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Proposed Academic Calendar School Years 2020-2021 & 2021-2022

Presentation to the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners

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Overview

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- On March 29, 2019, the Maryland General Assembly enacted the Community Control of School Calendars Act.
- Effective July 1, 2019, this law directly repeals any restrictions on local control over academic calendars. As a result of this change, City Schools has the power to set its start and end date for its academic calendar.

Guiding Principles

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The calendar should...

- Maximize instructional time.
- Optimize professional learning time.
- Consider what makes sense for families.
- Consider observances from multiple faiths.
- Consider key test windows such as state tests, AP, etc.

Calendar Requirements

- City Schools is required to:
 - have a minimum of 180 actual school days and 1,080 school hours during a 10-month period in each school year.
 - be open for a minimum of 3 hours during each school day.
 - not open on Saturdays, Sundays, or holidays to meet the 180-day or 1,080-hour requirement.
- All teachers are mandated to participate in the ten (10) days of scheduled professional development activities.

Legally Required Holidays

COMAR required public school holidays:

- Thanksgiving Day and the day after;
- Christmas Eve through January 1;
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day;
- Presidents' Day;
- The Friday before Easter through the Monday after Easter;
- Memorial Day; and
- Primary and general election days.

Current Academic Calendar

School Year 2019-2020

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- Staff Return: August 27
- School Starts: September 3
- Winter Break: December 23- January 1
- Spring Break: April 6-April 13
- School Ends: Students June 15 | Staff June 16
- Inclement Weather Recovery Days: June 16-19 & June 22

Considered Change to the Academic Calendar in SY 2020-21 & Beyond

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- Eliminating the February professional development (PD) day and having five (5) PD days prior to schools starting.
- **Rationale:**
 - Schools would not have to stipend staff to return early for professional development for August PD week;
 - The academic year ends one-day earlier; and
 - The last day of school in SY2020-21 would be a Friday instead of a Monday.

Proposed Academic Calendar School Year 2020-2021

Proposed Academic Calendar School Year 2020-2021

- Staff Return: August 24
- School Starts: August 31
- Winter Break: December 23- January 1
- Spring Break: March 29 –April 5
- School Ends: Students June 11 | Staff June 11
- Inclement Weather Recovery Days: June 14-18

Proposed School Year 2020-2021

Teacher Professional Days: TEN Contractual Days

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Date	Type
August 24 – 28, 2020	Teacher/PSRP Professional Days
October 15, 2020	Teacher Professional Day
October 16, 2020	BTU/PSASA Sponsored
November 2, 2020	1/2 Day Professional, 1/2 Day PTC
January 22, 2021	Teacher Professional Day
March 12, 2021	1/2 Day Professional, 1/2 Day PTC

Proposed Quarters School Year 2020-2021

Date	Start Date	End Date
First Quarter	August 31, 2020	November 6, 2020
Second Quarter	November 9, 2020	January 25, 2021
Third Quarter	January 26, 2021	April 8, 2021
Fourth Quarter	April 9, 2021	June 11, 2021

Proposed School Year 2020-2021

Holidays: No School for Students

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Holiday	Date(s)	Schools Closed	District Office Closed
Independence Day	July 3	✓	✓
Labor Day	September 7	✓	✓
General Election Day*	November 3	✓	✓
Thanksgiving*	November 26-27	✓	✓
Winter Holiday*	December 24-January 1	✓	December 24-25, January 1
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.*	January 18	✓	✓
President's Day*	February 17	✓	✓
Spring Break*	March 29-April 5	✓	April 1, 2, 5
Memorial Day*	May 31	✓	✓

**Includes Legally Required Holidays.*

Proposed Parent-Teacher Conferences School Year 2020-2021

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Date	Type
November 2, 2020 (No School)	½ Day Teacher Professional & Parent Conferences
January 19-21, 2021	Window for Evening Conferences
March 12, 2021 (No School)	½ Day Teacher Professional & Parent Conferences
April 6-8, 2020	Window for Evening Conferences

Tentative Monthly Early Release Days School Year 2020-2021

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- Listed below are monthly 1/2 –Day early release dates aligned with the school year.

2019 Dates	2021 Dates
October 7, 2020	January 6, 2021
December 2, 2020	February 3, 2021
	March 3, 2021
	April 7, 2021
	May 6, 2021

Proposed Academic Calendar

School Year 2021-2022

Note: Testing windows not yet released by MSDE

Proposed Academic Calendar School Year 2021-2022

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- Staff Return: August 23
- School Starts: August 30
- Winter Break: December 24- January 1
- Spring Break: April 11 –April 18
- School Ends: Students June 8 | Staff June 8
- Inclement Weather Recovery Days: June 9-10 & June 13-15

Proposed School Year 2021-2022

Teacher Professional Days: TEN Contractual Days

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Date	Type
August 23 – 27, 2021	Teacher/PSRP Professional Days
October 14, 2021	Teacher Professional Day
October 15, 2021	BTU/PSASA Sponsored
November 1, 2021	1/2 Day Professional, 1/2 Day PTC
January 21, 2022	Teacher Professional Day
March 12, 2022	1/2 Day Professional, 1/2 Day PTC

Proposed School Year 2021-2022 Holidays: No School for Students

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Holiday	Date(s)	Schools Closed	District Office Closed
Independence Day	July 5	✓	✓
Labor Day	September 6	✓	✓
Thanksgiving*	November 25-26	✓	✓
Winter Holiday*	December 24-December 31	✓	December 24, 31
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.*	January 17	✓	✓
President's Day*	February 21	✓	✓
Spring Break*	April 11-April 18	✓	April 13, 15, 18
Memorial Day*	May 30	✓	✓

**Includes Legally Required Holidays.*

Proposed Parent-Teacher Conferences

School Year 2021-2022

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Date	Type
November 1, 2020 (No School)	½ Day Teacher Professional & Parent Conferences
January 19-21, 2022	Window for Evening Conferences
March 18, 2022 (No School)	½ Day Teacher Professional & Parent Conferences
April 6-8, 2022	Window for Evening Conferences

Tentative Monthly Early Release Days School Year 2021-2022

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- Listed below are monthly 1/2 –Day early release dates aligned with the school year.

2019 Dates	2021 Dates
October 7, 2021	January 6, 2022
December 2, 2021	February 3, 2022
	March 2, 2022
	April 7, 2022
	May 5, 2022

Timeline

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September

Draft calendar development
Internal review by district office stakeholders

October/November

Garner feedback
PCAB/SECAC/ASCBC/BTU/PSASA/FOP/L44/CUB
Post on City Schools website
Board Presentation – October 22nd
Board Vote - November 12th

Comments or Questions?

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APPENDIX

Appendix Key

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Appendix A
Proposed Academic Calendar
School Year 2020-2021

AUGUST 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	Professional development (PD) for Staff; schools closed for students	PD for Staff; schools closed for students	PD for Staff; schools closed for students	PD for Staff; schools closed for students	PD for Staff; schools closed for students	
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
	First Day for Students					

Notes: 1 Student and 6 Staff Days

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SEPTEMBER 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1	2	2	4	5
6	7 Labor Day	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18 Observance day; modified after-school activities, no testing may occur.	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28 Observance day; modified after-school activities, no testing may occur.	29	30	1	2	3

Notes: 21 Student and 21 Staff Days © www.calendarlabs.com

OCTOBER 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
4	5	6	7 Early Release	8	9	10
11 Columbus Day	12	13	14	15 PD for Staff; schools closed for students;	16 PD for Staff; schools closed for students	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31 Halloween

Notes: 20 Student Days and 22 Staff Days

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NOVEMBER 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Parent-teacher Conferences & PD for Staff; schools closed for students	3 Election Day Schools and Offices closed	4	5	6 First Qrt Ends	7
8	9 Second Qrt Starts	10	11 Veterans Day	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 Thanksgiving Day Schools and Offices closed	27 Thanksgiving Day Schools and Offices closed	28
29	30	1	2	3	4	5

Notes: 17 Student Days and 18 Staff Days

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DECEMBER 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	1	2 Early Release	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 Winter Holiday Schools and Offices closed	25 Christmas Schools and Offices closed	26
27	28 Winter Holiday Schools closed	29 Winter Holiday Schools closed	30 Winter Holiday Schools closed	31 Winter Holiday Schools closed	1	2

Notes: 17 Staff and Student Days

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JANUARY 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31	1 New Year's Day Schools and Offices closed	2
3	4	5	6 Early Release	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 M L King Day Schools and Offices closed	19	20	21	22 PD for Staff; schools closed for students	23
24	25 Second Qrt Endss	26 Third Qrt Starts	27	28	29	30
31	1	2	3	4	5	6

Notes: 19 Staff Days and 18 Student Days

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FEBRUARY 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1	2	3 Early Release	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 Presidents' Day Schools and Offices closed	16	17	18	19	20 
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	1	2	3	4	5	6

Notes: 19 Staff Days and 18 Student Days © www.calendarlabs.com

MARCH 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	1	2	3 Early Release	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12 Parent-teacher Conferences & PD for Staff; schools closed for students	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29 Spring break; Schools closed	30 Spring break; Schools closed	31 Spring break; Schools closed	1	2	3

Notes: 20 Staff and 19 Student Days

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APRIL 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	1 Spring break; Schools and Offices closed	2 Good Friday Schools and Offices closed	3
4 Easter Sunday	5 Spring break Schools and Offices closed	6	7 Early Release	8 Third Qrt Ends	9 Fourth Qrt Starts	10
11	12	13 Observance day; modified after-school activities, no testing may occur.	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 Observance day; modified after-school activities, no testing may occur.	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	1

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MAY 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
2	3	4	5 Early Release	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13 Observance day; modified after-school activities, no testing may occur.	14	15
16	17 Observance day; modified after-school activities, no testing may occur.	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31 Memorial Day Schools and Offices closed	1	2	3	4	5

Notes: 20 Staff and Student Days

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JUNE 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11 <small>Last Day of School & Students Fourth Qrt Ends</small>	12
13	14 <small>Tentative Inclement Weather Day #1</small>	15 <small>Tentative Inclement Weather Day #2</small>	16 <small>Tentative Inclement Weather Day #3</small>	17 <small>Tentative Inclement Weather Day #4</small>	18 <small>Tentative Inclement Weather Day #5</small>	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	1	2	3

Notes: 9 Student and Staff Days

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Appendix B
Proposed Academic Calendar
School Year 2021-2022

AUGUST 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	Professional development (PD) for Staff; schools closed for students	PD for Staff; schools closed for students	PD for Staff; schools closed for students	PD for Staff; schools closed for students	PD for Staff; schools closed for students	
29	30	31	1	2	3	4

Notes: 2 Student and 7 Staff Days

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SEPTEMBER 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
5	6 Labor Day	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	1	2

Notes: 21 Student and 21 Staff Days

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OCTOBER 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
3	4	5	6 Early Release	7	8	9
10 <i>Columbus Day</i>	11	12	13	14 PD for Staff; schools closed for students;	15 PD for Staff; schools closed for students	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 <i>between</i>	1	2	3	4	5	6

Notes: 19 Student Days and 21 Staff Days

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NOVEMBER 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 Halloween	1 Parent-teacher Conferences & PD for Staff; schools closed for students	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11 Veterans Day	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 Thanksgiving Day Schools and Offices closed	26 Thanksgiving Day Schools and Offices closed	27
28	29	30	1	2	3	4

Notes: 19 Student Days and 20 Staff Days © www.calendarlabs.com

DECEMBER 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	1 Early Release	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24 Winter Holiday Schools and Offices closed	25 Christmas
26	27 Winter Holiday Schools closed	28 Winter Holiday Schools closed	29 Winter Holiday Schools closed	30 Winter Holiday Schools closed	31 Winter Holiday Schools closed	1 New Year's Day

Notes: 17 Staff and Student Days

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JANUARY 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	31	1 <i>New Year's Day</i>
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12 Early Release	13	14	15
16	17 <i>M L King Day</i> Schools and Offices closed	18	19	20	21 PD for Staff; schools closed for students	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31	1	2	3	4	5

Notes: 20 Staff Days and 19 Student Days

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FEBRUARY 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1	2 Early Release	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 Valentine's Day	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 Presidents' Day Schools and Offices closed	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	1	2	3	4	5

s: 19 Staff Days and 19 Student Days

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MARCH 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	1	2 Early Release	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18 Parent-teacher Conferences & PD for Staff; schools closed for students	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	1	2

Notes: 23 Staff and 22 Student Days

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APRIL 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
3	4	5	6 Early Release	7	8	9
10	11 Spring break; Schools closed	12 Spring break; Schools closed	13 Spring break; Schools closed	14 Spring break; Schools and Offices closed	15 Good Friday Schools and Offices closed	16
17 Easter Sunday	18 Spring break Schools and Offices closed	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

Notes: 15 Staff and Student Days

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MAY 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 Early Release	5	6	7
8 Mother's Day	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30 Memorial Day Schools and Offices closed	31	1	2	3	4

Notes: 21 Staff and Student Days

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JUNE 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30 Memorial Day	31	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8 Last Day of School & Students	9 Tentative Inclement Weather Day #1	10 Tentative Inclement Weather Day #2	11
12	13 Tentative Inclement Weather Day #3	14 Tentative Inclement Weather Day #4	15 Tentative Inclement Weather Day #5	16	17	18
19 Father's Day	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	1	2

Notes: 7 Student and Staff Days

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