

**Franklin Public Schools  
Franklin, Massachusetts 02038**

**Action Required**

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**Subject:** 19-20 School Calendar

**Date:** April 14, 2020

**Dept:** School Committee

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**Reason:** Required Vote

**Enclosure:** yes

**Recommendation:**

School Calendar 2019-2020

I recommend that the School Committee adjust the 2019-2020 school calendar as detailed.

**Action Requested of the School Committee:**

Majority vote of the School Committee is required.

<u><b>Vote Tabulator</b></u>	
A Bergen:	Y / N      T Keenan: Y / N
J D'Angelo:	Y / N      M J Scofield: Y / N
J Pond-Pfeffer:	Y / N      D Spencer: Y / N
E Stokes:	Y / N      Action: _____



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To: Franklin School Committee  
From: Sara Ahern, Superintendent of Schools  
Date: April 9, 2020  
Re: Adjustment to April Vacation

I am recommending that the Franklin School Committee vote to amend the 2019-2020 school year calendar to eliminate 4 days of April vacation (April 21-24, 2020). Students will participate and faculty/staff will lead Remote Learning on these 4 days. Monday, April 20 is a state holiday

As you know, the second phase of Remote Learning began on Monday, April 6. A vacation beginning on April 21 would disrupt momentum and routine that this plan sought to create. Continuing with remote learning will allow for continuity of instruction and maintenance of important SEL connections during the extended closure due to COVID-19, which has been a very disrupted period of time.

Commissioner Jeff Riley issued a statement on Friday, April 3 deferring to local decision makers on any potential changes to April vacation/school calendar. According to his statement, "if a school district continues providing its remote learning program for students from April 21 to 24, the district is not required to go beyond its previously scheduled 181<sup>st</sup> day."

Eliminating April vacation would put the end date of the Franklin Public Schools school year as Thursday, June 18 (our 181<sup>st</sup> day, as we had one snow day in December 2019).

I consulted with the district's leadership team and the Franklin Educators Association in coming to this recommendation. Additionally, faculty/staff and families were surveyed. The results of the survey were overwhelmingly in favor of eliminating April vacation. 93% of faculty/staff (N=610) and 89.3% of families (N=2400) favor eliminating the break. Options were provided to eliminate all four days or eliminate three days, thereby providing two long weekends. Both groups favored eliminating the break entirely with the following percentages: 63.8% of faculty/staff and 65.5% of families.

Those who wished to keep April vacation suggested that face to face content days at the end of the year would be more valuable. Additionally, some families and staff expressed feelings of being overwhelmed at this time. We are happy to do what we can to support families and staff who are struggling at this time.

"Destiny is not a matter of chance, it is a matter of choice"  
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## Franklin Public Schools Calendar for 2019-2020

August

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
			1	2
The High School Experience				
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
New Teacher Orientation				
19	20	21	22	23
1st Day Teachers	1st Day Students	1st Day K	1st Day ECDC	
26	27	28	29	30

September

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
Labor Day	2	3	4	5
6				
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
Rosh Hashanah				
30				

October

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
	1	2	3	4
		Yom Kippur		
7	8	9	10	11
Columbus Day				
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	Conf	29	Conf	30
			31	

November

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
				1
4	5	6	7	8
Veteran's Day				
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	Thanksgiving	29

December

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
	snowday			
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	Christmas Day	26	27
30	31			

January

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
		New Year's Day		
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
MLKing, Jr.				
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	31

February

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
President's Day	18	19	20	21
17				
24	25	26	27	28

March

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30	31			

April

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
		1	2	3
				Good Friday
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
Patriot's Day				
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	

May

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
				1
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
Memorial Day				
25	26	27	28	29

June

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
				FHS Graduation
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
Last day ECDC	Last Day K		180th Day	
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30			

July

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
				Independence Day Obs.
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	31

KEY:

Professional Dev. Day - ALL

Parent Conferences K-12

Vacation Day

No School - snow, etc.