

BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

DATE: October 22, 2013
TO: **BOARD OF EDUCATION**
FROM: S. Dallas Dance, Superintendent
SUBJECT: **CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO 2013-2014
SCHOOL CALENDAR**

ORIGINATOR: Dr. Lisa Grillo, Chief Human Resources Officer

RESOURCE

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RECOMMENDATION

That the Board of Education approve the proposed changes to the 2013-2014 School Calendar to allow for the scheduling of an additional professional development day on December 2, 2013, (schools closed for elementary students only) for elementary teachers for all content areas to focus on strategies and best practices for small group instruction, gifted and talented, and other instructional needs.

Attachment(s): Revised 2013-2014 BCPS Calendar

Calendar 2013-2014

| | | | Pupil Days | Teacher Days |
|-----------|---------------------------|--|------------|--------------|
| August | 16(F) | Administrative & Supervisory Personnel Meeting | | |
| | 19(M) | Teachers on Duty | | |
| | 20 or 21(T,W) | Systemwide Professional Development Activities - Common Core State Standards. Teachers will Participate on One of the Two Scheduled Days | | |
| | 26(M) | Opening Day for Students | 5 | 10 |
| September | 2(M) | Labor Day – Schools and Offices Closed | | |
| | 5(Th) | Rosh Hashanah – Schools and Offices Closed | 19 | 19 |
| October | 14(M) | Columbus Day* | | |
| | 18(F) | Professional Development Day/ MSEA Convention – Schools Closed for Students | | |
| | 31(Th) | First marking period ends – Schools Close 3 Hours Early for Elementary and Middle School Students – Grade Reporting and Data Analysis – Teachers on Duty** | 22 | 23 |
| November | 1(F) | Systemwide Professional Development for All Schools – Schools Closed for All Students | | |
| | 11(M) | Veterans Day* | | |
| | 14(Th) | Distribution of Report Cards (secondary)- PS-3 & PK Conference Day, No PS-3 or PK A.M. or P.M. Sessions – Teachers on Duty | | |
| | 15(F) | Elementary Conference Day – Schools Closed for Elementary Students- Report Cards Distributed at Parent Conferences | | |
| | 18-22(M-F) 28-29(Th-F) | American Education Week Thanksgiving Holiday—Schools and Offices Closed | 17-18 | 19 |
| December | 2 (M) | Professional Development for Elementary Teachers – Schools Closed for Elementary Students | | |
| | 15(Su) | Bill of Rights Day* | | |
| | 20(F) | Christmas Holiday/Winter Break Begins at End of School Day | 14-15 | 15 |
| January | 2(Th) | Schools Reopen | | |
| | 15(W) | Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday * | | |
| | 17(F) | Second Marking Period Ends- Schools Close 3 Hours Early for Elementary and Middle School Students – Grade Reporting and Data Analysis – Teachers on Duty** | | |
| | 20(M) | Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday Observed—Schools and Offices Closed | | |
| | 21(T) | Systemwide Professional Development —Schools Closed for all Students – Teachers on Duty | 20 | 21 |

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| | | | Pupil Days | Teacher Days |
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| February | 3(M) 12(W) 17(M) 22(S) | Distribution of Report Cards Lincoln's Birthday* Presidents' Day—Schools and Offices Closed Washington's Birthday* | 19 | 19 |
| March | 25(M) 28(F) 31(MO) | Maryland Day* Third Marking Period Ends - Schools Close 3 Hours Early for Elementary and Middle School Students – Grade Reporting and Data Analysis – Teachers on Duty** Systemwide Professional Development – Schools Closed for All Students – Teachers on Duty | 20 | 21 |
| April | 10(Th) 11(F) 22(T) | Distribution of Report Cards Easter Holiday/Spring Break Begins at the End of School Day Schools Reopen | 16 | 16 |
| May | 12(M) 23(F) 26(M) 27-31(T-S) | PreK/K Conference Day – No PS-3, Pre-K or Kindergarten Sessions Last Day for Seniors Memorial Day Observed – Schools and Offices Closed Commencement Exercises | 21 | 21 |
| June | 2-5(M-Th) 13(F) 14(S) 16-17(M, T) 17(T) | Commencement Exercises Assessment Day****: High Schools close 3 Hours Early; Teachers on Duty Flag Day* Assessment Day****, Grade & Data Recording/Analysis**: All Schools Close 3 Hours Early, Teachers on Duty Last Day of Classes for Students | 12 | 12 |
| | | TOTAL | 187 | 196 |
| June | 24 27 or 30(M,F) | Primary Election Day Summer School Teachers on Duty (Teachers choose either day) | | |
| July | 4(F) 7(M) | Independence Day – Schools and Offices Closed Summer School begins | | |
| August | 1(F) | Summer School ends | | |

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

** GRADE & DATA RECORDING, DATA ANALYSIS -- principals and teachers will have time for grade & data recording, data analysis/progress assessment

****ASSESSMENT DAY – 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 may 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.