

BOARD MEMO

Date: March 4, 2021
For ACTION X
For INFORMATION X
Board Agenda: Yes X
No

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THROUGH: Gregory C. Hutchings, Jr., Ed.D, Superintendent of Schools

TO: The Honorable Meagan Alderton, Chair, and
Members of the Alexandria City School Board

TOPIC: SY 2020-2021 Academic Calendar Revision for T.C. Williams High School, Francis C. Hammond Middle School, and George Washington Middle School for Parent-Teacher Conferences [for Spring 2021]

ACPS 2025 STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL

Goal 2: Instructional Excellence

SY 2020-2021 FOCUS AREA

Focus Area 3: Strategic Plan Implementation

Focus Area 5: Academic Disparities

FY 2021 BUDGET PRIORITY

MTSS including Restorative Practices and PBIS

Chronic Absenteeism among Hispanic Students

Outreach to Hispanic Families to Improve Attendance and Graduation

Outreach to Underserved Communities to Increase Engagement

BACKGROUND

T.C. Williams High School, Francis C. Hammond Middle School, and George Washington Middle School conduct Parent-Teacher Conferences twice each school year to provide parents and teachers the opportunities to discuss students' academic progress. These Parent-Teacher Conferences are conducted on middle school and high school early release days as outlined on the approved academic calendar revised on January 21, 2021.

SUMMARY

Given the Hybrid Reopening, each school is requesting a date change for parent conferences. This calendar revision is being requested in order to:

- Maximize instructional time by continuing our full hybrid reopening on March 11, 12, 18, and 19, 2021;
- Eliminate scheduling concerns created by the early release parent conference schedule and hybrid bus schedule consisting of two runs. Based upon the most recent draft bus schedule, students at the secondary level arrive at 9:10 a.m. (first run) and 9:58 a.m. (second run). Due to the early release schedule, students are released from school at 10:30 a.m.; and
- Ensure equity in parent conference times.

To address these concerns at the secondary level, the following calendar revisions are requested:

- Move secondary parent-teacher conferences to April 5, 2021. This date was originally a professional learning day. There is no school for students on this date. Conferences will be done virtually.
- Change March 11, 12, 18, and 19, 2021, to full school days to fully maximize our hybrid reopening.

RECOMMENDATION

The Superintendent recommends that the School Board review this information and approve the revisions to the 2020-2021 Academic Calendars for T.C. Williams High School, Francis C. Hammond Middle School, and George Washington Middle School.

IMPACT

Provide T.C. Williams High School, Francis C. Hammond Middle School, and George Washington Middle Schools an opportunity to maximize instructional time through our hybrid reopening and ensure equity in parent-teacher conference time.

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