

ACTION MEMORANDUM

TO: Bibb County Board of Education

FROM: Stephanie Hartley, Director of Communications

SUBJECT: Revised 2020-2021 Academic Calendar

Summary

With the delay to the start of the 2020-21 school year until after Labor Day, the Bibb County School District is seeking Board approval of revisions to the 2020-21 Academic Calendar.

Background

The Bibb County Board of Education announced July 7, 2020, that the first day of school would be delayed until after Labor Day due to concerns about COVID-19. Delaying the start of school to Tuesday, September 8, 2020, requires revisions to the District's 2020-21 Academic Calendar.

The revised 2020-21 Academic Calendar includes 163 student days and 190 teacher work days. The first semester includes 80 days of instruction and the second semester includes 83 days of instruction. The last day of school remains the same – Wednesday, May 26, 2021.

Points to Consider:

The District will utilize flexibility waivers provided by the state and the Georgia Department of Education for 2020-21 due to COVID-19 in order to account for a school year that includes fewer than 180 days of instruction. Flexibility waivers will be completed and submitted to the state by Chief of Staff Keith Simmons.

Georgia Gov. Brian Kemp and State School Superintendent Richard Woods have announced their intent to apply for flexibility waivers that would allow the state to forego Milestones Assessments in Spring 2021. If this waiver is denied and Georgia school districts are required to administer Milestones Assessments, the decision to have fewer instructional days in 2020-21 could have negative consequences for students. In order to ensure students are receiving rigorous instruction throughout the abbreviated school year, the District will utilize teacher work days in August to prepare for the year ahead and to ensure a great start to the school year.

Recommendation

It is recommended the Bibb County Board of Education approve the revised 2020-21 Academic Calendar as presented.

Superintendent's Comments and Approval

<u>Superintendent's Comments</u>	
Dr. Curtis L. Jones, Jr.	Approved

August 6 – Sept. 4, 2020	Pre-Planning
September 7	Labor Day Holiday
September 8	First Day of School
November 11	Veterans Day
November 25 - 27	Thanksgiving Break
December 23 – Jan. 4	Holiday Break
January 5, 2021	Professional Learning (No Students)
January 6	Students Return from Holiday
January 15	First Semester Ends
January 18	Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
January 19	Professional Learning (No Students)
	Inclement Weather Make-up
January 20	Second Semester Begins
February 15 - 16	Winter Break
	Inclement Weather Make-up
February 17	Professional Learning (No Students)
	Inclement Weather Make-up
March 22 - 26	Spring Break
May 26	Last Day of School (½ Day for Students)
May 26 - 28	High School Graduation
May 27 - 28	Post-Planning
May 31	Memorial Day

First and Last Day of the Semester
Holidays
Pre/Post-Planning and Professional Learning

First semester: 80 days Second semester: 83 days Revised July 2020

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