

PUBLIC
BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY
MINUTES OF TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2026

The information included here provides a summary of the agenda items presented during the Superintendent of Schools and Board of Education of Harford County public input session for the school calendar. The video recording of this input session is the official record of the session and can be viewed at: <http://www.hcps.org/boe/livestream/>. Informational reports are located at: <https://www.hcps.org/boe/boardmeetingschedules.aspx>

School Calendar Public Input Session

Call to Order

Dr. Dyann Mack, Superintendent of Schools called the public input session to order at 6:00 PM.

In Person Board Member Attendance: Ms. Liliana Norkaitis, Miss Vibha Nanduri, Mr. Wade Sewell, Mrs. BangTam Miller, Ms. Carol Bruce

Pledge of Allegiance

Dr. Dyann Mack, Superintendent of Schools, led the Pledge of Allegiance

Item A. Overview of the HCPS School Calendar

Ms. Jillian Lader, Manager of Communications, gave a brief overview of information of the requirements that must be considered in the development of the school calendar.

Item B. Public Comments

Speakers were invited to the meeting to provide their comments for the record in-person on the topic of "School Calendar." Superintendent Mack read a statement regarding protocol for public comments which included a provision that each speaker would have three (3) minutes to speak. Mrs. Yvonne Rallo, Board of Education Administrative Support Coordinator, called on individual speakers who were in person at the meeting and had registered to speak at the input session. The following five (5) people registered and provided in-person public comment: David Bauer, Christina Gray, Chrystie Crawford-Smick, Tina Graf, and Colleen Bianco.

Adjournment

With no further business the public input session adjourned at 6:21 PM.

Dyann R. Mack, Ed. D.
Superintendent of Schools and Secretary-Treasurer

Wade Sewell
Vice-President, Board of Education of Harford County



NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PARTICIPATION

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2026

SCHOOL CALENDAR PUBLIC INPUT SESSION: 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

*The Superintendent and Board will receive public comments related to the topic of
HCPS School Calendar Only.

This meeting will be conducted in person, and public attendance will be permitted as explained below:

DOORS WILL OPEN AT 5:55 PM AND THE SESSION WILL BEGIN AT 6:00 PM

The Superintendent and the Board of Education of Harford County will hold an in person “School Calendar” Public Input Session on Tuesday, September 8, 2026, at 6:00 PM in the Board Room of the A.A. Roberty Building with the Superintendent, Board Members, staff, and presenters in attendance in-person. Seats will be available on a first-come-first served basis. The session will be streamed live and archived for later viewing on the HCPS [Website](#).

In-Person Public Comment Participation Process

Individuals wishing to speak on the topic of “HCPS School Calendar” may request to do so by sending an email to publiccomment@hcps.org or calling 410-588-5347.

Pre-Registrations must be received by 12:00 PM on Tuesday, September 8, 2026. All fields on the registration form must be completed.

1. First and Last name
2. Local Address
3. Email Address
4. Phone Number
5. Registration forms are limited to one (1) per person.

****Failure to provide complete information as required above will void the request to provide Public Comment.***

- "Request to Provide Public Comment" cards will be available for in-person attendees prior to the public input session for sign-up and must be submitted prior to the opening of the session.

Public comment will be conducted in accord with the Board of Education policy [Public Participation at Board Open Meetings or Public Hearings](#) and as summarized below:

- Each speaker shall be limited to no more than three (3) minutes. Speakers must state his or her name.
- All comments will be submitted with the decorum and respect appropriate to the conduct of public business.
- Topics such as personnel matters, pending appeals, specific student disciplinary matters or which constitute commercial solicitations are not permitted. **The only topic being discussed at this session is the “HCPS School Calendar.”**
- Disparaging comments, personal attacks, and inflammatory remarks about specific schools, personnel, any person, or group are not permitted. Speakers who engage in these comments will be reminded of the rules and the speaker may be removed. In addition, public comment is an opportunity for members of the community to address the Superintendent and the Board of Education. Please direct your comments to them and not to other members of the public in the audience.
- All public comments submitted will be part of the records maintained by the Board office.

Speakers are reminded that public comments are considered public information and, as such, are subject to the Maryland Public Information Act.