

## BOARD MEMO

Date: December 14, 2023

For ACTION

For INFORMATION

**FROM:** Kamika Valmond, Executive Director of Human Resources  
Rene Paschal, Acting Executive Director of School Leadership  
Taneika Taylor Tukan, Executive Director of Community Partnerships

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

**TO:** The Honorable Michelle Rief, Chair, and  
Members of the Alexandria City School Board

**TOPIC:** 2024 through 2026 Academic Calendars

**ACPS 2025 STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL:**

Goal 2: Instructional Excellence

Goal 5: Family and Community Engagement

**SY 2023-2024 PRIORITY AREA:**

Academic Achievement

Student Connection and Attendance

Staff Supports

Continue Culture Building

Recruitment and Retention

**FY 2024 BUDGET PRIORITY:**

Target Chronic Absenteeism

**SUMMARY:**

This memo provides the School Board with 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 academic calendar recommendations for approval.

**DETAILS:**

The proposed 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 Academic Calendars prioritize student attendance and staff retention. New features include:

- Shift from one and a half days for parent-teacher conferences in the fall and winter to two full days in the fall (one month apart) and one day in the winter
- Early-release days limited to the last week of school
- Addition of Veterans Day observance as a holiday for students and staff
- Coupling of Teacher Work Day and Professional Development Day at the end of the first semester
- Increased 5-day instructional weeks for students

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**Traditional Calendar – Key Features**

<b>2024-2025 School Year Calendar</b>	<b>2025-2026 School Year Calendar</b>
First Day of School – August 19, 2024 Last Day of School – June 12, 2025 Winter Break – 10 Days Length of Year – 178 Student Days Teacher Contract – 195 Work Days	First Day of School – August 18, 2025 Last Day of School – June 12, 2026 Winter Break – 10 Days Length of Year – 178 Student Days Teacher Contract – 195 Work Days

**Samuel Tucker Elementary School Modified Calendar – Key Features:**

<b>2024-2025 School Year Calendar</b>	<b>2025-2026 School Year Calendar</b>
First Day of School – July 22, 2024 Last Day of School – June 12, 2025 Winter Break – 10 Days Length of Year – 178 Student Days Teacher Contract – 195 Work Days Intersessions – 19 Days	First Day of School – July 21, 2025 Last Day of School – June 12, 2026 Winter Break – 10 Days Length of Year – 178 Student Days Teacher Contract – 195 Work Days Intersessions – 20 Days

**BACKGROUND:**

The calendar committee convened 19 members in fall 2023 to make recommendations to the superintendent based on regulations provided by the Board on June 15, 2023. The committee prepared a three-year academic calendar outlook. The first two years are for Board adoption; the third year is for Board information and review.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The Superintendent recommends that the School Board approve the 2024-25 and 2025-26 academic calendars.

**IMPACT:**

Stakeholders will have access to important information on future calendars.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Memo\_2024-2026 Academic Calendars
2. 2024-2025 Traditional Academic Calendar
3. 2024-2025 Samuel Tucker Modified Academic Calendar
4. 2025-2026 Traditional Academic Calendar
5. 2025-2026 Samuel Tucker Modified Academic Calendar

**REFERENCES:**

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June 15, 2023 Board Agenda Item: [Policy Adoption](#)

Nov. 30, 2023 Board Agenda Item: [2024-2027 Academic Calendars](#)

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