

**Franklin Public Schools
Franklin, Massachusetts 02038**

Action Required

Subject: 22-23 School Calendar

Date: February 8, 2022

Dept: SC

Reason: Required Vote

Enclosure: yes

Recommendation:

2022-2023 School Calendar

I recommend approval of the 2022-23 School Calendar as discussed.

Action Requested of the School Committee:

Majority vote of the School Committee is required.

Vote Tabulator

C. Bernstein: Y / N D. McNeill: Y / N

D. Callaghan: Y / N M. Whitmore: Y / N

Al Charles: Y / N D Spencer: Y / N

E Stokes: Y / N Action: _____



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To: Franklin School Committee
From: Sara E. Ahern, Ed.D., Superintendent
Date: February 3, 2022
RE: 2022-2023 School Calendar

A proposed 2022-2023 school calendar is included in your packet. This calendar would set the first and last days of school, along with full day professional development days, holidays, and school vacations.

In developing this calendar, I consulted the district's principals and FEA leadership. I recommend that the School Committee approve this calendar as a first step toward a 2022-2023 school calendar.

This calendar does not yet include half days for professional development or parent/teacher conferences. We are in the process of discussing the proposed placement of the half days. I anticipate returning to the Committee in March with a revised calendar for a second vote.

Communities across Massachusetts are considering the religious holidays that are formally recognized, given the diversity among families and faculty/staff within their District. Recently, a request was put forward during Citizen's Comments about FPS recognizing Diwali. Some area communities have added Diwali, as well as Lunar New Year and Eid al-Fitr. Additionally, communities are also examining the recognizing of the second Monday in October as Columbus Day or Indigenous People's Day. This question has also been raised in Franklin. In order to engage in a dialogue and comprehensive approach to establishing the calendar, I recommend that the School Committee establish an advisory committee in the fall of 2022 to examine the school calendar, with particular attention being paid to the recognition of holidays. Advisory committees are official task forces established by the School Committee. Representatives from the community and faculty/staff are included by appointment by the Committee. Participants might include parents/guardians, members of the Interfaith Council, principals and faculty members, and union representatives. Recommendations from this advisory committee could be used to shape the 2023-2024 school calendar. The policy on Advisory Committees is included for your reference.

August

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
	1	2	3	4
	5	6	7	8
	9	10	11	12
	13	14	15	16
	17	18	19	20
	21	22	23	24
	25	26	27	28
1st Day Staff	1st Day Students			
29	30	31		

September

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
			1	2
Labor Day				
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
Rosh Hashanah				
26	27	28	29	30

October

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
		Yom Kippur		
3	4	5	6	7
Columbus Day				
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28
31				

November

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
		1	2	3
	4	5	6	7
	8	9	10	Veteran's Day
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	Thanksgiving	24	25
28	29	30		

December

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
Christmas Observed				
26	27	28	29	30

January

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
New Years Day Obs.				
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
MLKing, Jr. Day				
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30	31			

February

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

March

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

April

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

May

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
22	23	24	25	26
Memorial Day				
29	30	31		

June

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
				180th Day
12	13	14	15	16
Juneteenth				
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

July

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
	Independ. Day			
	4			
3		5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28
31				

KEY:

Professional Dev. Day - ALL

Parent Conferences

Holiday

No School

ADVISORY COMMITTEES TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The following general policies will govern the appointment and functioning of advisory committees to the Franklin School Committee other than the student advisory committee, which is governed by the terms of the Massachusetts General Laws.

1. Advisory committees may be created by the School Committee to serve as task forces for special purposes or to provide continuing consultation in a particular area of activity. However, there will be no standing overall advisory committee to the School Committee.
2. If an advisory committee is required by state or federal law, its composition and appointment will meet all of the guidelines established for that particular type of committee.
3. The composition of task forces and any other advisory committees will be broadly representative and take in to consideration the specific tasks assigned to the committee. Members of the professional staff may be appointed to the committee as members or consultants.
4. Appointments to such committees will be made by the School Committee; appointment of staff members to such committees will be made by the Committee upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools.
5. Tenure of Committee members will be one year only unless the member is reappointed.
6. Each advisory committee will be clearly instructed as to:
 - A. The length of time each member is being asked to serve.
 - B. The assignment the School Committee wishes the advisory committee to fulfill and the extent and limitations of its responsibilities.
 - C. The resources the School Committee will provide.
 - D. The approximate dates on which the School Committee wishes to receive major reports.
 - E. School Committee policies governing citizens, committees and the relationship of these committees to the School Committee as a whole, individual School Committee members, the Superintendent and other members of the professional staff.
 - F. Responsibilities for the release of information to the press.
7. Recommendations of advisory committees will be based upon research and fact.
8. The School Committee possesses certain legal powers and prerogatives that cannot be delegated or surrendered to others. Therefore, all recommendations of an advisory committee must be submitted to the School Committee.

9. Advisory committees created under this policy are subject to the provisions of the Open Meeting Law.

The Franklin School Committee will have the sole power to dissolve any of its advisory committees and will reserve the right to exercise this power at any time during the life of any committee.

SOURCE: MASC

LEGAL REF.: M.G.L. 30A:18-25

CROSS REF.: JIB – Student Involvement in Decision-making

Reviewed; no revisions: 5/27/2008

Reviewed; revised; Adopted by School Committee: 1/23/2018