



PARKLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Hello Parkland Families and Staff,

Last night, the Parkland Board of School Directors approved a [change to the school calendar](#) which moved the first day of school from Tuesday, September 8, 2020, to Monday, August 31, 2020, instead. There will be no school on the Friday before Labor Day and Labor Day (Labor Day falls on September 7 this year).

This puts Parkland on the same school calendar with all other Lehigh County Schools (except for Allentown). The decision was also made due to the Pennsylvania Department of Education's announcement that school districts will have to make up any school time lost next school year if we need to close for any duration. While we are planning to be as fluid as possible next school year in responding to the pandemic by being ready to implement e-Learning at any point in the year, we still felt it was necessary to give us an extra week of school days in case a circumstance requires us to shut down for any period of time. The additional days provide the district with flexibility to reschedule make-up days should the need arise.

The new school calendar can be found at this

link: <https://resources.finalseite.net/images/v1592399499/parklandsdorg/chk0ouncpitmri5ly3rf/2020-2021CalendarApproved.pdf>

As noted in the [Parent Update on June 12, 2020](#), **our plan is to release our final Return to School Framework no later than August 1, 2020. Please keep your contact information up to date with your child's school office in order to keep receiving important updates and please read emails that come from Parkland School District.**

Thank you.