

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY

Proposed 2025-2026 HCPS Calendar

September 23, 2024

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 36-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 September. The Board holds the proposal over for at least 60 days to allow for public comment (the proposed calendar is placed on the HCPS website). The public comment is reviewed by the Board appointed calendar committee and Board members. The committee provides a proposal with public comment taken into consideration 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 then votes to adopt a calendar for the “out year” at a subsequent meeting.

Discussion:

This year, the membership of the 2025-26 Calendar Committee (roster attached) was approved by the Board of Education at its August meeting. The committee met on September 5, 2024. Two versions of the calendar are being presented for public comment and a subsequent Board vote. Both calendars feature: The 180-day student/190-day teacher calendar (grid attached) contains the following features:

- 180 student days
- 190 teacher days
- Thanksgiving break
- Winter break
- Spring break
- Professional development and early dismissal days: schools are closed to students to allow staff learning.
- Holiday closures per negotiated agreements: schools and offices are closed to students and staff.
- Inclement weather days built into the calendars.

Superintendent’s Recommendation:

The Superintendent recommends the Board accept the proposed 2025-2026 school calendars as presented by the Calendar Committee for 60 days of public comment.

Harford County Public Schools
2025-2026 Calendar Committee Members

Board Liaison

Mrs. Melissa Hahn, *Board Vice-President*

Mrs. Terri Kocher, *Board Member*

Dr. Carol Mueller, *Board Member*

Harford County Regional Association of Student Councils

Sasha Pazoki, *Student Member, Board of Education*

Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources

Ben Richardson

Assistant Superintendent for Operations

Executive Director of Elementary School Instruction and Performance

Dyann Mack

Director of Middle School Innovation

Natalie Holloway

Executive Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment

Heather Kutcher

Monica Hobbs, *Administrative Support Coordinator*

Supervisor of Accountability

Phillip Snyder

Supervisor of Equity & Cultural Proficiency

Paula Stanton

Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment

Andy Renzulli

Director of Organizational Development and Continuous Learning

Peter Carpenter

HCPS Teacher of the Year

Erica Richardson, Joppatowne High School

Elementary School Administrator

Marc Hamilton, Riverside *Elementary School*

Secondary School Administrator

Laurie Namey, Magnolia Middle School

Ri-Chard McCarthy, Aberdeen High School

Harford County Public Schools 2025-2026 Calendar Committee Members

Harford County Parent Teacher Association (PTA) Representatives

Renee DeBiase, Harford County Council PTA President
Andrea Richie, Fallston High School

American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees

Tunisia Gannon

Association of Harford County Administrative, Technical & Supervisory Professionals/Transportation Representative

Danielle Bedsaul

Association of Public School Administrators & Supervisors of Harford County

Melissa Williams

Harford County Education Association/ Harford County Educational Services Council

Chrystie Crawford-Smick

Special Education Citizens Advisory Committee

Jeanne Erdley, Chairperson

Aberdeen Proving Ground

Brittany Johnson, School Liaison Officer

Business Community – Harco Federal Credit Union

Karen Munoz Andino, Branch Admin Officer

Erin McComas, Director of Member Experience and Engagement

Harford Community College

Courtney Mitchell, HCC Registrar

Day Care Providers

Megan Cornett, Boys & Girls Club

Nicole Lubinski, Boys & Girls Club

Patrick Leist, Caliday

Connie Schyan-Cusato, YMCA

Religious Organizations

Rabbi Kushi Schusterman, Harford Chabad

Agricultural Community

Robert Tibbs, Shadow Springs Farm

Community

Shital Gandhi, Community Representative