2018 - 2019

Calendar Presentation

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Calendar Committee

Process in Creating Calendar

● Committee was formed with representation from all stakeholders:

● Board of School Directors
● Central Level Administrators
● Building Level Administrators
● First Level Supervisors
● Confidential Employees
● Pennsbury Education Association
● Pennsbury Education Support Personnel Association
● Parents
Process

- Things that cannot be changed: Holidays (state and federal), state testing, and other contractual days
- We viewed this process through the lens of Excellence and Equity
- We looked at the things that we loved and didn’t want to change: Staggered Start, grading days on a Monday or Friday when possible to help families
- Explored new opportunity for Elementary in the delivery of the way we report progress through trimesters (more on this in upcoming slides)
Process

- At the first meeting, we reviewed the 2017/2018 calendar and then looked at the 2018/2019 holidays and where they fell.
- Each member reflected on an opportunity and a challenge of this past year’s calendar and what he/she would like to see moving forward.
- Out of that meeting came ideas about the start of the year.
- All were in agreement to start before Labor Day to accommodate the high school testing schedule.
- All agreed to a staggered start as has been done in the past.
- Ideas and input provided by all members.
Process Continued

• Four Calendars were created after the first meeting

• All calendar options reflected a before Labor Day start

• Once again committee worked in small groups to weigh the pros and cons of each calendar

• Committee narrowed it to two drafts
Final Work Session on December 11, 2017

• In the third meeting, we really focused on the nuances of the calendar

• Decisions on where to place conference days, grading days, start and end dates were determined

• Final draft was selected and is being proposed this evening.
Trimesters: New curriculum reporting model for the Elementary Division

Trimesters:

- Divide the instructional year into three grading periods of approximately 60 school days per marking period
- Provide students with more time to master skills prior to being assessed
- **Align with our MTSS process and assessments that are occurring at the beginning, middle and end of year**
- Provide additional time for teachers to plan and deliver instruction
- Provide more time to teach, remediate, and/or extend learning prior to reporting
Trimesters Continued

Trimesters:

- Allow more time for teachers to collect meaningful evidence of student learning in a standards-based system
- Allow for less emphasis on testing and focuses on quality instruction
- Give more reliable information on student progress based on an extended evaluation period
- Provide two conference periods that will be held in December and in March (restores the 2nd conference opportunity missing from the 2017/2018 calendar)
- Requires working toward language in the contract that is applicable to K-12
- If approved, the trimester will start in the 2018-2019 school year
Key Points in the 2018-2019 Calendar

- Early start to accommodate high school testing
- Staggered start for K, 6, and 9
- Maximize instructional time
- Trimesters for Elementary with some new symbols in the legend
- Shared K-6 Fall conference days occur in December
- Elementary = 179 days with 2 days being used as Act 80 days for parent/teacher conferences
- Secondary = 181 Student Days
Key Points in the 2018-2019 Calendar

• High School Graduation on Monday, June 10, 2019 gives an opportunity to move the date if it rains

• Reduce the number of half days

• K-6 conferences backing to winter recess

• No calendar is without its challenges

• Thoughtful conversations with many stakeholders resulted in the proposed draft
Building of the Calendar

- Student/Teacher Holiday
- Teacher Workshop/Professional Development (NO STUDENTS)
- End of Marking Period
- Grading Day (K-5) (NO STUDENTS)
- Grading Day (6-12) (NO STUDENTS)
- Elem & Middle School Teacher Prof. ½ Day
- Parent/Guardian - Teacher Conferences ½ Day-Students
- First Day of School
- Commencement
- Half Day for Students
- End of Trimester (K-5)
- Parent/Guardian - Teacher Conferences No Students
- Snow Days (If Needed)

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Months of Interest

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2018

8/22, 8/23 - Teacher Workshop/Prof. Development
8/27 - First Day of School (Gr. 1-5, 6, 9) (K Orientation)
8/28 - Grades 1-12 Report to School
9/3 - Labor Day
9/10, 9/11 - Rosh Hashanah
9/19 - Yom Kippur
NOVEMBER 2018

11/1 - End of First Marking Period (Gr. 6-12)
11/5 - Grading Day (Gr. 6-12)
11/6 - Teacher Workshop (Election Day)
11/12 - Observance of Veterans' Day
11/21 - ½ Day ALL Students Thanksgiving Recess
11/22, 11/23 - Thanksgiving Recess
11/26 - Teacher Workshop/Prof. Development
11/29 - End of First Trimester (Elementary)
11/30 - Grading Day (K-5)
12/20 - Parent/Teacher Conf. - ½ Day Students K-6
12/21 - Parent/Teacher Conf. - No School K-6
12/24-12/28, 12/31 - Winter Recess
6/3 - Grading Day (K-5)
6/10-11 - Teacher Prof. ½ Day (K-8)
6/10 - PHS Commencement (Tentative)
6/12 - Last Day for Students
6/13 - Last Day Teachers
# 2018-2019 School Calendar

## August/September 2018
- **27**: Pre-K Orientation
- **28**: Kindergarten Orientation
- **29**: 1st-12th Grade Orientation
- **30**: First Day of School for Grades 1-12

## October 2018
- **7**: Labor Day
- **8**: First Day of School for Grades 1-12
- **9**: Yom Kippur

## November 2018
- **1**: Election Day
- **2**: Thanksgiving
- **10**: First Day of School for Grades K-9
- **11**: Veterans Day

## December 2018
- **20**: Parent Teacher Conference
- **21**: Half Day Students K-6
- **23**: Winter Recess

## January 2019
- **1**: New Year's Day
- **21**: Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- **23**: Second Marking Period (Grades 1-12)

## February 2019
- **18**: President's Day

## March 2019
- **8**: End of Second Marking Period (Elementary)

## April 2019
- **4**: Grading Day (Grades 6-12)
- **17-19**: Spring Break

## May 2019
- **21**: Teacher Workshop/Professional Development
- **24**: Teacher Prof. ½ Day (K-8)
- **27**: Memorial Day

## June 2019
- **3**: Graduation Day (K-5)
- **10**: Elem & Middle School Teacher Prof. ½ Day
- **14**: Teacher Workshops/Professional Development (No Students)
- **15**: Grading Day (Grades 6-12)
- **30**: Last Day for Students

### Special Dates
- **8/22, 8/23**: Teacher Workshop/Prof. Development
- **8/27**: First Day of School (Grades 1-12)
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### Important Notes
- **Student/Teacher Holiday**
- **Parent/Guardian - Teacher Conferences** ½ Day - Students
- **First Day of School**
- **Commencement**
- **Half Day for Students**
- **End of Trimester (K-5)**
- **Parent/Guardian - Teacher Conferences** No Students
- **Snow Days (If Needed)**

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Questions and Comments
• Calendar Presentation will be posted on the District website

• The Board will vote at the January Action Meeting on January 18, 2018 at 7:30 PM