

Mount Greylock Regional School District School Committee

Location: Remote Zoom meeting

Date: Friday, July 31, 2020

Time: 2:30pm

Per Governor Baker's order suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law, M.G.L. c. 30A sec. 20, the public will not be allowed to physically access this School Committee meeting.

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and are broadcast on WilliNet TV Channel 1302 in Williamstown.

Special Open Session Agenda

- I. Call to Order
- II. Mission: At Mount Greylock Regional School District, our mission is to create a community of learners working together in a safe and challenging learning environment that encourages restorative based processes, respect, inclusive diversity, courtesy, integrity, and responsibility through high expectations and cooperation resulting in life-long learning and personal growth.
- III. Public Comment (20 minutes)
- IV. 2020-2021 Academic Year Calendar discussion **VOTE**
- V. Summative Presentation from Carrie Greene (Meet & Greet Sessions)
- VI. Selection of Superintendent of the Mount Greylock Regional School District **VOTE**
- VII. Recess to contact selected candidate
- VIII. Adjournment



*News from Commissioner Jeffrey C. Riley & the
MA Department of Elementary and Secondary Education*

On the Desktop - July 27, 2020

Additional Staff Training Days this Fall

Dear Superintendents, Charter School Leaders, and Assistant Superintendents,

Our educators and staff are essential to our preparations for a safe and successful fall school reopening. Following collaborative discussions with the teachers' unions, I am announcing today that school districts will have 10 additional days at the start of the 2020-2021 school year to prepare for the reopening of schools. The full [memorandum of understanding](#) with the DESE, the Massachusetts Teachers' Association, AFT-Massachusetts, and the Boston Teachers' Union is attached. It states that DESE and the unions have a shared commitment to the safety and well-being of students, families, and staff; they are collaborating to support a successful start to the school year; and they recognize the need to provide additional time for educators and staff to prepare for the start of instruction.

To provide sufficient training for educators and staff, I will reduce the 180 day and student learning time requirements for the 2020-2021 school year to 170 days and 850 hours (for elementary schools) and 935 hours (for secondary schools), so long as districts begin providing instruction to students no later than September 16, 2020.

If a district is unable to meet the September 16, 2020 requirement, it may apply for a waiver. Any request for a waiver should be submitted by email to reopeningk12@mass.gov no later than Friday, August 14, 2020 and must include a full description of the justification for the request.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey C. Riley
Commissioner

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY
EDUCATION,
THE MASSACHUSETTS TEACHERS ASSOCIATION,
THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF TEACHERS, MASSACHUSETTS and
THE BOSTON TEACHERS UNION

WHEREAS: The safety and well-being of students, families, and staff has been and continues to be our top priority as an educational community.

WHEREAS: The Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE), the Massachusetts Teachers Association (MTA), the American Federation of Teachers (AFT-MA), and the Boston Teachers Union (BTU) are working together collaboratively to support a successful start to the new school year.

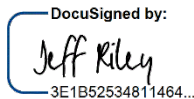
WHEREAS: DESE, MTA, AFT-MA and BTU recognize and agree that in light of the COVID-19 pandemic, providing additional time for our educators and staff to prepare prior to the start of instruction of students is important for a safe and successful fall reopening.

NOW, THEREFORE:

1. DESE agrees that school districts will have 10 additional days at the start of the 2020-2021 school year before instruction of students begins, to work with educators to prepare for the new school year.

2. The Commissioner will reduce the 180-day and student learning time requirements for the 2020-2021 school year to 170-days and 850 hours (for elementary schools) and 935 hours (for secondary schools) so long as districts begin providing instruction to students no later than September 16, 2020. If a district is unable to meet the September 16, 2020 requirement, it may apply for a waiver.

For the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education:

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Jeffrey C. Riley, Commissioner

Date

For the Massachusetts Teachers Association:

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Merrie Najimy, President

Date

For the American Federation of Teachers, Massachusetts:

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Beth Kontos, President

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For the Boston Teachers Union:

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Jessica Tang, President

Date

Mt Greylock Regional School District 2020-2021

School Year Calendar



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Important Dates	
Aug. 26-27	New Teacher Orientation
Aug. 28-Sept. 15	PD Days, No School for Students
Sept. 16	First Day for Students (1-12)
Sept. 18	First Day for Students (Pre-K and Kdg)
Sept. 7	No School, Labor Day
Oct. 12	No School, State Holiday
Nov. 3	No School, Election Day
Nov. 11	No School, Veterans Day
Nov. 18	1/2 Day LES/WES students only, Parent/teacher conferences
Nov. 25-27	No School, Thanksgiving Break
Dec. 23-Jan. 1	12/23 half day, 12/24-1/1 Winter Break
Jan. 18	No School, Martin Luther King Day
Jan. 19-20	MGRS only, Half Day for Mid-terms
Feb. 15-19	No School, February Break
Mar. 19	PD day, No School for Students
April. 19-23	No School, April Break
May. 31	No School, Memorial Day
June. 12	MGRS Graduation Ceremony
June TBD	MGRS only, Two Half Days for Finals
June. 16	Anticipated Last day, 1/2 day
June. 23	1/2 Last day with 5 snow days
Academic Quarters	
Qtr. 1.	Monday, November 2, 2020
Qtr. 2.	Wednesday, January 20, 2021
Qtr. 3.	Friday, April 2, 2021
Qtr. 4.	Wednesday, June 16, 2021
LES	Main Office (413) 443-0027 Office Hours: 8 am - 4 pm
WES	Main Office (413) 458-5707 Office Hours: 8 am - 4 pm
MGRS	Main Office (413) 458-9582 Office Hours: 7 am - 3 pm
KEY:	
❄️	Possible Snow Day Make Ups
/	Holiday/ No School
/	School Break
/	Half Days
/	Staff PD, No School for Students

This calendar may be amended as necessary due to updates provided by the Commissioner of Education.

21 days (32)

16 days (48)

17 days (65)

19 days (84)

15 days (99)

22 days (121)

17 days (138)

20 days (158)

12 days (170)