BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY

Proposed 2026-2027 HCPS Calendar

September 22, 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 – 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 Board holds the proposal over for at least 60 days to allow for public comment (the proposed calendar is placed on the HCPS website). The Board appointed calendar committee and Board members review public comments. The committee provides a proposal with public comment taken into consideration by 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 then votes to adopt a calendar for the "out year" at a subsequent meeting.

Discussion:

This year, the membership of the 2026-27 Calendar Committee (roster attached) was approved by the Board of Education at its August meeting. The committee met on September 4, 2025. The proposed calendar is being presented for public comment and a subsequent Board vote. The calendar feature: The 180-day student/190-day teacher calendar (grid attached) contains the following features:

- 180 student days
- 190 teacher days
- Thanksgiving break
- Winter break
- Spring break
- Professional development and early dismissal days: schools are closed to students to allow staff learning.
- Holiday closures per negotiated agreements: schools and offices are closed to students and
- Inclement weather days built into the calendars.

Superintendent's Recommendation:

The Superintendent recommends the Board accept the proposed 2026-2027 school calendar as presented by the Calendar Committee for 60 days of public comment.

Harford County Public Schools 2026-2027 Calendar Committee Members

Board	Mem	bers
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Ms. Lauren Paige, *Board Vice-President*Dr. Carol Mueller, *Board Member*Mrs. Melissa Hahn, *Board Member*

<u>Harford County Regional Association of Student Councils</u>

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

Manager of Communications

Jillian Lader

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Assistant Superintendent for Operations

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Director of Secondary Schools

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Director of Elementary Schools

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Monica Hobbs, Administrative Support Coordinator

Assistant Supervisor of Accountability

Andy Wachter

Supervisor of Culture and Climate

Paula Stanton

<u>Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment</u>

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

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

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

<u>Business Community – Harco Federal Credit Union</u>

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

HCPS 2026-2027 Calendar DRAFT Proposals

Monday, September 22, 2025

2026-2027 Calendar Drafts

- Calendar Committee met September 5, 2025:
 - Reviewed purpose and timeline for the committee
 - Reviewed Board proposed 2026-2027 calendar
 - Reviewed suggestions received from committee members
 - Ensured all HCPS Negotiated Agreement Requirements were met
 - Ensured all COMAR Requirements were met

Calendar Committee DRAFT 2026-2027 Calendar

			DRAFT COMMITTEE	EDITS 2026 - 2027SY			
		Aug-26	Sep-26	Oct-26	Nov-26	months #early dismissals #	# all days # EDUC # PD days
Weekend	SUN MON T	UE 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	A 0	5 0 5
HOLIDAY/sched closed school & offices		1	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3	1 2 3 4 5 <u>6</u> 7	S	21 20 1
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	o 0	22 21 1
last day of school	9 10 1	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	N 2	18 16 2
3 hour early dismiss students only		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	D 1	17 17 0
3 hour early dismiss school & offices		25 26 27 28 29	27 28 29 30	25 26 27 28 29 30 31	29 30	J	19 19 0
Professional Development (PD)	30 31					F	19 19 0
New Educator PD		Dec-26	Jan-27	Feb-27	Mar-27	M	19 18 1
Planning Day Schools Closed to Students	SUN MON T	UE 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	Α	20 20 0
First/Last day for pre Kindergarten		1 2 3 4 5	1 2	1 2 3 4 5 6	1 2 3 4 5 6	M	20 20 0
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	J 1	10 10 0
Student ONLY early dismissal (last day)		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 2	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	totals 4	190 180
190 Number total teacher days (all)	27 28 2	29 30 31	24 25 26 27 28 29 30	28	28 29 30 31	BOE Calendar P)auamataua
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3 INCLEMENT WEATHER MAKE UP DAYS		Apr-27	May-27	Jun-27	Jul-27	to Septem	,
	SUN MON T	UE 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	Labor Day So	chool start
Qtr EOQ # days		1 2 3	1	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3	1-Sep	2-Sep
1 6-Nov 45 days	4 5	6 7 8 <u>9</u> 10	2 3 4 5 6 7 8	6 7 8 9 10 11 12	4 5 6 7 8 9 10	H	3-Sep
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3 3-Api 44 days			30 31				ies 31 Aug
4 14-Jun 43 days							ues 1 Sep
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Next Steps

• This week: post 2026-2027 DRAFT HCPS Calendar for 60 days

• Monday, November 24, 2025: Calendar Committee meeting; public comment discussed and finalize committee recommendation.

• Monday, December 15, 2025: Calendar Committee final presentation to the Board; Board of Education vote on final 2026-2027 calendar.