

April 4, 2016

Dear DCPS Families,

Due to the snow day closures this winter, I am writing to provide you with an updated school calendar for this year. I also wanted to take this opportunity to share the school calendars for School Year 2016-2017.

School Year 2015-2016 Calendar: Snow-Day Changes

This year, DCPS had 2.5 snow days on January 22, 25, and 26. As a result, we are following the “2-day” plan that was originally shared in our letter to families on January 13, 2016. This means we will have the following changes to the calendar:

- **June 16, 2016** will become a full instructional day. The Professional Development day previously scheduled for this day will be cancelled.
- **June 17, 2016** will become a half-day for students with dismissal at 12:15 PM. This is the last day of the school year.

Every other day will remain the same as originally scheduled. The schedule for the rest of School Year 2015-2016 is shown below:

April 2016					MAY 2016					JUNE 2016				
M	T	W	TH	F	M	T	W	TH	F	M	T	W	TH	F
				1	2	3	4	5	6			1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	*23*	24	25	26	27	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31				27	28	29	30	

	Student Days
	No School for Students or Teachers
xx	End of Term / Records Day for Staff / Students Dismissed at 12:15
* *	Parent Conference Day / No School for Students
	PD for Staff / No School for Students
	First Day of Summer School

School Year 2016-2017 Calendars

The DCPS calendar for next school year is now available online and attached for your reference. Please find a color copy online at dcps.dc.gov/page/dcps-calendars.

As you may have seen in the news or on our website, 11 schools will have an extended year model in School Year 2016-2017. The extended year includes an additional month of instruction, bringing the school year to 200 academic days, with an additional two weeks provided for a subset of students to get targeted support, as well as breaks in October and June to accompany the normal winter and spring breaks. The 11 extended year schools are:

- Garfield Elementary School (Ward 8)
- H.D. Cooke Elementary School (Ward 1)
- Hart Middle School (Ward 8)
- Hendley Elementary School (Ward 8)
- Johnson Middle School (Ward 8)
- Kelly Miller Middle School (Ward 7)
- King Elementary School (Ward 8)
- Randle Highlands Elementary School (Ward 7)
- Raymond Education Campus (Ward 4)
- Thomas Elementary School (Ward 7)
- Turner Elementary School (Ward 8)

DCPS has created two calendars for School Year 2016-2017: One for the 11 extended year schools and one for schools that remain on the traditional 180-day calendar.

Important Dates for Traditional Calendar Schools

First Day of School*	August 22, 2016
Winter Break	December 22, 2016 – January 2, 2017
Spring Break	April 17-21, 2017
Last Day of School	June 14, 2017

Important Dates for Extended Year Calendar Schools:

First Day of School*	August 8, 2016
Fall Break	October 10-14, 2016
Winter Break	December 22, 2016 – January 2, 2017
Spring Break	April 17-21, 2017
Last Day of School	July 13, 2017

** Pre-school (PreK-3 and PreK-4) students typically have a modified schedule the first week of school to help transition to the school environment. Check with your principal about the exact schedule for your pre-school child.*

Thank you to many of our families who took the time to share feedback on the School Year 2016-2017 calendars. We look forward to finishing this school year strong and starting another successful school year in August!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Davis". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

John Davis
Chief of Schools