

# **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 staff.
- 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 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***

# 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

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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.