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Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools Adjusts the 2025-26 Academic Calendar

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education voted to modify the 2025-26 academic calendar, converting two early release days into full instructional days for students at tonight's emergency meeting of the board.

As a result of this board action, Superintendent Dr. Crystal Hill will make Feb. 11 and April 29, originally scheduled as early release days, into full instructional days. The modification comes in response to winter weather that has impacted the district this school year, including three waived instructional days, three remote learning days, and three delayed starts since December.

The CMS academic calendar exceeds the state-required 1,025 instructional hours, with the 2025-2026 calendar including a minimum of 1,063 instructional hours. This built-in flexibility allows the district to maintain instructional time even when weather-related closures occur.

"Families are rightly focused on instructional time," said Board of Education Chair Stephanie Sneed. "By supporting the Superintendent's recommendation to convert the remaining early release days to full instructional days, we're choosing to exceed state requirements because it's what best serves students."

Students will attend school for a full day on both Feb. 11 and April 29, following their schools' regular bell schedules. Families should also note the following:

- Regular transportation schedules will apply
- Before- and after-school activities and athletics will proceed as normal

"These calendar adjustments demonstrate our commitment to maximizing every learning opportunity for our students," states Superintendent Dr. Crystal Hill. "Converting

these early release days to full instructional days ensures students receive the comprehensive educational experience they deserve.”

For more information about the modified calendar, families can visit www.cmsk12.org or contact their school directly.

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