

# Proposed Calendar 2014-2015

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Howard County Board of Education Meeting

January 9, 2014



# Composition of Academic Calendar Committee Members

34 Members met from September 24 through November 12 from 4:00 PM – 5:30  
contributing approximately 408 man hours if all members attended all meetings

Central Office Personnel: 8

School Administrators: 3

Teachers: 3

School-based Support Personnel: 1

HCASC: 2

HCEA: 1

HCEA-ESP: 1

HCAA: 1

AFSCME: 1

PTA Council: 1

Community Advisory Council: 2

Superintendent's Equity Council: 1

Pre-K Parent: 1

Elementary Parents: 2

Middle School Parents: 2

High School Parents: 2

Community Member at Large: 2



# Academic Calendar Planning Committee Charter

**OBJECTIVES:** Outline the specific tasks the committee is meant to accomplish.

The Committee will:

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- Review the current HCPSS academic calendar
- Examine available data on attendance for the previous year
- Examine opening and closing times, beginning and ending dates for the year, summer school dates, and total attendance hours.
- Examine academic calendars from other school systems in Maryland
- Collect and consider feedback from stakeholder groups
- Thoughtfully consider the scheduling of professional development days, parent-teacher conferences, and winter and spring breaks in relation to holidays and religious holy days.
- Consider opportunities to reduce the number of half-days without jeopardizing the activities that currently take place on those days.
- Develop an academic calendar recommendation that will enhance the system's ability to achieve Vision 2018 by optimizing the instructional time available.
- Submit a recommended 2014-2015 academic calendar to the Superintendent

**SUGGESTION:** Next Year's Charter include a statement recognizing the teacher's need for more preparation, grading, and recording to comply with the BOE's mandate to grade within the 3 week time period.



# Alternative Calendars

- Option A: Superintendent's Proposed Calendar
- Option B: Calendar Committee/HCEA Proposed Calendar

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## **HCEA would like the Board of Education to consider the following when adopting the Calendar for 2014-2015**

- Opening week for teachers should be protected so that teachers can adequately prepare for students without excessive meetings with administrators.
- Why is the emphasis on reducing the number of half days for teachers when there is a significant increase in preparation, grading, and reporting?
- Improve the calendar to be respectful of teacher responsibilities and awareness that grades need to be posted within three weeks. How can this occur without more time?
- Recognize the importance of continuous learning; i.e., minimize the disruptions in the middle of the week and protect full weeks of instruction for students.
- The need for conferences to be available to all families both in November and February by providing adequate time for meaningful interactions.
- Protect the mid-term and finals schedule at the high school so that students prepare and learn from the experience of examinations and teachers can adequately grade them since they are 20% of high school grades.



## Option B: Calendar Committee Proposed Calendar

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This calendar:

- Preserves instructional continuity
- Adds preparation time for quality instruction
- Considers opportunity for all parents to access teacher conference times
- Represents consensus of all the stakeholder groups.



# August & September

## Calendar Committee/HCEA Proposed Calendar

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### August & September

- The Professional Learning Day was scheduled for August 29.
- (Optional) HCEA requested that **75%** of time during August 18, 19, 21, 22 be reserved for teachers to prepare lessons and classrooms for students.



# AUGUST

Option A: Superintendent Proposal

Option B: Calendar Committee/HCEA

*Option A*

## August 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
August holidays and other dates of interest						1
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	30
31						

## August 2014

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	29	30
31						



# SEPTEMBER

Option A: Superintendent Proposal

Option B: Calendar Committee/HCEA

*Option A*

## September 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 <small>Labor Day Schools and offices closed (Board approved holiday)</small>	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18 <small>Professional Learning Day Schools closed for students</small>	19 <small>ACT Test Day</small>	20
21	22	23	24	25 <small>Rosh Hashanah Schools and offices closed</small>	26	27
28	29	30 <small>September holidays and other dates of interest National Hispanic-American Heritage Month (9/15-10/15)</small>				

PENDING BOARD APPROVAL

*Option B*

## September 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 <small>Labor Day Schools and offices closed (Board approved holiday)</small>	2 <small>First day of school for Pre-K/RECC</small>	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 <small>ACT Test Day</small>
21	22	23	24	25 <small>Rosh Hashanah Schools and offices closed</small>	26	27
28	29	30				



# OCTOBER

Option A: Superintendent's Proposal

Option B: Calendar Committee/HCEA

## October 2014

September 2014							November 2014						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30						29	30					

  

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>October holidays and other dates of interest</b> 4 Dussehra (10 days) - Hindu 4 Id al Adha - Islamic (subject to moon) 4 Yom Kippur - Jewish (begins sunset of previous day) 9 Sukkoth (17 days) Jewish (begins sunset of previous day) 10 Shemini Atzeret - Jewish (begins sunset of previous day)	17 Simchat Torah - Jewish (begins sunset of previous day) 20 Installation of Guru Granth Sahib - Sikh 20 Birth of the Bab - Bani (begins sunset of previous day) 23 Diwali (Deepavali) - Hindu 24 United Nations Day 31 Halloween		1		2	3
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
			HIGH SCHOOL ASSESSMENTS			SAT Test Day
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
			HIGH SCHOOL ASSESSMENTS			MSEA Convention/ Professional Work Day <small>Schools closed for students</small>
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
			PSAT - Grades 10 and 11			ACT Test Day
26	27	28	29	30	31	
						End of marking period

## October 2014

September 2014							November 2014						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30						29	30					

  

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
						Yom Kippur
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
			HIGH SCHOOL ASSESSMENTS			SAT Test Day
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
			HIGH SCHOOL ASSESSMENTS			MSEA Convention <small>Schools closed for students</small>
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
			PSAT - Grades 10 and 11			ACT Test Day
26	27	28	29	30	31	



# NOVEMBER

## Calendar Committee/HCEA Proposed Calendar

**November: Biggest Difference here is Option B delivers more teaching time in November**

- Keep Conferences during Thanksgiving week with Monday, Tuesday 1/2 days.
- Full day conference option on Wednesday with no school for students.
- Allows plenty of time for report cards to be distributed.
- Allows parents time to discuss grades with students.
- Provides 13 continuous days of instruction from November 5 through November 21.
- Allows all parents more options; i.e., evening conference, afternoon, or Wednesday prior to Thanksgiving.
- Adds two more days of instruction added to November calendar.



# NOVEMBER

## Option A: Superintendent's Proposal

## Option B: Calendar Committee/HCEA

*Option A*

### November 2014

November 2014						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<small>November holidays and other dates of interest</small> <small>1 All Saints Day - Christian</small> <small>2 Daylight Saving Time ends</small> <small>5 Ashura - Islamic</small> <small>6 Guru Nanak Dev's Gurmursab - Sikh</small> <small>11 Veterans Day</small> <small>12 Baha'ullah Birthday - Baha'i (begins at sunset previous day)</small>						
		19 Educational Support Personnel Day				1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	Professional Learning/Work Day <small>Schools closed for students</small>	General Election Day <small>Schools and offices closed (State mandated)</small>				SAT Test Day
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	Parent/Teacher Conferences* <small>Schools closed for students</small>	Parent/Teacher Conferences* <small>Schools closed for students</small>				
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
		AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK				
30	23	24	25	26	27	28
				THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY		
			Schools closed	Schools and offices closed (State mandated holiday)	Schools and offices closed (State mandated holiday)	

*Option B*

### November 2014

November 2014						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<small>November holidays and other dates of interest</small> <small>1 All Saints Day - Christian</small> <small>2 Daylight Saving Time ends</small> <small>5 Ashura - Islamic</small> <small>6 Guru Nanak Dev's Gurmursab - Sikh</small> <small>11 Veterans Day</small> <small>12 Baha'ullah Birthday - Baha'i (begins at sunset previous day)</small>						
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	Professional Learning/Work Day <small>Schools closed for students</small>	General Election Day <small>Schools and offices closed</small>				SAT Test Day
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
		AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK				
30	23	24	25	26	27	28
		THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY				29
					Schools and offices closed	Schools and offices closed

2 extra days instructional time



# DECEMBER & JANUARY

## Calendar Committee/HCEA Proposed Calendar

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### **December & January: No Changes but discussion occurred on these topics**

- Reopen schools on January 5
- Maintain half days during mid term exams; Allow teachers time to grade and report exams
- Maintain integrity of examination schedule to educate high school students on the process
- Parent Member asked to consider closing school on 12/22, 12/23 to enhance international travel for large percentage of HOCO population
- Committee was asked to consider closing Central Office and Schools during Winter Break
  - Reluctance was expressed by most committee members
  - Suggested that this time be used to develop materials to support Common Core



# DECEMBER

Option A: Superintendent Proposal      Option B: Calendar Committee/HCEA

Option A  
**December 2014**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	
						SAT Test Day
7	8	9	10	11	12	
						ACT Test Day
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
			WINTER BREAK			
			Christmas Eve Schools and offices closed (State mandated holiday)	Christmas Day Schools and offices closed (State mandated holiday)	Schools closed (State-mandated holiday)	
28	29	30	31	December holidays and other dates of interest 9: Rosh Day - Rosh Hashanah (8 days) - Jewish begins at sunset previous day 17: Hanukkah (8 days) - Jewish begins at sunset previous day 26: Kwanzaa (7 days) - African American/interfaith		
	WINTER BREAK					
Schools closed (State-mandated holiday)	Schools closed (State-mandated holiday)	Schools closed (State-mandated holiday)	Schools closed (State-mandated holiday)			

# December 2014

November 2014							January 2015						
Sun	M	T	W	Th	F	Sat	Sun	M	T	W	Th	F	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	1	2	3	4	5	6
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	7	8	9	10	11	12
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	13	14	15	16	17	18
24	25	26	27	28	29	30		19	20	21	22	23	24
								25	26	27	28	29	30

  

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	
7	8	9	10	11	12	SAT Test Day
14	15	16	17	18	19	ACT Test Day
21	22	23	24	25	26	
			WINTER BREAK			
			Christmas Eve Schools and offices closed (State mandated holiday)	Christmas Day Schools and offices closed (State mandated holiday)	Schools closed (State mandate holiday)	
28	29	30	31	December holidays and other dates of interest 8 Rosh Hashanah ~ Rosh Hashanah 17 Hanukkah (8 days) ~ Jewish begins at sunset previous day 26 Kwanzaa (7 days) ~ African American harvest		
Schools closed (State mandated holiday)	Schools closed (State mandated holiday)	Schools closed (State mandated holiday)				



# JANUARY

## Option A: Superintendent's Proposal

## Option B: Calendar Committee/HCEA

*Option A*

### January 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<small>January holidays and other dates of interest: 3 Milad-un-Nabi - Islam (subject to moon sightings) 5 Gauri Gobard Singh's Gauranab - Sikh 6 Epiphany - Christian 7 Feast of Nativity - Orthodox Christian</small>						
				<b>New Year's Day</b> Schools and offices closed (State mandated holiday)	Schools closed	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
HIGH SCHOOL ASSESSMENTS						
ACCESS testing begins	CAC Meeting 7:30 pm					
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
HIGH SCHOOL SEMESTER EXAMS HSA MAKEUP TESTING						
<b>Martin Luther King Jr. Day</b> Schools and offices closed (State mandated holiday)			High schools close 3 hours early. No Pre-K/RECC	All schools close 3 hours early. ES and MS Professional Learning and HS exams. No Pre-K/RECC	All schools close 3 hours early. No Pre-K/RECC. End of marking period	<b>SAT Test Day</b>
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

### January 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>New Year's Day</b> Schools and offices closed (State mandated holiday)	Schools and offices closed	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
HIGH SCHOOL ASSESSMENTS						
ACCESS testing begins	CAC Meeting 7:30 pm					
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
<b>Martin Luther King Jr. Day</b> Schools and offices closed (State mandated holiday)			High schools close 3 hours early. No Pre-K/RECC	High schools close 3 hours early. No Pre-K/RECC	All schools close 3 hours early. ES and MS Professional Learning and HS exams. No Pre-K/RECC	<b>SAT Test Day</b>
25	26	27	28	29	30	31



# February

## Calendar Committee/HCEA Proposed Calendar

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### **February: Option B increases conference slots for parents**

- Add an additional half day to Conferences for elementary/middle schools (2/4 & 2/5)
- More opportunities for conferences
  - Departmentalization will require more conference slots
  - Afford more parents opportunities for conferences.
- Full day of conferences on 2/6
- Countywide Professional Day scheduled for Friday, February 13 (President's weekend)



# FEBRUARY

## Option A: Superintendent's Proposal

## Option B: Calendar Committee/HCEA

### Option A February 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<small>           February holidays and other dates of interest            National African-American History Month            15 Nirvana Day - Buddhist            17 PTA Founders Day            19 Chinese/Chinese-Vietnamese New Year            25 Ash Wednesday/Lent begins - Christian            26 Ayilim-inik (7 days) - Baha'i (begins at sunset previous day)         </small>						
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
		EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION WEEK			Countywide Professional Learning Day <small>Schools closed for students</small>	ACT Test Day
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
				All schools close 3 hours early for parent/teacher conferences. No PTA/RECC	All schools close 3 hours early for parent/teacher conferences. No PTA/RECC	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	Presidents' Day <small>Schools and offices closed (State mandated holiday)</small>					
22	23	24	25	26	27	28

### Option B February 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<small>           February holidays and other dates of interest            National African-American History Month            15 Nirvana Day - Buddhist            17 PTA Founders Day            19 Chinese/Chinese-Vietnamese New Year            25 Ash Wednesday/Lent begins - Christian            26 Ayilim-inik (7 days) - Baha'i (begins at sunset previous day)         </small>						
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
		EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION WEEK				
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
			Elementary/middle schools close 3 hours early for parent/teacher conferences. No PTA/RECC	All schools close 3 hours early for parent/teacher conferences/High school professional Learning No PTA/RECC	All schools closed for students. Parent/teacher conferences.	ACT Test Day
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	Presidents' Day <small>Schools and offices closed (State mandated holiday)</small>				Countywide Professional Learning Day <small>Schools closed for students</small>	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28



# MARCH & APRIL

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- Option A and Option B agree on the 2014-2015 calendar
- Concern from Teachers:
  - How extensive is the testing?
  - How will it affect instruction during “prime time”?



# MARCH

## Option A: Superintendent's Proposal

## Option B: Calendar Committee/HCEA

Option A

# March 2015

February 2015

April 2015

Sat	Sun	M	T	W	Th	F	Sat	Sun	M	T	W	Th	F	Sat
		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	30													

# March 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
			PARCC TESTING			
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
			PARCC TESTING			SAT Test Day
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
			PARCC TESTING			
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
			PARCC TESTING		All schools closed 3 hours early. No Hien-DECC End of marking period	
29	30	31	March holidays and other dates of interest National Women's History Month 5 Purim - Jewish (begins at sunset previous day) 6 Holi - Hindu 8 Daylight Saving Time begins 21 New Year (Buddhist) and Chinese New Year 29 Palm Sunday - Christian			
	SPRING BREAK					
Schools closed		Schools closed				

Option B

# March 2015

# March 2015

February 2015							April 2015						
Sun	M	T	W	Th	F	Sat	Sun	M	T	W	Th	F	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	26	27	28	29	30		

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	----- PARCC TESTING -----					
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	----- PARCC TESTING -----					
15	16	17	18	19	20	SAT Test Day 21
	----- PARCC TESTING -----					
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	----- PARCC TESTING -----					
29	30	31			End of marking period. All schools closed 3 hours early. No Pre-K/RECC	
	----- SPRING BREAK -----					

Schools closed

Schools closed



# APRIL

## Option A: Superintendent's Proposal

## Option B: Calendar Committee/HCEA

Option A

### April 2015

March 2015							May 2015						
Sun	M	T	W	Th	F	Sat	Sun	M	T	W	Th	F	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7					1	2	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
29	30	31					24	25	26	27	28	29	30

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
			SPRING BREAK			
			Schools closed	Schools closed	Good Friday Schools and offices closed (State mandated holiday)	Passover
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Easter	Easter Monday Schools and offices closed (State mandated holiday)					
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
		MSA SCIENCE TESTING				
		HSA SENIOR ADMINISTRATION				
		Report cards issued				ACT Test Day
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
		MSA SCIENCE TESTING				
		PARCC TESTING				
26	27	28	29	30		
	MSA SCIENCE TESTING					
	PARCC TESTING					

Option B

### April 2015

March 2015							May 2015						
Sun	M	T	W	Th	F	Sat	Sun	M	T	W	Th	F	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7					1	2	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
29	30	31					24	25	26	27	28	29	30

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
			SPRING BREAK			
			Schools closed	Schools closed	Good Friday Schools and offices closed (State mandated holiday)	Passover
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Easter	Easter Monday Schools and offices closed (State mandated holiday)					
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
		MSA SCIENCE TESTING				
		HSA SENIOR ADMINISTRATION				
		Report cards issued				ACT Test Day
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
		MSA SCIENCE TESTING				
		PARCC TESTING				
26	27	28	29	30		
	MSA SCIENCE TESTING					
	PARCC TESTING					



# MAY & JUNE

## Calendar Committee Proposed Calendar

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### May & June

- 1/2 Professional Learning at the high school May 15
- 1/2 Articulation Day on May 15 for elementary/middle schools.
- Teachers requested a Professional Work Day on June 12 to allow time to store materials and close classrooms.
- (Optional) Elementary teachers were concerned about the opportunity to prepare report cards at end of the school year and requested a 1/2 day on 6/5 (HCEA).



# MAY

## Option A: Superintendent's Proposal

## Option B: Calendar Committee/HCEA

### Option A May 2015

April 2015							June 2015						
Sun	M	T	W	Th	F	Sat	Sun	M	T	W	Th	F	Sat
			1	2	3	4				1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
26	27	28	29	30			28	29	30				

  

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>May holidays and other dates of interest</b> National Asian-American Heritage Month 6 Health Services Day 2 Ascension Day - Christian 4 Vesakha Puja (Buddha Day) - Buddhist 6 Health Services Day 10 Mother's Day 24 Shavuot - Jewish (begins sunset of previous day) 24 Pentecost - Christian						1 Professional Learning /Articulation Day Schools closed for students
3	4	5	6	7	8	2 SAT Test Day
TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK PARCC TESTING ANTICIPATED AP TEST WINDOW						
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
PARCC TESTING ANTICIPATED AP TEST WINDOW						
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
HIGH SCHOOL ASSESSMENT WINDOW						
31	24	25	26	27	28	29
	Memorial Day Schools and offices closed (State mandated holiday)	HIGH SCHOOL ASSESSMENT MAKEUP WINDOW				30

### Option B May 2015

April 2015							June 2015						
Sun	M	T	W	Th	F	Sat	Sun	M	T	W	Th	F	Sat
			1	2	3	4				1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
26	27	28	29	30			28	29	30				

  

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 MSA SCIENCE TESTING PARCC TESTING	2 SAT Test Day
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK PARCC TESTING ANTICIPATED AP TEST WINDOW						
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
PARCC TESTING ANTICIPATED AP TEST WINDOW						
17	18	19	20	21	22 Professional Learning /Articulation Day All schools close 3 hours early	23
HIGH SCHOOL ASSESSMENT WINDOW						
31	24	25	26	27	28	29
	Memorial Day Schools and offices closed (State mandated holiday)	HIGH SCHOOL ASSESSMENT MAKEUP WINDOW				30



# JUNE

## Option A: Superintendent's Proposal

## Option B: Calendar Committee/HCEA

### Option A June 2015

May 2015							July 2015						
Sun	M	T	W	Th	F	Sat	Sun	M	T	W	Th	F	Sat
					1	2					1	2	3
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	26	27	28	29	30	31	

  

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
			HIGH SCHOOL ASSESSMENT MAKEUP WINDOW			
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
			HIGH SCHOOL EXAMS			
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	1st inclement weather day	2nd inclement weather day	3rd inclement weather day	4th inclement weather day	5th inclement weather day	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	June holidays and other dates of interest 14 Peace Unity Day - Baha'i 14 Flag Day 18 Ramadan (30 Days) - Islamic (subject to moon sighting) 21 Father's Day			

### Option B June 2015

May 2015							July 2015						
Sun	M	T	W	Th	F	Sat	Sun	M	T	W	Th	F	Sat
					1	2					1	2	3
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	26	27	28	29	30	31	

  

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
		HIGH SCHOOL EXAMS				
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
		High schools (only) close 3 hours early. No Pre-K-RECC	All schools close 3 hours early. No Pre-K-RECC	Last Student Day All schools close 3 hours early. No Pre-K-RECC	PROFESSIONAL WORK DAY Last day for teachers 1st inclement weather day	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	2nd inclement weather day	3rd inclement weather day	4th inclement weather day	5th inclement weather day		
28	29	30				



# *Summary*

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- Calendar Option B was the recommended Calendar that reflected a consensus of all groups represented at Calendar Committee Meetings.
- Hours of discussion among the various groups resulted in compromise and consideration of the needs of all to provide the optimum educational opportunity for the students of Howard County.
- The volunteer hours donated by the members of this Committee symbolize a commitment to excellence in Howard County Schools.
- Additional Suggestions by HCEA were added as noted.



# Option C: A Hybrid

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- August & September – Superintendent's Proposal
- October – both are the same
- November – Calendar Committee
- December & January – both are the same
- February – Calendar Committee
- March & April – both are the same
- May & June – either calendar