

Date: December 1, 2016

For ACTION: _____

For INFORMATION: X

Board Agenda: Yes X

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FROM: Joseph Makolandra, Chief Human Resources Officer

THROUGH: Alvin L. Crawley, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools

TO: The Honorable Karen Graf, Chair, and
Members of the Alexandria City School Board

TOPIC: 2017-2018 Academic Calendars and Draft 2018-2019 Calendars

SUMMARY: Attached are proposed 2017-2018 ACPS traditional and modified academic calendars. The draft 2017-2018 calendars presented to the School Board last year were used as the starting point for discussions with the Calendar Committee.

The proposed calendars have the following key points:

- 183 student instructional days
- The first day for students is September 5, 2017 for traditional calendar schools and August 3, 2017 for the modified calendar. The last day of school on both calendars is June 20, 2018.
- The Wednesday before Thanksgiving remains a holiday and the length of Winter Break is 8 days. A Professional Development day has been scheduled for January 2 which extends Winter Break by one day for students.
- Early release for high school added on October 11 for SAT administration
- Snow make up days are not scheduled on professional development days
- Adding a professional development day
- Designated division-wide and school-based professional development days
- The first 3 snow days will not be made-up. Additional make-up days, if needed, will be as follows:

Traditional Calendar: April 20, June 21 and June 22

Modified Calendar: May 11, March 23 and June 21

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.

Detailed information related to the calendars and the development process is included in the following attachments:

RECOMMENDATION:

The Superintendent recommends approval of the 2017-2018 calendars as presented.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1: 2017-2018 Traditional Calendar

Attachment 2: 2017-2018 Modified Calendar

Attachment 3: PowerPoint Presentation Summarizing the Process and Recommendations

Attachment 4: Survey Results Summary

Attachment 5: Draft 2018-2019 Traditional and Modified Calendars

Attachment 6: Survey Comments

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