

**BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY**

**INFORMATIONAL BOARD REPORT**

**MODIFICATION TO HARFORD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL CALENDAR REGARDING**

**PRIMARY ELECTION DAY**

**(APRIL 28, 2020)**

**APRIL 7, 2020**

**Background Information:**

The State of Maryland designated April 28, 2020 as Primary Election Day for the state. Harford County Public Schools (“HCPS”), are utilized as polling places on Primary Election Day. In light of the above, at its meeting of December 17, 2018, the Board of Education designated April 28, 2020 as a day on which HCPS schools and offices would be closed. Due to the COVID-19 crisis, The Honorable Lawrence J. Hogan, Maryland Governor, signed a proclamation on March 17, 2020, postponing the date for Maryland’s primary election from April 28, 2020 to June 2, 2020.

**Discussion:**

As a result of the postponement of the Primary Election Day from April 28, 2020, to June 2, 2020, there is no longer a need for April 28, 2020 to be included on the 2019-2020 school calendar as a day when schools and offices are closed for business.

In light of the above, the Superintendent believes that it is in the best interest of the school system that the Board modify the 2019-2020 school calendar so as to designate April 28, 2020, as a day when HCPS schools and offices will be open for operations. For the purposes of the foregoing sentence “operations” shall mean conducting business and providing educational services consistent with the direction of the Governor/State Superintendent of Schools and the Superintendent of Harford County Public Schools.

**Recommendation:**

The Superintendent recommends that the Board modify the 2019-2020 school calendar by designating April 28, 2020, as a day when HCPS schools and offices are in operation. For the purposes of this recommendation, “operations” shall mean conducting business and providing educational services consistent with the direction of the Governor/State Superintendent of Schools and the Superintendent of Harford County Public Schools.