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| POLICY TITLE<br><b>School Calendar</b>                                  |                                                    |                          |
| ADOPTION/EFFCTIVE DATE<br><b>May 20, 2002</b>                           | MOST RECENTLY AMENDED<br><b>September 28, 2026</b> | MOST Recently REAFFIRMED |
| POLICY/PROCEDURE MANUAL SUMMARY CATEGORY:<br><b>District Management</b> |                                                    |                          |

### I. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to establish regulations for the development and adoption of a school year calendar for the Harford County Public School system for each school year.

### II. Policy Statement

- A. The Superintendent is directed to host an open, public forum for stakeholders to provide calendar priorities, and to develop calendar recommendations for each school year for consideration of the Board. This calendar shall be consistent with applicable law and shall include all federal and state holidays required by law to be observed by a Maryland public school system and such other holidays as the Board deems appropriate.
- B. The calendar for any school year shall be approved by the Board no later than eight months prior to the commencement of any such school year. If the Board believes a modification to an approved calendar is in the best interest of the school system due to an extenuating circumstance, within the eight-month window, it may, in compliance with applicable law, modify the calendar by a supermajority vote.
- C. The calendar shall include at least three days set aside for school closures due to inclement weather or such other conditions as may require the closure of all the schools. Each of the above days shall be used as a day for schools to be open to offset and replace the day when schools were closed for the reasons described above. If not so needed, the set aside days shall not be otherwise used.
- D. The Board shall seek input from the community regarding the proposed calendar prior to making a decision. Public comment shall be received for at least 30 days prior to a decision by the Board on the calendar. For any calendar modifications requiring a supermajority vote, the Board may rely on the public comment and community input received during the original 30-day comment period as applicable.

**Board Approval Acknowledged By:**

**Dyann R. Mack, Ed. D.**  
**Superintendent of Schools**

| Policy Action Dates |  |           |  |        |  |
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| ACTION              |  | DATE      |  | ACTION |  |
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| Responsibility for Policy Maintenance & References                         |                                                                                   |                                                                                                       |
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| LAST EDITOR/DRAFTER NAME<br><b>Lauren Paige</b>                            | JOB POSITION OF LAST EDITOR/DRAFTER<br><b>President of the Board of Education</b> |                                                                                                       |
| PERSON RESPONSIBLE                                                         | JOB POSITION OF PERSON RESPONSIBLE                                                |                                                                                                       |
| DESIGNEE NAME:                                                             | JOB POSITION OF DESIGNEE                                                          |                                                                                                       |
| REFERENCE 1 TYPE<br>Legal                                                  | REFERENCE 1 NO<br>Section 7-103                                                   | REFERENCE 1 DESCRIPTION<br>Maryland Annotated Code, Education Article Md. Education Code Ann. § 7-103 |
| REFERENCE 2 TYPE                                                           | REFERENCE 2 NO                                                                    | REFERENCE 2 DESCRIPTION                                                                               |
| REFERENCE 3 TYPE                                                           | REFERENCE 3 NO                                                                    | REFERENCE 3 DESCRIPTION                                                                               |
| REFERENCE 4 TYPE                                                           | REFERENCE 4 NO.                                                                   | REFERENCE 4 DESCRIPTION:                                                                              |
| REFERENCE 5 TYPE                                                           | REFERENCE 5 NO                                                                    | REFERENCE 5 DESCRIPTION                                                                               |
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