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NOTICE OF EMERGENCY ELECTRONIC SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

On March 25, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. the School Board of the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia will hold an emergency electronic meeting in accordance with the Virginia Freedom of Information Act §2.2-3708.2(A) (3), as amended, for the purpose of addressing matters related to the School Calendar in response to the State of Emergency and the Governor’s announcement that all public schools remain closed for the rest of the 2019-20 academic year. The School Board Meeting will be conducted electronically. Audio will be streamed live on vbschools.com as well as on VBTv Channel 47 and recorded for archival purposes.

School Board Electronic Emergency Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, March 25, 2020

1. ***Call to Order and Verbal Roll Call*** Called to order at 4PM. All School Board members participated remotely along with the Superintendent
2. ***Explanation of Purpose of Emergency Electronic Meeting and How Meeting will be Conducted***
3. ***Adoption of Agenda*** Agenda unanimously adopted as presented
4. ***Action:*** Modification to the School Calendar for the Remainder of the 2019-20 Academic Year
Motion to amend the 2019-20 Academic Calendar to extend the third quarter until April 24, 2020 unanimously approved as presented.
5. ***Adjournment*** Meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.



Subject: Modification of the School Calendar for the Remainder of the 2019-20 Academic Year **Item Number:** 4

Section: Action **Date:** March 25, 2020

Senior Staff: Aaron C. Spence, Superintendent

Prepared by: Superintendent Spence and School Board Legal Counsel Kamala H. Lannetti, Deputy City Attorney

Presenter(s): Aaron C. Spence, Superintendent

Recommendation:

That the School Board approve the Superintendent's recommendation to modify the School Calendar for the 2019-20 school year to extend the third quarter through April 23.

Background Summary:

On March 12, 2020, the Governor of Virginia declared a State of Emergency due to the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic. On March 23, 2020, he announced all public schools would remain closed through the end of the academic year. In response to VDOE's guidance on the options for the remainder of the school year, it is recommended the school calendar for the 2019-20 school year previously approved by the School Board be modified as outlined above.

Source:

Budget Impact:

Superintendent Comments:

Thank you and good afternoon everyone.

As you have seen, the agenda is addressing the calendar change to extend the 3rd quarter until April 24th. The 4th quarter would begin on April 27th and continue until the end of the school year. We do know this shortens the fourth quarter. This is allowable under local regulations.

I will note that right now our plan is for 3rd quarter grades to be calculated based on the grade as of March 13th. We will continue with our continuity of learning plan until the end of the 3rd quarter. During this time, students will also have the opportunity to improve their 3rd quarter grade by completing missing work and assessments that would normally have been allowed had the grading period continued under normal circumstances.

We believe with the extended time that this calendar change gives us, we can provide appropriate professional learning for our teachers about delivering instruction and attending to the needs of students in special circumstances. This will also give us a chance to make a final decision on grading in the fourth quarter that reflects our ability to mitigate some of the issues we are facing due to this extended closure.

Should you vote to approve this, we will be getting this information out to staff and families tomorrow, which is one of the reasons we needed this change done today. However, the primary reason is that the 3rd quarter ends Friday on the current school year calendar. Because you all approve the school calendar, we need you to approve this substantive change. The calendar will be updated to reflect this and shared with staff and families and posted online.