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**MEMORANDUM**

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**TO:** NEWPORT BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS

**FROM:** JENNIFER STEWART, DPP

**SUBJECT:** CALENDAR AMENDMENT 2020-2021

**DATE:** FEBRUARY 8, 2021

**CC:** TONY WATTS, SUPERINTENDENT

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Please consider a formal recommendation to amend the 2020-2021 school calendar. March 12, 2021 is currently identified within the school calendar as a professional learning day for school staff and a no instruction day for students. Tuesday, June 1<sup>st</sup> is the last student day of instruction; directly preceded by Memorial Day. My recommendation is to slate March 12, 2021 as a student instructional day. This change would allow students to end the school year on Friday, May 28, 2021. School staff would report for work on June 1, 2021 with June 2, 2021 remaining the closing day for staff to meet contractual agreement.

I have discussed this option with the Principals of each school. All confirm they believe this change to be in the best interest of students given the short amount of time that students will have experienced in a return to a hybrid learning style. This day was originally utilized as an opportunity to meet vertically to plan for transition to the next grade level and for transition between schools. The professional learning day on April 2, 2021 will be utilized for this purpose. NTA has provided consultation on this amendment and are in agreement as well.