

Date: January 11, 2018
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Board Agenda: Yes x
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FROM: Joseph Makolandra, Chief Human Resources Officer

THROUGH: Lois Berlin, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools

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TO: The Honorable Ramee Gentry, Chair, and
Members of the Alexandria City School Board

TOPIC: 2018 - 2019 Academic Calendars and Draft 2019 - 2020 Calendars

SUMMARY: As a follow-up to Board discussion at the December 14, 2017 meeting, attached are the 2018- 2019 ACPS' traditional and modified academic calendars and the drafts for the 2019 – 2020 traditional and modified academic calendars.

The proposed calendars have the following key points:

- 183 student instructional days
- The first day for students is September 4, 2018 for traditional calendar schools and August 2, 2018 for the modified calendar
- The last day of school on both calendars is June 20, 2019
- The Wednesday before Thanksgiving remains a holiday and the length of Winter Break is 8 days.
- Division-wide Professional Development days are on August 29, 2018 and March 15, 2019.
- Columbus Day is a professional development day (Holiday on Modified),
- Veterans' Day is a holiday on both calendars
- The first 3 snow days will not be made-up. Additional make-up days, if needed, will be as follows:

Traditional Calendar: April 22, June 21 and June 24

Modified Calendar: April 22, June 21 and June 24

If additional make-up days are needed beyond those identified, an analysis and projection of instructional time will be completed to determine if enough instructional time is available to meet the State minimum requirement of 990 instructional hours or if minutes need to be added to the instructional day.

One amendment to the modified calendar is recommended for your approval. After consulting with modified calendar committee members, it is recommended that the October 8, 2018 professional development day – school be changed to professional development - division. This proposed amendment would produce calendars that have the same number of professional development – division at three (3) days each.

RECOMMENDATION: The Superintendent recommends approval of the 2018 - 2019 ACPS' traditional and modified academic calendars with the amendment as describe above and the drafts for the 2019 – 2020 traditional and modified academic calendars as presented.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1: PowerPoint Presentation Summarizing the Process and Recommendations

Attachment 2: 2018-2019 Traditional Calendar

Attachment 3: 2018-2019 Modified Calendar

Attachment 4: Draft 2019-2020 Traditional and Modified Calendars

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