

**BOARD OF EDUCATION OF  
HARFORD COUNTY  
INFORMATIONAL REPORT**

**DISCUSSION OF 2025-2026 HCPS SYNCHRONOUS INSTRUCTION PLAN  
FOR INCLEMENT WEATHER DAYS**

**September 22, 2025**

**Background Information:**

The Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) allows districts to utilize virtual instruction on inclement weather days. To do so, districts must use all built in **in-person** inclement weather days and must include 4 hours of **synchronous** instruction. If HCPS elects to utilize virtual instruction on inclement weather days, a plan must be approved by the Board of Education after public review.

**Discussion:**

The draft instructional plan for implementing synchronous virtual instruction on inclement weather days, was presented to the Board at the August 18, 2025, Board business meeting. The proposed HCPS Synchronous Instruction Plan for Inclement Weather Days for the 2025-2026 school year, was posted for thirty (30) days. Five (5) comments were received and forwarded to the Board for review.

**Attachments:**

1. Draft 2025-2026 HCPS Synchronous Instruction Plan for Inclement Weather Days and FAQ

**Superintendent's Recommendation:**

For the foregoing reasons, the Superintendent recommends that the Board consider the Draft 2025-2026 HCPS Synchronous Plan for Inclement Weather Days.