

To: Board of Education

From: Jeanne Fridell, Woodlawn principal/ co-chair calendar committee, x 4881
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Date: November 22, 2017

Re: 2018-2019 District Calendar

Background:

This fall, the Calendar Committee met to continue working on a draft calendar for 2018-2019 that is similar to our traditional calendars, including the following changes that were made to the 2017-2018 calendar:

- A. Consistent time for all middle and high school students attending on the first day (6th and 9th grade students attend Wednesday, August 15, with the first day for all middle and high school students on Thursday, August 16.)
- B. The addition of two elementary plan days with coinciding dates on which the middle and high schools are not in session (October 12 and March 1.)

Recommendations:

The committee is recommending the attached calendar with the following changes for the 2018-2019 school year:

- A. Knowing that certified staff will need intensive professional development to effectively utilize PowerSchool, we are proposing to begin the staff school year one day early, on Thursday, August 9. On that date, we are proposing that elementary schools would have a building PD day (or combination PD/workday) and the middle and high schools would have their PowerSchool PD. On Friday, August 10, we are proposing that elementary schools would have PowerSchool PD, while the middle and high schools have a building PD day (or combination PD/workday).
- B. We are proposing that our Back-to-School Kickoff and All-District PD Day be Monday, August 13. This will ensure that all our staff, both certified and classified, are in attendance, as August 13 would be the first duty day for classified staff.
- C. The committee would like to propose that Winter Break begin for all students and staff following a full day of classes on Friday, December 21, for elementary students and a half-day of school for middle and high school students (Recording/Reporting in the afternoon for MS and HS). Winter Break would continue through the next full week and the first week of January. We are proposing that January 7 would be Building PD for elementary staff and a Workday/PD for middle school and high school staff in preparation for the new semester. January 8 would be the first day back for all elementary, middle and high school students.
- D. To compensate for certified staff coming back a day early in August for a full day of PowerSchool PD, we are proposing a comp day for elementary staff on March 8 (middle and high school would be out that day for conferences.). The proposed comp day for middle school and high school staff would be on February 22 (elementary would be out that day for conferences.).

- E. We have included an inclement weather make-up day on April 19.
- F. The last school day for students (May 23) and staff (May 24) would take place before Memorial Day.

(E and F are not “changes” as stated in the lead-in sentence for these bullet points.)

Motion:

“I move that the draft calendar for the 2018-2019 school year be adopted as proposed.”