



Date: November 25, 2024
To: Dr. Jesse Bacon
From: Steve Smallwood
Re: Calendar Committee Recommendation for 25-26 School Calendar

Dear Dr. Bacon,

The BCPS Calendar Committee met on November 18, 2024 to develop and finalize three calendar options for the 2025-2026 school year for stakeholders to vote on. We sent out a survey that was open from November 19th through November 22nd. We had 2,031 people participate in the survey.

In order to act on the school calendar, the Board must hold two (2) meetings: 1) one that includes hearing and discussing recommendations from the Superintendent and calendar committee results and 2) a subsequent meeting that includes adoption of the calendar.

Attached are the results from the calendar survey we shared with all our stakeholders.

All Three calendar options meet the following State, Board, and BCEA requirements:

1. 187 Employee Contract Days
2. 170 Instructional Days / 1,062 Instructional Hours
3. 7 Bullitt Days for Planning and Professional Learning
4. 4 Holidays
5. 4 Professional Development Day (PD Days)
6. 1 Opening Day
7. 1 Closing Day



Here is a quick snapshot of the results:

Option 1 was the winner with 62.1% of the vote with 1,252 votes.

Option 3 came in 2nd place with 19.4% of the vote with 392 votes.

Option 2 came in 3rd with 18.5% of the vote with 372 votes.

As part of the KDE State Attendance Audit, we also have to have the school board approve the start and dismissal times of our schools. Here are the start and dismissal times for each school that also needs to be approved by the Board of Education:

	Total Minutes	Lunch = 25 minutes	Instructional Minutes per day (-25minutes for lunch)	Hours Per Year (min per day x 170 divided by 60 min)
Elementary Schools	400 minutes per day (6 hours & 30 minutes) 9:00 am - 3:40 pm Crossroads, Freedom, Maryville, Mt. Washington, Old Mill, Overdale and Pleasant Grove. or 9:10 am - 3:50 pm Brooks, Cedar Grove, Lebanon Junction, Nichols, Roby, and Shepherdsville.	-25	375	1,062.5
ALL Middle Schools	420 minutes per day (7 hours) 8:00 am - 3:00 pm	-25	395	1,119.17
ALL High Schools	410 minutes per day (6 hours & 50 minutes) 7:20 am - 2:10 pm	-25	385	1,090.83

*BCEA Contract defines a school work day as 7 hours and 15 minutes.

Respectfully,

Steve Smallwood
DPP, Calendar Committee Chair