SOUTH WASHINGTON COUNTY SCHOOLS
SCHOOL BOARD
7362 East Point Douglas Rd S.
Cottage Grove, MN 55016

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

DATE:	November 6, 2025
TOPIC:	#6.3 - Proposed 2025-26 District Calendar
PRESENTER:	Julie Nielsen, Superintendent
REFERENCE TO POLICY/STATUTE:	MN Statutes 120A.40-41

A. **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

a. To review the proposed district calendar which was drafted by the steering committee.
b. The steering committee includes Executive Cabinet Members and representation from professional development, United Teachers of SoWashCo, student information and Principals.
c. The steering committee met twice. They consulted and sought feedback from union leadership, school leaders (principals and supervisors), instructional directors, operational directors, athletics and activity directors, and our District Ambassador Committee.
d. Calendar considerations include:
    i. All schools must end the school year by June 30th each year.
    ii. The calendar is required to include 165 days of instruction for students in grades K-12, with a minimal number of annual instructional hours for students.
    iii. The current teacher contract requires 183 duty days.

B. **RECOMMENDATION**

a. Information

C. **CONNECTION TO STRATEGIC PRIORITY**

a. Student Experience
b. Mastery of Learning and Expectations
c. Student Pathways and Systemic Supports
d. Operations, Staffing, and Finance
e. Engagement and Partnerships

2026-2027 K-12 SCHOOL CALENDAR, SOUTH WASHINGTON COUNTY SCHOOLS

Approved

School Board Meetings, 6.00pm

JULY (2026)

		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	31

July 4: 12 Mo. Employee Holiday

AUGUST

3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28
31				

Aug. 11: Primary Election
No meetings from 6-8PM

Aug. 24: New Teacher Orientation
Aug 24-27: SoWashCo Summer Academy
Aug. 31-Sept 2: K-12 PD Day

SEPTEMBER

	1*	2	3	4
7	8*	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30		

Aug. 31-Sept 2: K-12 PD Day
Sept. 3: K-5 Assessment Day
Sept 4: Flexible Teacher Work Day
Sept 7: 12-Mo. Employee Holiday - No School
Sept. 7: Labor Day Holiday - No School
*Sept. 8: 1st day of School 6, 9
Sept. 8: K-5 Assessment Day
Sept. 9: 1st Day of School: K-5, 7-8, 10-12
Sept. 28: ATPPS Day, K-12 No School

OCTOBER

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5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

Oct 14: No Staff K-5
Oct. 14: No School K-5
Oct. 14: 6-8, 10 & 11 in School
*Oct .14: 9 & 12 Asynchronous Learning Day
*Oct. 14: 10 & 11: Pre-ACT/Practice ACT Test
Oct. 15-16: MEA - No School

NOVEMBER

2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30				

Nov 3: K-12 PD, No school
Nov. 3: General Election
No meetings from 6-8PM

Nov 26-27: 12-Mo. Employee Holiday-No School

DECEMBER

	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30	31	

Dec 3: End of 1st Trimester
Dec 4: Teacher Workday - No School

Dec. 23- Jan. 4: Winter Break-No School
Dec 24, 25, 31: 12-Mo. Employee Holiday-No School

JANUARY (2027)

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18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

Dec. 23 - Jan. 4: Winter Break-No School
Jan 1: 12-Mo. Employee Holiday - No School
Jan 4: K-12 Workshop Day

Jan. 18: MLK Jr. Day Holiday - No School
Jan. 18: 12-Mo. Employee Holiday

FEBRUARY

1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26

Feb 12: K-12 PD, No school
Feb. 15: Presidents Day - No School

MARCH

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15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30	31		

March 11: End of 2nd Trimester
March 12: Teacher Workday - No School
March 15-19: Spring Break - No School

March 26: 12-Mo. Employee Holiday - No School

APRIL

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12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

April 16: K-12 PD, No School

Apr 20: Gr. 11 ACT Test, Science MCA, Gr. 9, 10, 12 Asychronous Learning

MAY

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17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28
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May 31: Memorial Day Holiday-No School
May 31: 12-Mo. Employee Holiday-No School

JUNE

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14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30		

June 9: Last Day of School K-12
June 9: End of 3rd Trimester
June 10: ATPPS
June 11: Teacher Workday
June 18: Employee Holiday

2024-2025 K-12 SCHOOL CALENDAR, SOUTH WASHINGTON COUNTY SCHOOLS

Adopted on

First Day of School:	Sept. 8 for Gr 6, 9. Sept. 9 for Gr K-5, 7, 8, 10-12.	
Last Day of School:	June 9 for Gr K-12	
Trimester Breaks		Days in Session:
	End of First Trimester: December 3	Gr K-5: 57 Gr 6: 57 Gr 7-8: 56 Gr 9: 57 Gr10-12: 56
	End of Second Trimester: March 11	Gr K-12: 57
	End of Third Trimester: June 9	K-12: 55
	TOTAL	Gr K-6: 169, Gr 7 & 8: 168, Gr 9: 169, Gr. 10-12: 168

DEFINITIONS:

New Teacher Orientation: All teachers new to the district must attend New Teacher Orientation, which doubles as Day 1 of SoWashCo Probationary Academy. This day accounts for 7.5 hours toward the mandatory 22.5 hours of additional professional development that all probationary teachers must complete.

SoWashCo Probationary Academy: 3 Days of professional development required for all probationary teachers, which includes 7.5 hours of ATPPS flex time and satisfies the mandatory 22.5 hours of additional professional development that all probationary teachers must complete.

Workshop Day (January): are site planned time. On Workshop Days a minimum of 6.5 hours will be teacher directed. Teachers are required to be on site for Workshop Days unless district administration determines otherwise.

Professional Development Day: are district or school planned time. These days may include trainings, meetings, or district-wide events. At the beginning of the school year, a minimum of four (4) hours scheduled as PD days will be teacher directed for room preparations, lesson preparation, open house/curriculum night preparation, etc. Teachers are required to be on site for Professional Development Days unless district administration determines otherwise.

K-5 Assessment Day: Days scheduled for teachers to meet with students (and parents). These days are included as student contact days.

ATPPS Day: The purpose of ATPPS days is to provide time for site-based professional development. Building ATPPS Leadership teams and/or SIP teams, along with input from instructional staff, shall have the primary responsibility for planning and determining the content of these days. Specific time shall be set aside for teachers to work collaboratively in teams and complete ATPPS

Teacher Workday: Teacher Workdays are scheduled at the end of each trimester. These days are teacher-directed in order to complete grading and preparations for the next trimester. Teachers are not required to report to their site on a Teacher Workday. These days are considered to be flexible. There will also be one Teacher Workday before the first student day of each school year. No extra-curricular activites can be held during the duty day of a scheduled Teacher Workday at the end of the trimesters.

Testing/Asychronous Day: Reserved for testing when special accommodations are required (ACT, Pre ACT, etc). Some or all grade levels will be involved in testing. If a grade level is not involved in testing, asynchronous learning will occur (based on the accommodations needed for testing).