

BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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TO: **BOARD OF EDUCATION**

FROM: Dr. Joe A. Hairston, Superintendent

SUBJECT: **PROPOSED CALENDAR, SCHOOL YEAR 2008-2009**

ORIGINATOR: Kara Calder, Chief Communications Officer

**RESOURCE
PERSON(S):**

INFORMATION

That the Board of Education consider the Proposed Calendar for School Year 2008-2009. This is the first reading of the proposed calendar.

Attachment I – Proposed 2008-2009 School Calendar

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Calendar 2008-2009

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			Pupil Days	Teacher Days
August	15 (F)	Administrative & Supervisory Personnel Meeting		
	18(M)	Teachers on Duty		
	25(M)	Opening Day for Students		
			5	10
September	1(M)	Labor Day—Schools and Offices Closed		
	29(M)	Professional Development Day for All Schools —Schools Closed for all Students		
	30(T)	Rosh Hashanah—Schools and Offices Closed		
			19	20
October	9(Th)	Yom Kippur – Schools and Offices Closed		
	13(M)	Columbus Day*		
	17(F)	Professional Development Day/MSTA Convention—Schools Closed for Students		
	31(F)	First Marking Period Ends		
			21	22
November	3 (M)	Assessment Day for All Schools*** and/or Professional Development Day for All Schools —Schools Closed for all Students		
	4 (T)	General Election Day—Schools and Offices Closed		
	11(T)	Veterans Day*		
	17(M)	Distribution of Report Cards		
	17-21(M-F)	American Education Week		
	24(M)	Elementary Conference Day—Schools Closed for Elementary Students		
	27-28(Th-F)	Thanksgiving Holiday—Schools and Offices Closed		
			16	17
December	15(M)	Bill of Rights Day*		
	23(T)	Christmas/Winter Break Begins at End of School Day		
			17	17
January	5(M)	Schools Reopen		
	15(Th)	Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s Birthday *		
	19(M)	Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s Birthday Observed—Schools and Offices Closed		
	23(F)	Second Marking Period Ends		
	26(M)	Assessment Day for All Schools*** and/or Professional Development Day for All Schools —Schools Closed for all Students		
			18	19
February	9(M)	Distribution of Report Cards		
	12(Th)	Lincoln’s Birthday*		
	16(M)	Presidents’ Day—Schools and Offices Closed		
	22(Sun)	Washington’s Birthday*		
			19	19
March	25 (W)	Maryland Day*		
			22	22

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			Pupil Days	Teacher Days
April	3 (F)	Third Marking Period Ends—Assessment Day for Elementary and Middle Schools**—Schools Close 3 Hours Early for Elementary and Middle School Students		
	3 (F)	Easter/Spring Break Begins at the End of the School Day		
	14(T)	Schools Reopen		
	27 (M)	Distribution of Report Cards		
			16	16
May	11(M)	PreK/K Conference Day—no Pre-K or Kindergarten sessions		
	22(F)	Last Day for Seniors		
	25(M)	Memorial Day Observed—Schools and Offices Closed		
	26-31 (T-Sun)	Commencement Exercises		
			20	20
June	1-4 (M-Th)	Commencement Exercises		
	14(Sun)	Flag Day*		
	16-17 (T,W)	Assessment Days****: Schools close 3 Hours Early for High School Students; Teachers on Duty		
	17(W)	Assessment Day**: Schools Close 3 Hours Early for Elementary and Middle School Students; Teachers on Duty		
	18(Th)	Last Day of Classes for Students; Schools Close 3 Hours Early for Students; Teachers on Duty		
			14	14
TOTALS			187	196
July	3(F)	Independence Day Observed – Schools and Offices Closed		
	7(T)	Summer School begins		
August	7(F)	Summer School ends		

*Schools open with appropriate exercises OR appropriate exercises to be scheduled on the school day prior

**ASSESSMENT DAYS/SITE BASED PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT - Elementary and middle schools will be given time for parents, teachers, and students to meet and/or assess progress and/or participate in development activities.

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****ASSESSMENT DAYS- High schools will have the opportunity to administer traditional final exams or to use alternative assessment procedures.

If schools are closed seven days due to emergency conditions, it will be necessary to alter the school calendar. Additional days may be scheduled as required at the end of the school year. Depending on the use of emergency closing time, the calendar may be reduced if the time is not needed to meet the minimum required days/hours. One-half days may be modified. Teacher duty days will not exceed 191.