PUBLIC SCHOOLS

| Board Agenda Item \# | II B- Consent Item |
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| Date: | February 8, 2018 |
| To: | Magnolia Board of Directors |
| From: | Caprice Young, Ed.D., CEO \& Superintendent |
| Staff Lead: | David Yilmaz, Chief Accountability Officer |
| RE: | Approval of 2018-19 School Calendars for all MPS |

## Proposed Board Recommendation

I move that the board approve the 2018-19 School Calendars for all MPS.

## Background

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 64,000 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 been in compliance with the required instructional days and minutes and the instructional minutes are well above the state-required minimums, especially in grades K-8. The following table shows the instructional minutes for our schools in 2017-18:

| School | \# of instructional <br> minutes offered <br> annually | Minimum \# of minutes <br> required per Ed Code | \# of minutes above the <br> requirement |
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| MSA-1 | 64,832 | 64,800 | 32 |
| MSA-2 | 64,825 | 64,800 | 25 |
| MSA-3 | 64,894 | 64,800 | 94 |
| MSA-4 | 65,447 | 64,800 | 647 |
| MSA-5 | 65,274 | 64,800 | 474 |
| MSA-6 | 60,600 | 54,000 | 6,600 |
| MSA-7 | 56,875 | 54,000 | 2,875 |
| MSA-Bell | 61,815 | 54,000 | 7,815 |
| MSA-San Diego | 60,505 | 54,000 | 6,505 |
| MSA-Santa Ana | 65,234 | 64,800 | 434 |

At MPS instructional minutes on a typical regular day ranges from 315 in elementary to 388 in high school. One concern we have is that some of our schools may fall under the required minutes if there is an emergency school closure. In such cases we file "Request For Allowance of Attendance Because of Emergency Conditions" with the CDE. However, we still believe it would be in the best interest of the students to have additional instructional minutes in
consideration of such emergency days. Therefore, we are proposing a 181-day school calendar for 2018-19 (except for MSA-San Diego-see below).

## 2018-19 School Calendar

Attached is the proposed academic calendar for MPS for 2018-19. Feedback has been received from our schools. LAUSD, SDUSD, and SAUSD calendars have also been considered during planning.

MPS will follow the LAUSD calendar very closely in terms of start and end dates and holidays and breaks, with the exception of our two traditional MPS-wide staff development days, one in the fall (October 19) and one in the spring (March 8). Different from MPS, LAUSD calendar has three unassigned days (August 31, September 10, and September 19). LAUSD offers 180 instructional days, whereas MSA-1-8 will offer 181 instructional days in 2018-19.

## MSA-Santa Ana

After careful consideration and feedback from their staff, MSA-Santa Ana has chosen to follow the exact same school calendar as our LA schools do. Recognizing that differences from the SAUSD calendar are minor and the fact that MSA-Santa Ana grade span is K-12, it would be in the best interest of the school to have a calendar in sync with the rest of MPS.

## MSA-San Diego

Due to moving and facilities construction, MSA-San Diego had a relatively late opening in 201718 and followed a calendar that was out of sync with our LA schools. After stakeholder feedback, MSA-San Diego team has decided to follow the same MPS calendar with the exception of three days (September 31, January 7, and April 22) when their staff will have professional development activities. Therefore, the school will offer 178 instructional days.

MSA-San Diego offers well above the required instructional minutes, the student achievement data is relatively higher compared to local schools and their staff has asked for additional PD days. Considering these factors and the fact that the rest of their calendar is in sync with the MPS calendar, we believe the proposed calendar is acceptable.

While the MSA-San Diego calendar will be in sync with the MPS calendar to the greatest extent as it has ever been, it may pose a few challenges to the parents due to its differences from the SDUSD calendar. MSA-San Diego will start two weeks before SDUSD, have a three-week winter break while the district has two, and a spring break that will start three weeks after the district's spring break. The school leadership is well aware of these differences, believes that they can be resolved through early communication with the parents, and has reiterated their priority to be in sync with the general MPS calendar.

## 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 will be decided by the sites while others will be MPS-wide. For example; summer PD, progress report
dates and MAP test dates are MPS-wide; back to school night and lottery dates are flexible within the window determined by the Home Office.

Schools will also finalize their bell-schedules for 2018-19 and complete the "2018-19 Instructional Minutes Calculation" form to ensure schools 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. If the school leadership needs to make any changes to the school's schedule after submission of the instructional minutes form, the same process will be repeated.

## Budget Implications

N/A
How Does This Action Relate/Affect/Benefit All MSAs?
This action allows MPS to share 2018-19 school calendar with our stakeholders and plan for the next school year.

## Name of Staff Originator:

David Yilmaz, Chief Accountability Officer
Attachments

- 2018-19 MPS Academic Calendar
- Number of Instructional Days
- Other Important Dates
- 2018-19 LAUSD Calendar
- 2018-19 SAUSD Calendar
- 2018-19 SDUSD Calendar




## Monday

Wednesday-Thursday
ool starts
3rd week of 1st semester
By the end of 6th week of 1st semester On Progress Report Day
2 weeks after Progress Report
By the end of 12 th week of 1 st semester On Progress Report Day
Last week of 1st semester
First Friday of school in January
3 weeks after open application end date
By the end of 7 th week of 2 nd semester
On Progress Report Day
2 weeks after Progress Report
By the end of 14 th week of 2 nd semester On Progress Report Day 3 weeks before the finals
 Last week of 2 nd semester

| Staff P.D. Day (Min. Day) |
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| Parent Conferences 1 |

Progress Report 2
Staff P.D. Day (Min. Day)
First Semester Finals
Open Application End Date
Enrollment Lottery Date
Progress Report 3
Staff P.D. Day (Min. Day)
Parent Conferences 2
Progress Report 4
Staff P.D. Day (Min. Day)
MAP Test - Spring
Second Semester Finals
Staff Wrap-up Day(s)

Santa Ana Unified School District 2018-2019 Academic School Calendar


| IMPORTANT INFORMATION | DAYS OF INSTRUCTION | Duty DAYS |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1. First Day of Service: August 10, 2018 | 1. Students attend school $\mathbf{1 8 2}$ days | Teacher Duty Days: 187 (5 Student Free Duty Days) |
| 2. First Day of Instruction: August 13, 2018 <br> 3. Last Day of Service: May 31, 2019 <br> Modified Wednesday ES/IS <br> Modified Day (see legend) | 2. Parent Conferences: Elementary School (ES): October 8-12, 2018  <br>  Elementary School (ES): March 4-8, 2019 <br> Intermediate School (IS): October 8, 2018  | K-12: September 21, 2018 \& February 22, 2019 Elementary/Intermediate: October 8, 2018 High School: December 21, 2018 |

Board Approved: January 24, 2017

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

