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2025-2026 and 2026-2027 School Calendar Process of Development

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Purpose and Goals

- **Purpose -** To create a process for developing a two-year school calendar in a transparent and data-driven manner.

- **Goal -** To ensure we are meeting the NCS Organizational Priority, which is to “Enhance district communication efforts (both internal and external) to achieve organizational clarity and transparency.”

Framework for Calendar Development

- State Requirements for Instructional Days
- Teacher Workdays
- Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) Day
- Testing Windows
- Semester End Dates
- Breaks
- Professional Development Days
- Independent Learning Days
- Inclement Weather Days
- Balanced School Calendar
- Surrounding School Systems

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Timeline for Calendar Development

- **September 2024:** “Input Survey” and Development
- **October 2024:** Leadership Team Calendar Option Review and “Feedback Survey”
- **November 2024:** Calendar Option Presentation to the Board
- **December 2024:** Board Votes on 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 School Calendars

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September 2024:
Initial Calendar Input and Development

- A districtwide “Input Survey” will be provided to stakeholder groups to collect information for consideration in developing the 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 school calendars.
- Input for consideration in developing the 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 school calendars will be collected from the following:
  - Student Advisory Council
  - Superintendent’s Teacher Advisories
  - Board Members

October 2024:
Leadership Review and “Feedback Surveys”

- The 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 Calendar options will be presented to principals and district leaders at the Principal Network Meeting to gain consensus on the final three school calendar options.

- A 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 calendar development status summary will be provided to board members.

- The “Feedback Survey” will be shared with all stakeholders consisting of three calendar options for the 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 school years, to select their preferred school calendar choice.

November 2024: Present Calendar Options
December 2024: Board Votes

- Calendar options will be presented at the November meeting of the Board of Education, and the Superintendent will make a recommendation for the 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 school calendars.

- The Board of Education will vote on the 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 school calendars at the December 17th Board Meeting.

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Your input and feedback are essential in developing the 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 school calendars, providing the best educational experiences for Newton County School Students.

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

- Stakeholder Input Survey – September 2024
- Stakeholder Feedback Survey – October 2024

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