weather days. It includes survey data (with a public dashboard available Monday, August 18) and background information on state requirements and operational logistics. The purpose is to share the plan and survey results for a 30-day public feedback period in advance of potential adoption for the 2025–2026 school year. This information considers instructional delivery during inclement weather while addressing logistical factors identified through stakeholder feedback.

Attachments:

1. *Draft 2025-2026 HCPS Synchronous Instruction Plan for Inclement Weather Days and FAQ*
2. BOE presentation
3. Public dashboard for survey responses available Monday, August 18

Superintendent's Recommendation:

For the foregoing reasons, the Superintendent recommends that the Board review the *Draft 2025-2026 HCPS Synchronous Plan for Inclement Weather Days* for a vote after a 30-day public review period.