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Dear DCPS Families,

After receiving feedback from Extended-Year School communities, Chancellor Antwan Wilson has approved a revised version of the School Year 2017-2018 Calendar for our 11 Extended-Year Schools. Please find a color copy online at [dcps.dc.gov/page/dcps-calendars](https://dcps.dc.gov/page/dcps-calendars).

Our goal is to make sure that Extended-Year Schools provide the maximum educational benefit to our students while reflecting the needs and priorities of our school leaders, educators, and families. The changes in the revised calendar include:

- **Two full weeks of Professional Development for teachers** (July 31-August 11) so that they have more time to prepare for students. This also means an **additional week of vacation for students** so they are able to remain energetic and have time for rejuvenation. The First Day of School for Extended-Year Schools will now be August 14.
- **Intersession Days** will now be from February 20-23 instead of January 3-5.
- **A break from June 14-15 that falls at the conclusion of school for those following the Traditional-Year calendar.** This change will allow parents with children in both school types an opportunity to get traditional students settled into summer activities and/or to enjoy a family vacation without concern of absences for Extended-Year students.
- **Terms 1 and 2 now end on the same dates, October 27 and January 19, for both Traditional-Year and Extended-Year Schools.** This will be helpful as it eliminates an additional half-day for those parents who may have students in both Traditional-Year and Extended-Year schools.

The Important Dates below for our Extended-Year Schools will remain the same, with the exception of the First Day of School:

Important Dates for Extended-Year Calendar Schools:

<b>First Day of School*</b>	<b>August 14, 2017 (NEW)</b>
Fall Break	October 9-13, 2017
Winter Break	December 22, 2017 – January 2, 2018
Spring Break	March 26-30, 2018
Last Day of School	July 13, 2018

\* Pre-K students (Pre-K3 and Pre-K4) students should check with their schools for Start Dates.

Thank you to many of our families who took the time to share feedback on the School Year 2017-2018 calendars. We look forward to finishing this school year strong and starting another successful school year in August!

Sincerely,

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