

ORANGE COUNTY
BOARD OF EDUCATION

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

Meeting Date: April 9, 2012

AGENDA ITEM No. 12-04-11

ACTION ITEM: (Y/N) Y

SUBJECT: 180-Day School Calendar Approval – 2012-2013 Traditional & Year Round

INFO. CONTACT: Dr. George McFarley / Ann Wilkerson PHONE: 919-732-4166

ATTACHMENTS:

1. March 20, 2012 Public Schools of North Carolina waiver approval letter.
2. Proposed 2012-2013 Revised Traditional Calendar.
3. Proposed 2012-2013 Revised Year-Round Calendar.
4. News and Observer Article dated 3/21/2012.

PURPOSE: To provide the Board an opportunity to approve revisions to the 2012-2013 Traditional and Year-Round school calendars.

BACKGROUND: In 2011, the North Carolina General Assembly passed a law (HB 200) which added five days to school calendars. On November 7, 2011, the Board approved the 2012-2013 Traditional and Year-Round calendars to include the 185-day mandate and to comply with state regulations. No additional funding for the extra days was provided and funding for transportation was cut. Another problem with the 2012-2013 school calendar is the state-mandated opening date of August 25 which falls on a weekend and the required end date of June 10 which falls on a Monday. This restricted the days available to create an instructional calendar with sufficient inclement weather make-up days and teacher workdays. This same legislation also allowed for school systems to request a waiver from the five additional days.

Orange County Schools recently received a waiver from the State Department of Public Instruction. Orange County Schools requested a waiver of 5 instructional days and 25 instructional hours, and will convert these days to mandatory teacher workdays. These workdays will be used for professional development on common core, technology training, developing lesson plans, rubrics and formative assessments. This waiver applies only to the 2012-2013 school year. Ninety-one of the state's 115 school districts received these calendar waivers.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: Adopting a 180-day calendar will reduce the extra unfunded costs by \$47,000.

RECOMMENDATION: The Superintendent recommends the Board accept the Department of Public Instruction waiver and approve the revised 180-Day 2012-2013 Traditional and Year-Round school calendars.



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March 20, 2012

Mr. Patrick Rhodes, Superintendent
Orange County Schools
200 E King St
Hillsborough, North Carolina 27278-2570

Dear Mr. Rhodes:

We are providing a status of the LEA and Charter School Calendar Waiver Request from the 185 Instructional Days for Orange County Schools.

Orange County Schools requested a waiver of 5 instructional days and 25 instructional hours, and will convert these days to mandatory teacher workdays. According to your submitted waiver request, these workdays will be used for professional development on common core, developing lesson plans, rubrics and formative assessments.

On behalf of State Superintendent June St. Clair Atkinson, based on the above information, under the policies of the State Board of Education as outlined in G.S. 115C-84.2, I am pleased to inform you that Orange County Schools is granted a waiver of 5 instructional days and 25 instructional hours. This waiver applies only to the 2012-13 school year only.

Should you have any questions, please contact Ozella Wiggins, Student Accounting Consultant, at (919) 807-3757 or via e-mail ozella.wiggins@dpi.nc.gov.

Sincerely,

Alexis Schauss

AS/AC/OW/dkm

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Orange County Schools 2012-2013 Traditional 180 Days Calendar Recommendation

CALENDAR KEYS

Students First Day
August 27

Students Last Day
June 7

Staff Workdays
9-Days

Aug. 20-24
January 22
June 11-13

AVL – 10 Days

November 21
December 27-28
December 31
April 1-5
June 14

Early Dismissal
6- Days

September 26
October 17
December 5
February 6
March 6
April 24

Holidays
11- Days

September 3
November 12
November 22-23
December 24-26
January 1
January 21
March 29
May 27

End of Nine Weeks

October 26 >44
January 18 >48
March 25 > 45
June 7 > 43

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Common Core Training: October 29, February 18, April 8, January 23, June 10

Inclement Weather Make-up Days: To Be Determined

Orange County Schools 2012-2013 Year-Round 180 Days Calendar Recommendation

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Inclement Weather Make-up Days: Saturdays of the week in which school was missed and/or March 18-21 with teacher workday moving if needed. There will be no 6 day week for make-up days.

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Most N.C. school districts exempted from mandated five extra days

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Most North Carolina public school students will not have to spend an extra five days in classes this fall, marking the second straight year state educators have overridden the requirement passed by state legislators.

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The Republican-led General Assembly changed state law last year to require public schools to have five more days of classes and 25 hours more of instruction. But State Schools Superintendent June Atkinson granted waivers last week from the extra days to 91 of the state's 115 school districts, including Wake, Durham, Johnston and Orange counties and Chapel Hill-Carrboro.

The state Board of Education, which authorized the waivers, initially warned school districts not to expect them for this fall. Bill Harrison, chairman of the state board, said things changed in February during meetings in which individual school district leaders said the extra days would cost them money and take away needed training time for teachers.

"What we heard from them face to face was the challenges they would face from this," Harrison said Monday.

State Sen. Jerry W. Tillman, a Randolph County Republican and co-chairman of the Senate Education Committee, has been one of the most vocal legislative proponents of additional class time. But he said Monday he understands the financial concerns raised about the extra days and is not upset about the waivers.

"If we saw they were trying to circumvent the law, we'd put a stop to it," Tillman said. "We're not at that point."

The state budget adopted last June included a provision saying the school year should be 185 days instead of the standard 180 days. Students also were required to get at least 1,025 hours of instruction per school year instead of the old requirement of 1,000 hours.

Citing the short notice, the state board approved requests from most school districts to not add the days for this school year.

When it came to the 2012-13 school year, school districts said it could cost an additional \$14 million statewide to hold five more days of classes. In Wake County, school officials estimate it would cost \$280,000 per day to run school buses.

The official reason most school districts are getting the waiver is they say they'll use the time to train teachers for the new curriculum being implemented for the 2012-13 school year. North Carolina, like most states, has agreed to follow the same curriculum model for English and math.

Tillman said the extra days and time will likely be revisited in May when the General Assembly reconvenes. He said one option would be to drop the extra days but require school districts to still add the 25 hours of additional class time.

"We want what's best for students," Tillman said. "We want to provide them more time to learn."

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