

Pittsylvania County Schools Calendar – 2018-2019

The Pittsylvania County School Board approved the 2018-2019 calendar at the December 12, 2017 meeting.

Rationale from the Calendar Committee as presented to the School Board:

The Pittsylvania County Schools' Calendar Committee initially met on Monday, October 30, 2017, to begin the proposed calendar process. The committee prepared a proposed 2018-2019 calendar that was posted on-line for public comments from November 3 - 27, 2017. There were 115 responses from employees and parents.

The committee reconvened on Wednesday, November 29, 2017, to review the survey responses for the proposed calendar for the 2018-2019 school year. After review of the survey responses, discussion and thoughtful consideration, the committee felt that some changes to the original proposed calendar should be made. Revisions included the following:

- Change October 8 to a Teacher Workday (*Request from the Superintendent*);
- Change the end of the second six weeks from Friday, November 2 (early dismissal) to Monday, November 5, 2017 (with early dismissal). *Rationale: The Friday early dismissal and the Monday prior to the Division Professional Development (PD) day created two days of high absenteeism and disruption. The committee felt that the one early dismissal day prior to the PD would alleviate one day of disruption to the classroom and instruction instead of having two days.*

The committee did consider other requests, but felt that these requests could not be incorporated into the proposed calendar. The considered requests included the following:

- Move Open House to Thursday or Friday prior to possible tax free weekend. *Rationale: The division will make available on the website more detailed and accurate school supply lists, including middle and high schools. The schools will also make them available at their sites and in local stores as in the past. Therefore, parents and students should have these available prior to the possible tax free weekend.*
- Move opening day of school to a Monday. *Rationale: To make this a possibility, the committee would have had to recommend that two current holidays be changed to student days. These days would have been Wednesday, November 21, (changed to an early dismissal) and Friday, December 21, (early dismissal). The committee felt that the removal of these days would have created a very negative impact on the calendar and did not recommend the change.*