

Dear PPS Parents & Families;

With a little less than 100 days remaining in my first year as your superintendent, we are preparing for next school year. The Board of Directors recently approved the 2017–2018 school year calendar which includes eight (8) Fridays that will now be half-days/early dismissals. The half-days will provide additional time for school and district-level training and support our goal of creating a student-centered culture built on continuous improvement.

While our teachers and school-based staff will be busy learning and collaborating on these additional half-days, families are encouraged to use these days to schedule doctor appointments or plan college visits. We will also be working with after-school providers and our local cultural institutions and partners to see how they can support students and families on these days.

Another special addition to next year’s school calendar is an opportunity for freshman (9th grade) and seniors (12th grade) to join each other on the first day of school, August 28th. Each incoming freshman will be paired with a senior to support their transition to high school. Students in grades 10 and 11 will start the second day of school, August 29th.

I am confident that these additional days will provide our staff the additional training they need and desire and will improve a school’s ability to meet each student’s unique needs while also having a positive impact on student learning.

Sincerely,

Anthony Hamlet, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools



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2017-2018 School Year Calendar

First Day of School

August 28	Monday	All Grades except Kindergarten, grades 10 & 11
August 28-30	Monday-Wednesday	Kindergarten Assessments
August 29	Tuesday	First Day of School for grades 10 & 11
August 31	Thursday	First Day of Kindergarten

No School/Early Dismissal for Students

September 4	Monday	NO SCHOOL - Labor Day
September 15	Friday	EARLY DISMISSAL - 1/2 day – Teacher PD

September 21	Thursday	NO SCHOOL - Vacation Day (School Only)
October 13	Friday	EARLY DISMISSAL - 1/2 day – Teacher PD
October 16	Monday	Parent Teacher Conferences/ NO SCHOOL for 6-12, High School and Special Schools
October 20	Friday	Parent Teacher Conferences/ NO SCHOOL for Early Childhood, PreK-5, PreK-8, 6-8 Schools
November 7	Tuesday	NO SCHOOL - Election Day
November 10	Friday	NO SCHOOL - Veteran’s Day Observation
November 17	Friday	EARLY DISMISSAL - 1/2 day – Teacher PD
November 23-27	Thursday - Monday	NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Vacation
December 8	Friday	EARLY DISMISSAL - 1/2 day – Teacher PD
December 25-29	Monday- Friday	NO SCHOOL - Winter Vacation

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January 1	Monday	NO SCHOOL - Winter Vacation
January 15	Monday	NO SCHOOL - Dr. Martin Luther King Day
January 22- 23	Monday – Tuesday	NO SCHOOL - Teacher PD
February 2	Friday	EARLY DISMISSAL - 1/2 day – Teacher PD
February 23	Friday	EARLY DISMISSAL - 1/2 day – Teacher PD
March 2	Friday	EARLY DISMISSAL - 1/2 day – Teacher PD
March 23	Friday	EARLY DISMISSAL - 1/2 day – Teacher PD
March 26-30	Monday-Friday	NO SCHOOL - Spring Vacation
May 28	Monday	NO SCHOOL - Memorial Day

Last Day of School/High School Commencement

June 8	Friday	Last Day of School for Students
June 9 & 10	Saturday-Sunday	High School Commencements
June 11-12	Tuesday – Wed.	Teacher In-Service Days *
June 12	Wednesday	Last Day of School for Teachers

***Snow Make-Up Day (if needed):** June 11, 12, 13, 14

Report Card Dates: November 16, February 2, April 16 & June 18