

# **BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY**

## **PROPOSED 2026-2027 HCPS CALENDAR**

**December 15, 2025**

### **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 38-person committee – composed of representatives from the community and the school system – meets to propose an “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 2026-2027 Calendar Committee (roster attached) was approved by the Board of Education at its August meeting. The committee met on September 4, 2025, and presented draft calendar proposals to the Board of Education on September 22, 2025. The proposals were posted for 60 days of public comment and feedback. The calendar committee met November 24, 2025, to review stakeholder input and provide a recommended 2026-2027 Calendar to the Board of Education. The 180-day student/190-day teacher calendar (grid attached) contains the following features:

- New teachers report on Thursday, August 13, 2026.
- Returning teachers report on Monday, August 17, 2026.
- School begins for students (grade 1 through grade 12) on Monday, August 24, 2026.
- School begins for kindergarten students on Wednesday, August 26, 2026.
- School begins for pre-kindergarten students on Tuesday, September 1, 2026.
- Quarter end dates:
  - November 5, 2026
  - January 28, 2027
  - April 8, 2027
  - June 4, 2027

### **With no inclement weather make-up days utilized:**

- The last day for pre-kindergarten students is Wednesday, June 2, 2027.
- The 180<sup>th</sup> student day for those in kindergarten through 11<sup>th</sup> grade is Friday, June 4, 2027, and an early dismissal for students.
- The 190<sup>th</sup> teacher day is Friday, June 4, 2027.

*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 9, 2027, is the last student day, and it will be an early dismissal for students. The last day for teachers is Wednesday, June 9, 2027.

- There are three inclement weather makeup days built into the calendar. They are scheduled for Monday, June 7; Tuesday, June 8; Wednesday, June 9, 2027.

**Feedback Analysis:**

- 2026-2027 Calendar Survey Analysis Report

**Superintendent's Recommendation:**

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the proposed 2026-2027 school calendar as presented by the Calendar Committee.

# Harford County Public Schools

## 2026-2027 Calendar Committee Members

### Board Members

**Ms. Lauren Paige, *Board Vice-President***

**Dr. Carol Mueller, *Board Member***

**Mrs. Melissa Hahn, *Board Member***

### Harford County Regional Association of Student Councils

**James "Trae" McVicker, *Student Member, Board of Education***

### Manager of Communications

**Jillian Lader**

### Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources

**Ben Richardson**

### Assistant Superintendent for Operations

**Cathy Bendis**

### Director of Secondary Schools

**Natalie Holloway**

### Director of Elementary Schools

**Tom Smith**

### Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment

**Heather Kutcher**

**Monica Hobbs, *Administrative Support Coordinator***

### Assistant Supervisor of Accountability

**Andy Wachter**

### Supervisor of Culture and Climate

**Paula Stanton**

### Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment

**Andy Renzulli**

### Manager of Special Projects

**Peter Carpenter**

### Elementary School Administrator

**Zachary Greenbaum, *Emmorton Elementary School***

### Secondary School Administrators

**Brian Tulley, *Havre de Grace High School***

**Erin O'Hara, *North Harford Middle School***

HCPS Teacher of the Year

**Shelby Hultquist, *Havre de Grace Elementary***

Harford County Parent Teacher Association (PTA) Representatives

**Renee DeBiase, *Harford County Council PTA President***

**James DeBiase, *Havre de Grace High School***

**Karen Pizzolato-Heine, *Churchville Elementary School***

American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees

**Tunisia Gannon**

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

**Justin Evans**

Association of Public School Administrators & Supervisors of Harford County

**Melissa Williams**

Harford County Education Association/ Harford County Educational Services Council

**Chrystie Crawford-Smick**

Special Education Citizens Advisory Committee

**Katie York, *Chairperson***

Aberdeen Proving Ground

**Brittany Johnson, *School Liaison Officer***

Business Community – Harco Federal Credit Union

**Karen Munoz Andino, *Branch Admin Officer***

Harford Community College

**Courtney Mitchell, *HCC Registrar***

Day Care Providers

**Megan Cornett, *Boys & Girls Club***

**Nicole Lubinski, *Boys & Girls Club***

**Patrick Leist, *Caliday***

**Connie Schyan-Cusato, *YMCA***

Religious Organizations

**Rabbi Kushi Schusterman, *Harford Chabad***

Agricultural Community

**Robert Tibbs, *Shadow Springs Farm***

Community

**Shital Gandhi, *Community Representative***

**William Martin, *Community Representative***

					<u>2026 - 2027SY Committee Edits to Proposed Calendar (<i>following public comment</i>)</u>			
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		Aug-26								Sep-26								Oct-26								Nov-26							
	Weekend	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT		SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT		SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT		SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	
	HOLIDAY/sched closed school & offices							1				1	2	3	4	5						1	2	3		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
	1st day school	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		6	7	8	9	10	11	12		4	5	6	7	8	9	10		8	9	10	11	12	13	14	
	last day of school	9	10	11	12	13	14	15		13	14	15	16	17	18	19		11	12	13	14	15	16	17		15	16	17	18	19	20	21	
	3 hour early dismiss students only	16	17	18	19	20	21	22		20	21	22	23	24	25	26		18	19	20	21	22	23	24		22	23	24	25	26	27	28	
	3 hour early dismiss school & offices	23	24	25	26	27	28	29		27	28	29	30					25	26	27	28	29	30	31		29	30						
	Professional Development/Teacher Plannin	30	31																														
	New Educator PD	Dec-26								Jan-27								Feb-27								Mar-27							
	First day for Kindergarten	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT		SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT		SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT		SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	
	First/Last day for Prekindergarten			1	2	3	4	5							1	2			1	2	3	4	5	6			1	2	3	4	5	6	
180	Number of student full or half days	6	7	8	9	10	11	12		3	4	5	6	7	8	9		7	8	9	10	11	12	13		7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
6	Student ONLY early dismissal (last day)	13	14	15	16	17	18	19		10	11	12	13	14	15	16		14	15	16	17	18	19	20		14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
10	Number PD/Plan days (all EDUCATORS)	20	21	22	23	24	25	26		17	18	19	20	21	22	23		21	22	23	24	25	26	27		21	22	23	24	25	26	27	
190	Number total teacher days (all)	27	28	29	30	31				24	25	26	27	28	29	30		28									28	29	30	31			
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	3 INCLEMENT WEATHER MAKE UP DAYS	Apr-27								May-27								Jun-27								Jul-27							
		SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT		SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT		SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT		SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	
						1	2	3								1				1	2	3	4	5						1	2	3	
	1 5-Nov 49 days	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		2	3	4	5	6	7	8		6	7	8	9	10	11	12		4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
	2 28-Jan 48 days	11	12	13	14	15	16	17		9	10	11	12	13	14	15		13	14	15	16	17	18	19		11	12	13	14	15	16	17	
	3 8-Apr 42 days	18	19	20	21	22	23	24		16	17	18	19	20	21	22		20	21	22	23	24	25	26		18	19	20	21	22	23	24	
	4 4-Jun 39 days	25	26	27	28	29	30			23	24	25	26	27	28	29		27	28	29	30						25	26	27	28	29	30	
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