

BOARD MEMO

Date: December 19, 2019

For ACTION X

For INFORMATION

Board Agenda: Yes X

No

FROM: Stephen M. Wilkins, Ed.D., Chief Human Resources Officer

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: SY 2020-2021 Academic Calendars

ACPS 2020 STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL:

Goal 1: Academic Excellence and Educational Equity

Goal 2: Family and Community Engagement

Goal 3: An Exemplary Staff

Goal 6: Effective and Efficient Operations

SY 2019-2020 FOCUS AREA:

Focus Area 1: Educational Equity

Focus Area 5: Strategic Plan

FY 2020 BUDGET PRIORITY:

Academics

Communications and Customer Service for External Stakeholders

Leadership and Professional Development

Competitive Compensation

Retention and Recruitment

Optimal and Equitable Learning Environments

Communications and Customer Service for Internal Stakeholders

SUMMARY: There are two proposals in this board session. First, the Superintendent recommends approval of the proposed 2020-2021 ACPS traditional and modified academic calendars. Second, the Superintendent proposes to study the draft of the 2021-2022 calendars in order to gather more information about a possible pre-Labor Day start in August 2021. The board will be presented with a recommended start date for approval in February 2020.

BACKGROUND: In accordance with School Board policy IC/ID - School Year/School Day, “the School Board shall adopt the official school calendar for the following year no later than June 1 upon the recommendation of the Superintendent.” Additionally, in accordance with this policy an advisory committee composed of teachers, parents, and administrators will meet on two separate dates to recommend a proposed calendar to the Superintendent.

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RECOMMENDATION:

1. The Superintendent recommends that the School Board review and approve Version 1 of the SY 2020-2021 Academic Calendars.
2. The Superintendent recommends that the School Board approve the Calendar Committee to study the question of a pre-Labor Day start in August 2021 and develop a recommended start date. Present this recommendation to the Board in February 2020.

IMPACT: Adoption of the 2020-2021 Academic Calendars will allow for adequate school year planning.

ATTACHMENTS (2):

- Attachment 1: 2020-2021 Traditional Calendar Version 1
- Attachment 2: 2020-2021 Modified Calendar Version 1
- Attachment 3: 2020-2021 Traditional Calendar Version 2
- Attachment 4: 2020-2021 Modified Calendar Version 2

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