

Agenda Item:	IV A: Action Item
Date:	May 18, 2023
To:	Magnolia Educational & Research Foundation dba Magnolia Public Schools (“MPS”) Board of Directors (the “Board”)
From:	Alfredo Rubalcava, CEO & Superintendent
Staff Lead(s):	David Yilmaz, Chief Accountability Officer
RE:	Approval of 2023-24 School Calendars for All Magnolia Public Schools (MPS)

1. **Action Proposed:**

I move that the Board of Directors approve the 2023-24 School Calendars for all Magnolia Public Schools (MPS).

2. **Purpose:**

We need to share our 2023-24 school calendar with our educational partners and start planning for the next school year as early as possible.

3. **Background:**

Instructional Minute Compliance

Per the California Education Code, charter schools have to offer at least 175 instructional days annually and also meet the required annual instructional minutes, which are 64,800 minutes for grades 9-12, 54,000 minutes for grades 4-8, 50,400 minutes for grades 1-3, and 36,000 minutes for kindergarten. MPS has always complied with the required instructional days and minutes; our instructional minutes are well above the state-required minimums, especially in grades K-8. At MPS instructional minutes on a regular day range from 335 minutes in elementary to 390 minutes in high school. The following table shows the annual instructional minutes for our schools in 2022-23.

School	# of instructional days	# of minutes offered annually	Minimum # of minutes required	# of minutes above the requirement
6-12 Schools				
MSA-1	185	65,236	64,800	436
MSA-2	185	65,240	64,800	440
MSA-3	185	65,225	64,800	425
MSA-4	185	65,919	64,800	1,119
MSA-5	185	65,260	64,800	460
MSA-Santa Ana	180	65,200	64,800	400
Middle Schools				
MSA-6	180	55,750	54,000	1,750

MSA-Bell	180	60,785	54,000	6,785
MSA-San Diego	180	60,785	54,000	6,785
Elementary Schools				
MSA-7	180	56,220	54,000	2,220
MSA-Santa Ana Elem * highest grade 6	180	56,305	54,000	2,305

4. Analysis:

180 vs. 185 school days

Prior to 2021-22: Prior to 2021-22 MPS offered about 180/181 days of instruction in alignment with the local districts. Depending on our PD days and other details of the specific year's calendar, such as start and end dates, school breaks and holidays, we chose between 180 and 181. In case of emergency school closures, additional day(s) have helped our high schools meet their annual instructional minutes without having to go through the filing of a "Request for Allowance of Attendance Because of Emergency Conditions" with the CDE.

2021-22: In order to address unfinished learning and overcome trauma due to COVID-19, many charter schools and districts extended the 2021-22 school year with the funds available to address the staffing, programs, and service needs. MPS also collected parent and staff feedback through surveys and presentations on several calendar options for the MPS 2021-22 school calendar. In 2021-22, all MPS schools in Los Angeles offered 185 instructional days, whereas MSA-San Diego and Santa Ana offered 180.

2022-23: The main discussion for 2022-23 was about whether to continue to offer 185 days or revert to the 180/181-day calendar. What played a key factor in our decision was SB 328. A major change taking place in 2022-23 was the school start time for our high schools. SB 328 approved by the Governor requires the school day for middle schools and high schools, including those operated as charter schools, to begin no earlier than 8:00 a.m. and 8:30 a.m., respectively. Our schools have traditionally started at 8:00 and the shift of high school start time to 8:30 a.m. would push the school end time by half an hour, creating many drawbacks for our after-school program, parent pick-up, teacher prep time for the next day, and more. If our high schools reverted from the 185-day calendar to the 180/181-day calendar, the school end time would be pushed even further, adding to the drawbacks.

After discussions with the school staff and leadership and careful consideration, our high schools in Los Angeles chose to continue with the 185-day calendar. This helped tremendously with meeting annual instructional minutes without having long school days that have late end times. MSA-Santa Ana, however, chose to continue with 180 days since they are a TK-12 school. The remaining schools, MSA-6, 7, Bell, and San Diego, which are elementary or middle, also chose the 180-day calendar over the 185-day calendar since they could still start their day at 8:00 a.m. and easily meet their annual minutes in a 180-day calendar.

2023-24: As in 2021-22 and 2022-23 calendars, our high schools in Los Angeles will continue to offer 185 instructional days in 2023-24. The remaining schools will have a 180-day calendar.

2023-24 School Calendars

Attached and below is the proposed 2023-24 academic calendar for MPS.

2023-24 MPS ACADEMIC CALENDAR							Holidays & Breaks
		MSA-1,2,3,4,5	MSA-6	MSA-7,8	MSA-Santa Ana	MSA-San Diego	Important Dates
JUL	Independence Day	7/4 (Tue)	7/4 (Tue)	7/4 (Tue)	7/4 (Tue)	7/4 (Tue)	
AUG	First Day of Instruction	8/15 (Tue)	8/10 (Thu)	8/15 (Tue)	8/14 (Mon)	8/21 (Mon)	
SEP	Labor Day	9/4 (Mon)	9/4 (Mon)	9/4 (Mon)	9/4 (Mon)	9/4 (Mon)	
SEP	Staff P.D. Day (Pupil Free Day)	9/22 (Fri)	9/22, 10/16	9/22 (Fri)	9/22 (Fri)	9/22 (Fri)	
NOV	Veterans Day	11/10 (Fri)	11/10 (Fri)	11/10 (Fri)	11/10 (Fri)	11/10 (Fri)	
NOV	Thanksgiving Break	11/20-11/24	11/20-11/24	11/20-11/24	11/20-11/24	11/20-11/24	
DEC	Last Day of First Semester	12/19 (Tue)	12/19 (Tue)	12/19 (Tue)	12/15 (Fri)	12/15 (Fri)	
DEC	Winter Break	12/20-1/8	12/20-1/8	12/20-1/8	12/16-1/8	12/16-1/2	
JAN	Staff P.D. Day (Pupil Free Day)	1/8 (Mon)	1/8 (Mon)	1/8 (Mon)	1/8 (Mon)	1/2 (Tue)	
JAN	First Day of Second Semester	1/9 (Tue)	1/9 (Tue)	1/9 (Tue)	1/9 (Tue)	1/3 (Wed)	
JAN	M. L. King Day	1/15 (Mon)	1/15 (Mon)	1/15 (Mon)	1/15 (Mon)	1/15 (Mon)	
FEB	Presidents' Day	2/19 (Mon)	2/19 (Mon)	2/19 (Mon)	2/16-2/19	2/16-2/19	
MAR	Staff P.D. Day (Pupil Free Day)	3/1 (Fri)	3/1, 4/15, 5/6	3/1 (Fri)	3/1 (Fri)	3/1 (Fri)	
MAR/APR	Spring Break	3/25-3/29	3/25-3/29	3/25-3/29	4/1-4/5	4/1-4/5	
APR	Cesar Chavez Day	4/1 (Mon)	4/1 (Mon)	4/1 (Mon)	4/1 (Mon)	-	
MAY	Memorial Day	5/27 (Mon)	5/27 (Mon)	5/27 (Mon)	5/27 (Mon)	5/27 (Mon)	
JUN	Last Day of Instruction	6/12 (Wed)	6/5 (Wed)	6/5 (Wed)	6/6 (Thu)	6/7 (Fri)	
JUN	Juneteenth	6/19 (Wed)	6/19 (Wed)	6/19 (Wed)	6/19 (Wed)	6/19 (Wed)	
# of Instructional Days:		185	180	180	180	180	
# of Staff P.D. (Pupil Free) Days:		3	6	3	3	3	

MSA-1 thru 5

MSA-1 through 5 will follow the LAUSD calendar very closely in terms of start and end dates and holidays and breaks, with the exception of our three MPS-wide staff development days, one in the fall (September 22), one in the winter (January 8), and one in the spring (March 1). Different from MPS, LAUSD calendar has Admission Day (September 1) as a holiday and two unassigned days (September 25 and April 24). The following table compares our school breaks and no-student days with those of the district.

	LAUSD	MSA-1 thru 5
First Day of Instruction	8/15	The same as LAUSD
Winter Break	2.5 weeks (12/20-1/5)	The same as LAUSD
Spring Break	1 week (3/25-3/29)	The same as LAUSD

Last Day of Instruction	6/5	6/12
Other:	No-student days on 9/1, 9/25, 4/24;	No-student days (PD days for staff) on 9/22, 1/8, 3/1
# of Instructional Days	180	185

MSA-6 thru 8

As explained above, MSA-6 through 8 chose the 180-day calendar over the 185-day calendar since they can still start their day at 8:00 a.m. and easily meet their annual minutes in a 180-day calendar being an elementary/middle school. For MSA-7 and Bell, the 5-day difference from the MSA-1 through 5 calendars will be the 5-school days-early closure. MSA-6 would normally follow this calendar, but they chose to start earlier than MSA-7 and Bell due to a few reasons. MSA-6 moved to a new Prop-39 location this school year and desires to start school earlier than LAUSD to establish the school culture at their co-located site. MSA-6 has also invested in three additional PD days as approved by the academic department. As a result, their calendar will be little bit off from the MSA-7 and Bell calendars.

MSA-Santa Ana

After careful consideration and feedback from their educational partners, MSA-Santa Ana has chosen to follow a very similar school calendar to SAUSD's. The differences from the SAUSD and MSA-Santa Ana calendars were discussed with the school administration, and they believe that the differences will not impact student attendance considering the grade span of the school is K-12 and that the school will communicate any differences closely with the parents. MSA-Santa Ana administration has also stated that having a 2-week winter break like SAUSD would negatively impact their ADA, so they would rather continue to have a 3-week winter break as they have been doing for the last few years. MSA-Santa Ana school leadership team believes that this proposed calendar will be in the best interest of their community. The following table compares MSA-Santa Ana school breaks and no-student days with those of the SAUSD.

	<u>SAUSD</u>	<u>MSA-Santa Ana</u>
First Day of Instruction	8/14	The same as SAUSD
Winter Break	2 weeks (12/25-1/5)	3 weeks (12/16-1/8)
Spring Break	1 week (4/1-4/5)	The same as SAUSD
Last Day of Instruction	5/30	6/6
Other:	No-student days on 10/2, 11/3, 11/17, 12/22, 2/16, 5/31	No-student days (PD days for staff) on 9/22, 1/8, 3/1
# of Instructional Days	180	180

MSA-San Diego

After their educational partners' feedback, MSA-San Diego school leadership team has decided to follow the SDUSD calendar very closely except for three MPS symposium days and the last day of school. The school desired to be in sync with the SDUSD for winter and spring breaks. The following table compares MSA-San Diego school breaks and no-student days with those of the SDUSD.

	<u>SDUSD</u>	<u>MSA-San Diego</u>
First Day of Instruction	8/21	The same as SDUSD
Winter Break	2 weeks plus two days (12/18-1/2)	The same as SDUSD
Spring Break	1 week (4/1-4/5)	The same as SDUSD
Last Day of Instruction	6/6	6/7
Other:	No-student day on 1/2	No-student days (PD days for staff) on 9/22, 1/2, 3/1
# of Instructional Days	180	180

5. Impact:

We developed the calendars in collaboration with the school leadership teams who have sought feedback from their educational partners (staff and parents). LAUSD, SDUSD, and SAUSD calendars have been carefully considered while finalizing our calendars, making it more convenient for our families and mitigating the risk of reduced ADA.

For professional development, MPS will continue to have summer PD for admin, teachers, and new teachers in the summer as well as our staple teacher symposium days during the year. In addition, we are adding January 8, 2023, the Monday after the winter break, as a PD/preparation day.

Next Steps

After board approval of the school calendar, the schools will finalize other important dates on their school calendar (orientation, back to school night, parent conferences, lottery, etc.) MPS Home Office has created a calendar for all such important dates and some of those dates are flexible, to be decided by the sites, while other important dates are set MPS-wide. For example, summer PD, progress report dates and MAP test dates will be MPS-wide; back to school night and lottery dates will be site-specific within the windows determined by the Home Office.

School sites will also finalize their bell-schedules and complete the "2023-24 Instructional Minutes Calculation" form to ensure they are compliant with the annual instructional minute requirements. The forms will be signed by the school leadership and submitted to the Chief Accountability Officer for compliance and audit purposes and to prepare well in advance for the new school year. If the school leadership needs to make any changes to the school's schedule after their submission of the instructional minute calculation form, the approval process will be repeated.

6. Budget Implications:

N/A

7. Committee Recommendations:

N/A

8. Exhibits:

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Santa Ana Unified School District **2023-2024** Academic School Calendar

JULY 2023					AUGUST 2023					SEPTEMBER 2023					OCTOBER 2023								
M	T	W	Th	F	M	T	W	Th	F	M	T	W	Th	F	M	T	W	Th	F				
3	4	5	6	7		1	2	3	4					1	2	3	4	5	6				
10	11	12	13	14	7	8	9	10	11	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13				
17	18	19	20	21	14	15	16	17	18	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20				
24	25	26	27	28	21	22	23	24	25	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27				
31					28	29	30	31		25	26	27	28	29	30	31							
4	Holiday - Independence Day					Duty Day - PD Days 8/9 - 8/10					4				Holiday - Labor Day				2	Duty Day - Student Free Day: (IS) Parent Conference			
						11				Duty Day - Student Free Day					22				Progress Reports: 6 Weeks (K-12)				
						14				First Day of Fall Instruction									Back to School Night IS: 9/7				
										Back to School Night: ES 8/24; HS: 8/31									Modified Day HS: 9/1 IS: 9/8				
										Modified Day: ES:8/25													
Instructional Days: 0					Instructional Days: 14					Instructional Days: 20					Instructional Days: IS: 21, ES/HS: 22								
NOVEMBER 2023					DECEMBER 2023					JANUARY 2024					FEBRUARY 2024								
M	T	W	Th	F	M	T	W	Th	F	M	T	W	Th	F	M	T	W	Th	F				
		1	2	3					1	1	2	3	4	5				1	2				
6	7	8	9	10	4	5	6	7	8	8	9	10	11	12	5	6	7	8	9				
13	14	15	16	17	11	12	13	14	15	15	16	17	18	19	12	13	14	15	16				
20	21	22	23	24	18	19	20	21	22	22	23	24	25	26	19	20	21	22	23				
27	28	29	30		25	26	27	28	29	29	30	31			26	27	28	29					
2	End of Trimester: (ES-58 Days)				21	End of Semester (HS 86 Days)/Modified Days (IS/HS)					8				First Day of Spring Instruction				12	Holiday - Lincoln Day			
	Progress Reports: 12 Week (HS/IS)					Progress Reports: 6 Weeks (ES)					15				Holiday - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day				15	Progress Reports: 6 Weeks (IS/HS)			
	Duty Day - Student Free Day: K-12: 11/3, ES: 11/17				22	Duty Day - Student Free Day (HS)/End of Semester/Modified Day (IS) 86 Days/Full day (ES)									Holiday				16	Duty Day - Student Free Day (K-12)			
	Holiday					Holiday									Winter Break				19	Holiday - Washington Day			
	Modified Day/Parent Conferences: ES 11/13-11/16					Winter Break													23	End of Trimester: (ES-59 Days)			
	Non-Instruction - Thanksgiving Recess					Modified Day: HS: 12/19, K-12: 12/20														Modified Day/Parent Conferences: ES:2/28-3/1			
Instructional Days: ES: 14, IS/HS: 15					Instructional Days: HS: 15, ES/IS: 16					Instructional Days: 17					Instructional Days: 18								
MARCH 2024					APRIL 2024					MAY 2024					JUNE 2024								
M	T	W	Th	F	M	T	W	Th	F	M	T	W	Th	F	M	T	W	Th	F				
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4	5	6	7	8	8	9	10	11	12	6	7	8	9	10	10	11	12	13	14				
11	12	13	14	15	15	16	17	18	19	13	14	15	16	17	17	18	19	20	21				
18	19	20	21	22	22	23	24	25	26	20	21	22	23	24	24	25	26	27	28				
25	26	27	28	29	29	30				27	28	29	30	31									
	Modified Day/Parent Conferences: ES:3/1					Non-Instruction - Spring Recess					27				Holiday - Memorial Day								
28	Open House: HS: 3/28					Open House: ES: 4/18 IS: 4/25					30				Last Day of Instruction-End of Semester (IS/HS- 94 Days)/ End of Trimester (ES- 63 Days) / Modified Day (K-12)								
29	Progress Reports: K-12/Modified Day: HS					Modified Day: ES: 4/19, IS: 4/26					31				Duty Day - Student Free Day								
															Modified Day: IS/HS: 5/28, K-12: 5/29								
Instructional Days: 21					Instructional Days: 17					Instructional Days: 21					Instructional Days: 0								

IMPORTANT INFORMATION		DAYS OF INSTRUCTION		Duty DAYS	
1. First Day of Service: August 11, 2023		1. Students attend school 180 days		Teacher Duty Days: 187 (5 Student Free Duty Days + 2 PD Days)	
2. First Day of Instruction: August 14, 2023		2. Parent Conferences: Elementary School (ES): November 13-17, 2023		K-12: November 3, 2023 & February 16, 2024	
3. Last Day of Service: May 30, 2024		Elementary School (ES): February 26, 2023 - March 1, 2024		Elementary: November 17, 2023 Intermediate: October 2, 2024	
Modified Wednesday ES/IS Modified Day (see legend)		Intermediate School (IS): October 2, 2023		High School: December 22, 2023	

SAN DIEGO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
2023-24 INSTRUCTIONAL CALENDAR
FINAL

ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION 5-10-22

	M	T	W	Th	F		M	T	W	Th	F		M	T	W	Th	F		M	T	W	Th	F		M	T	W	Th	F		TOTALS		
JULY	3	4 H	5	6	7		10	11	12	13	14		17	18	19	20	21		24	25	26	27	28		31						Jul	0	
AUGUST		1	2	3	4		7	8	9	10	11		14	15	16	17	18		21 F	22	23	24	25		28	29	30	31			Aug	9	
SEPTEMBER					1		4 H	5	6	7	8		11	12	13	14	15		18	19	20	21	22		25	26	27	28	29		Sep	20	
OCTOBER	2	3	4	5	6 NI		9	10	11	12	13		16	17	18	19	20		23	24	25	26	27		30	31					Oct	21	
NOVEMBER			1	2	3		6	7	8	9	10 H		13	14	15	16	17		20 NI	21 NI	22 NI	23 H	24 H		27	28	29	30			Nov	16	
DECEMBER					1		4	5	6	7	8		11	12	13	14	15		18 NI	19 NI	20 NI	21 NI	22 H		25 H	26 NI	27 NI	28 NI	29 H		Dec	11	
JANUARY	1 H	2 NI	3	4	5		8	9	10	11	12		15 H	16	17	18	19 *		22	23	24	25	26		29	30	31				Jan	20	
FEBRUARY				1	2		5	6	7	8	9		12	13	14	15	16 H		19 H	20	21	22	23		26	27	28	29			Feb	19	
MARCH					1		4	5	6	7	8		11	12	13	14	15		18	19	20	21	22		25	26	27	28	29		Mar	21	
APRIL	1 NI	2 NI	3 NI	4 NI	5 NI		8	9	10	11	12		15	16	17	18	19		22	23	24	25	26		29	30					Apr	17	
MAY			1	2	3		6	7	8	9	10		13	14	15	16	17		20	21	22	23	24		27 H	28	29	30	31		May	22	
JUNE	3	4	5	6 L	7		10	11	12	13	14		17	18	19	20	21		24	25	26	27	28								Jun	4	
																																Total	180

H	Holiday	Blue
F/L	First/Last Day of School	Orange
NI	Non-Instructional Day (No School)	Green
	Instruction Day	Yellow

* end of semester 1

2023 - 2024