

**BOARD MEMO**

Date: June 26, 2020  
For ACTION  \_\_\_  
For INFORMATION  \_\_\_  
Board Agenda: Yes  \_\_\_  
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**THROUGH:** Gregory C. Hutchings, Jr., Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools

**TO:** The Honorable Cindy Anderson, Chair, and  
Members of the Alexandria City School Board

**TOPIC:** 2020-2021 Samuel Tucker Elementary School Academic Calendar Revision

**ACPS 2020 STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL**

Goal 1: Academic Excellence and Educational Equity  
Goal 6: Effective and Efficient Operations

**SY 2019-2020 FOCUS AREA**

Focus Area 1: Educational Equity

**FY 2020 BUDGET PRIORITY**

Academics

**SUMMARY**

This proposal is for a one-year alignment of Samuel Tucker Elementary School’s academic calendar with the rest of ACPS to mitigate the impact of the pandemic on the school community. This calendar change prioritizes the health and safety of the Samuel Tucker community and allows Samuel Tucker to align with the *ACPS 4.0 Enhanced Continuity of Learning Plan: Reimagining Schools*. The administrative team at Samuel Tucker informed their staff and parent community of the proposal and gained stakeholder feedback through the following modes:

• <b>May 19:</b> PTA Meeting
• <b>May 26:</b> Staff Leadership Meeting: Consensus Support for Moving Proposal
• <b>May 26 &amp; May 30:</b> Consultation with PTA President
• <b>May 28:</b> Initial Email to SLT
• <b>May 29:</b> ACPS School Board Approves 2021-2022 Modified Calendar
• <b>May 31:</b> Weekly Notes to Staff
• <b>June 1:</b> Outreach to HR and Payroll
• <b>June 1:</b> Staff Meeting
• <b>June 2:</b> Tucker Times Newsletter

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• <b>June 2-5:</b> Input from Stakeholders
• <b>June 3:</b> Stakeholder Webinar
• <b>June 5:</b> HR / Payroll Confirmation of July Pay for Staff
• <b>June 8:</b> Response Data to PTA and Tucker Leadership Team
○ Staff Meeting Review of Data

The feedback from the Samuel Tucker staff and community reflects a 70% support rate for a one-year alignment with the traditional calendar for the 2020-2021 school year. This proposal is for the 2020-2021 academic year only. The 2021-2022 Modified Calendar for Samuel Tucker was approved by Board action at the May 29, 2020 meeting.

### BACKGROUND

The modified calendar for Samuel Tucker Elementary School notes staff returning to work the last week of July with students returning on the first Thursday of August. To compare, the traditional ACPS calendar notes staff returning to work the last week of August with students returning after Labor Day.

### RECOMMENDATION

The Superintendent recommends that the School Board adopt the Traditional Calendar for Samuel Tucker Elementary School for the 2020-2021 academic year.

### IMPACT

This proposed calendar change for Samuel Tucker for one school year allows for the school to align with the Division on planning and implementing the *4.0 Enhanced Continuity of Learning Plan: Reimagining Schools*.

### ATTACHMENTS

1. Traditional Calendar 2020-2021

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