

## New Hanover County Schools Calendar Committee Meeting

September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019

On September 19, 2019 the New Hanover County Schools Calendar Committee met to discuss the 2020-2021 school year academic calendars.

Our meeting began at 4:07 with Deputy Superintendent Dr. LaChawn Smith greeting our board members. The meeting was then turned over to Board Member Chairman Nelson Beaulieu with a welcome.

### **Review & Discussion of the proposed 2020-2021 school Calendar Draft:**

#### **Deputy Superintendent Dr. LaChawn Smith**

Discussion to having 1 school calendar instead of 9 calendars. Please remember that these details are part of the draft calendar following the laws of the legislation.

#### **Some of the benefits of the new calendar would be:**

- Year-Round Calendar
- Built in Intersession days
- End first semester before the Christmas Holiday break
- Support with revisions due to inclement weather
- Longing the Christmas Holiday Break
- School Year ending before the Memorial Day Holiday break for students
- Support for Dual enrollment in High Schools/College Courses
- Support for parents who have students in Year-Round Schools and Traditional Schools
- Support for grade recovery

#### **The following details would be added in the 2020-2021 school calendar.**

- First day of school for students would be August 12, 2019
- End of the semester would end on December 22, 2020
- Intersession dates would possible be January 4-6, 2021
- Last day of school would be May 27<sup>th</sup> which would have the schools ending before the Memorial Day Holiday
- Student academic days would possibly be 179
- Teacher Undesignated workdays 8
- Teacher Designated workdays 10
- There may be room for some movement of some teacher workdays from the beginning of the year to the end of the year.

- Room for teachers in each month which would include either a holiday, intersession days or a workday. Teachers would have one of the following allowed in each month. (Following the Laws of Legislation).

This new calendar will work for all schools including (Restart and Pre-K).

We would have fewer instruction days but the availability to add more teacher workdays.

We would need to further look at the draft calendar with possible revisions to some of our days including Spring break, student's days and workdays. Please know that this is just a draft.

The committee members will be sharing these proposed details with their schools and departments. Input will be shared with the committee at the next calendar committee board meeting. A new proposed draft of the calendar will be created including the work up sheet that will also be shared.

**Adjournment:**

The meeting was closed out by Deputy Superintendent Dr. LaChawn Smith.