

BOARD MEMO

Date: May 4, 2023

For ACTION

For INFORMATION

Board Agenda: Yes

No

FROM: Matt Smith, Policy Services Consultant

THROUGH: Melanie Kay-Wyatt Ed.D., Interim Superintendent of Schools

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

TOPIC: Proposed Calendar Regulation

ACPS 2025 STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL:

Goal 1: Systemic Alignment

Goal 2: Instructional Excellence

Goal 3: Student Accessibility and Support

Goal 4: Strategic Resource Allocation

Goal 5: Family and Community Engagement

FY 2023 BUDGET PRIORITY:

Implementation of the 2025 Strategic Plan

SUMMARY:

The ACPS Board directed staff to develop a proposed regulation providing governance over the division's academic calendar. The ACPS Calendar Committee has developed recommendations around the makeup of the committee, ACPS staff have collaborated with surrounding divisions to identify common standard practices for school boards to consider. The governance around the makeup of the committee, the committee process, and standard practices would be combined into the requested calendar regulation.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

ACPS staff have collaborated with staff from Arlington, Falls Church, Fairfax, and Loudoun to document standard practices for 60 calendar decision points such as the first day of school and holidays. The team identified points of commonality and policies are being developed in several school divisions.

BACKGROUND:

The calendar process is typically time consuming and may not support Goal 5: Strategic Resource Allocation

RECOMMENDATION:

The Interim Superintendent recommends that the School Board review the presentation.

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IMPACT:

Developing high-quality governance can create efficiencies and improve consistency while allowing appropriate decision making.

ATTACHMENTS:

- 230504_Calendar_Regulation_Presentation.pdf

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