

CONTINUATION OF SUMMARY EXPLANATION AND BACKGROUND

At the October 23, 2018 School Board Workshop, staff outlined the Calendar Development Process, presented two (2) Proposed School/Personnel Calendar Options and requested Board feedback on a preferred calendar option. While School Board Members strongly favored Proposed School Calendar Option #1 (Wednesday School start), they requested the Calendar Committee continue to work with the various stakeholder groups (e.g., District Advisory Council (DAC), Student Advisory, Broward Teachers Union (BTU), Area Advisory, Broward Principals and Assistants Association (BPAA), etc.) to review calendar options and secure additional feedback. In addition, Board Members held detailed discussion regarding minimizing school activity at District sites serving as polling locations on the day of the 2020 Presidential Primary Election.

The Calendar Committee continued to garner stakeholder feedback related to the two (2) Proposed Calendar Options. Further discussion was held regarding whether the 2020 Presidential Primary Election Day should be considered an Employee Planning Day or a day off. As it relates to the proposed calendar options, the majority of the feedback was in support of Proposed Calendar Option #1 (Wednesday School start). Furthermore, stakeholder groups were surveyed and outcomes indicated that the majority favored Tuesday, March 17, 2020 to be identified as an Employee Planning Day.

Proposed 2019-2020 School Calendar Option #1

Key highlights of Calendar Option #1 include:

- Serves as a viable option with a midweek (Wednesday) start;
- Midweek start will allow days for teachers and students to settle and organize;
- Students will have an opportunity to visit all of their classes (inclusive of Block Schedules) and have a fresh start on the following Monday;
- Exams will occur prior to Winter Break; and
- 2020 Presidential Primary Election will be considered as an Employee Planning Day.

In addition, the Proposed School/Personnel Calendar reflects six (6) paid holidays, ten (10) employee planning days and six (6) early release days. The first day of school for students is Wednesday, August 14, 2019 and the last day of school is Tuesday, June 2, 2020. Additional Calendar Highlights include:

- Semester Breakdown: 85 school days/95 school days;
- Thanksgiving Break: Wednesday, November 27, 2019 through Friday, November 29, 2019;
- Winter Break: Monday, December 23, 2019 through Friday, January 3, 2020;
 - Teachers return on Monday, January 6, 2020 (Employee Planning Day)
 - Students return on Tuesday, January 7, 2020
- Spring Break: Monday, March 23, 2020 through Friday, March 27, 2020.

The proposed calendar option satisfies the bona fide instructional time requirements, pursuant to Section 1003.436(1), F.S., Definition of High School Credit.