

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY

PROPOSED 2022-2023 HCPS CALENDAR

September 27, 2021

December 20, 2021

April 25, 2022

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 35-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 August. The proposal is forwarded to 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 receives the Superintendent’s proposal at a public business meeting, holds the proposal over for at least 60 days to allow for public comment (the proposed calendar is placed on the HCPS website) which the calendar committee utilizes to present the calendar as proposed or with suggested changes, and then the Board votes to adopt a calendar for the “out year” at a subsequent meeting.

Discussion:

This year, the membership of the 2022-23 Calendar Committee was approved by the Board of Education at its August meeting. The committee met virtually on August 25, 2021 and reached consensus on two proposals for the Superintendent’s review. A survey was created to share with the public to track public comment and suggested changes. Responses were gathered during the 60 days of public comment and were shared with members of the Board as well as members of the calendar committee each week. A second Calendar Committee meeting was held on December 1, 2021, and two proposed calendars were finalized for presentation to the Board for a final decision at the December 20, 2021 Board meeting. The Board approved color-coded calendar for 2022-23 is attached.

Each year in October, the Maryland State Education Association (MSEA) hosts its annual convention. HCPS schedules a Professional Development day to allow teachers the opportunity to attend the convention. The calendar committee anticipated the convention date would be scheduled for Friday, October 14, 2022. MSEA has since scheduled the convention for Friday, October 21, 2022. To accommodate this date, an updated calendar is being presented for approval. This calendar reschedules the October early dismissal from Thursday, October 13, 2022 to Thursday, October 20, 2022 and the Professional Development date from Friday, October 14, 2022 to Friday, October 21, 2022.

Superintendent’s Recommendation:

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the adjusted 2022-2023 school calendar for consideration due to the MSEA Convention schedule.