

## Michael Cummings Superintendent of Schools

## Superintendent Memorandum

**To:** Board of Education Members

From: Michael Cummings, Superintendent

Date: October 9, 2020

**Re:** 20-21 Academic Calendar Adjustments

Due to current needs to provide more professional learning for staff, and to reduce the impact of scheduled half days on the elementary hybrid model, I am proposing the following adjustments to the 20-21 Academic Calendar:

- Move the currently scheduled June 1, 2021 Professional Learning Day to Monday, November 2, 2020. This would create a four-day weekend for students as Election Day, November 3, is currently scheduled as a Professional Learning Day. Having these two days back to back would provide time for staff to:
  - Plan for the return of students to full-time school at some levels. Planning could include curricular and instructional adjustments as well as training in technology.
  - Curriculum and instructional collaboration for levels not returning to full, inperson instruction.
  - Building-based needs.
- Cancel the early release PD days scheduled for January 15 and February 23 and make those full days.
- Make the ½ day Professional Learning scheduled for February 11 a full day before the long weekend.
- This last change would require another day to be added to the calendar. The projected last day of school would be June 17, 2020.

While we may not be in the hybrid model in winter, the possibility does exist. Removing these half days would ensure both AM and PM cohorts receive in-school instruction on January 15 and February 23.

I will answer any questions on this proposal at the October 13 Board of Education meeting.

## 2020-2021 Fairfield Public Schools Student Calendar

Amended and Approved by BOE August 26, 2020 and October 13, 2020 Updated by CO on 9/1/20 for Oct. Conference Days

	July 2020									
Su	Мо	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa				
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12	13	14	15	16	17	18				
19	20	21	22	23	24	25				
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July 3-Independence Day (Observed)

August 2020									
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August 28, 31-PD Days

	September 2020 (16)									
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13	14	15	16	17	18	19				
20	21	22	23	24	25	26				
27	28	29	30							

Sept 1-4-PD Days

Sept 3-6th and 9th grade orientations

Sept 7-Labor Day

Sept 8–First Day of School

Sept 18–Rosh Hashanah at sunset, No evening activities

Sept 28-Yom Kippur

October 2020 (22)									
Su	Мо	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa			
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25	26	27	28	29	30	31			

Oct 8-Early Dismissal PK-8; afternoon conferences, PM elementary canceled

Oct 13-Delayed Start PK-8; morning conferences, AM elementary canceled

Oct 14–Early Dismissal **PK-8**, evening conferences, PM elementary canceled

Oct 29–Early Dismisal **High School**ONLY PSAT Grade 11

	January 2021 (19)									
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17	18	19	20	21	22	23				
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January 1-New Year's Day

January 18-Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

April 2021 (16)									
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18	19	20	21	22	23	24			
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April 2-Good Friday

April 12-16-Spring Break

	November 2020 (15)										
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28					
29	30										

November 2-3-PD Days

November 11-Veterans Day

November 25-Early Dismissal PK-12

November 26-27-Thanksgiving

February 2021 (17)										
Su	Мо	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa				
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20				
21	22	23	24	25	26	27				
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Feb 11-All Day PD

Feb 12-February Break

Feb 15-Washington's Birthday

	May 2021 (20)									
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May 31-Memorial Day

<b>December 2020</b> (17)									
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December 23-Early Dismissal PK-12

December 24-31-Winter Break

	March 2021 (23)									
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28	29	30	31							

March 17, 18, 25–Early Dismissal **PK-5** Elementary Only (Conference Days, *PM Conf on Mar 25*)

	June 2021 (13)									
Su	Мо	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa				
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20	21	22	23	24	25	26				
27	28	29	30							

June 16–Early Dismissal PK-12 June 17–Early Dismissal PK-12 and Last Day of School

The first 6 snow days will extend the length of the school year and the date of high school graduation. The Board of Education will set the graduation date in April 2021. Additional snow days will reduce the April Break beginning with the last day, April 16.

No School

No School and Professional Development for Staff

Early Dismissal

Early Dismissal and Professional Development or Conferences

The last 2 days are Early Dismissal days for students only

