

BOARD BRIEF

Date: May 1, 2020

BOARD INFORMATION:

MEETING PREPARATION:

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: Review of Pre-Labor Day Calendar Start in August 2021

ACPS 2020 STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL:

Goal 1: Academic Excellence and Educational Equity

Goal 2: Family and Community Engagement

Goal 6: Effective and Efficient Operations

SY 2019-2020 FOCUS AREA:

Focus Area 5: Strategic Plan

FY 2020 BUDGET PRIORITY:

Communications and Customer Service for External/Internal Stakeholders

SUMMARY: After the February board briefing, the Calendar Committee met and recommends a pre-Labor start date of August 24, 2021. This calendar may be subject to change in the future due to COVID-19 and school closures.

BACKGROUND: The Calendar Committee studied the question of a pre-Labor Day start to align the school calendar with other divisions in the region. The Committee recommends Board approval in May 2020 to allow staff and families to plan accordingly for this change.

RECOMMENDATION: The Superintendent recommends the School Board review the draft academic calendars for the 2021-2022 School Year.

IMPACT: Making this calendar decision will allow the staff to plan for changes to school programs, facilities projects and operational services. Likewise, families will be able to plan their family activities.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. 2021-2022 Calendar (Traditional)
2. 2021-2022 Calendar (Modified)

REFERENCE: [February 7, 2020 Board Brief](#)

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