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Innovative School Schedule WorkGroup

Rationale: Education Article §7-103.1 directs the State Board of Education to, “....*explore the use of innovative school scheduling models, including extended year, year-round schooling, or other school scheduling models that do not allow for prolonged lapses in instructional time, in low-performing or at-risk public schools. The State Board shall encourage county boards to use the school scheduling models that are determined to be most effective in enhancing student achievement in low-performing or at-risk public schools.*”

Charge: The Maryland State Department of Education will lead a workgroup to explore innovative school scheduling models. The workgroup will review effective practices and explore impacts of innovative school schedules, with a focus on expanding the school day and year. A report will be produced for the State Board of Education with recommendations for innovative school scheduling models.

The workgroup will identify:

- Innovative schedules that increase academic gains for students at different grade bands;
- Effective use of time for different innovative scheduling models;
- Effective structure, staffing, and financing models for innovative schedules;
- Promising practices and lessons learned from other states that have implemented extended learning time programs (Massachusetts, Illinois, California, New York, etc.).

Process: Workgroup sessions will be organized around each charge. Meetings will begin with a presentation by an invited guest or workgroup member on a topic related to innovative school schedules. Presentations will be followed by facilitated discussion on the topic. Recommendations will be developed based on information discussed at meetings. The table below outlines potential session topics and key questions that will be addressed during each meeting.

Date and Time	Location	Action
<p>January 18, 2017 9:30am – 2:30pm</p>	<p>Maryland Department of Transportation 7201 Corporate Center Drive Hanover, MD 21076 Harry Hughes Suite 3</p> <p>Parking: Free parking across the street from the building.</p>	<p>Meeting 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Morning Session Topic: The impact of innovative schedules on student achievement in elementary, middle, and high school. • Afternoon Session Topic: Effective use of time for different innovative schedules. <p>Key Questions to be Addressed During Sessions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are different innovative school scheduling models? • How are different models used at elementary, middle, and high school levels? • Which models are the most effective for enhancing student achievement at elementary, middle, and high school levels? • How is effectiveness measured? <p>The workgroup will begin developing draft recommendations based on information discussed at the meeting.</p>

Date and Time	Location	Action
<p>February 1, 2017 9:30am – 2:30pm</p>	<p>Maryland Department of Transportation 7201 Corporate Center Drive Hanover, MD 21076 Harry Hughes Suite 3</p> <p>Parking: Free parking across the street from the building.</p>	<p>Meeting 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Morning Session: Structures, staffing, and financing models for innovative schedules. • Afternoon Session: Promising practices and lessons learned from other school systems that have implemented extended learning time programs. <p>Key Questions to be Addressed During Sessions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the costs associated with identified innovative school scheduling models? • What resources are needed to implement selected innovative school scheduling models? • How will the implementation of innovative school schedules impact transportation, meal programs, athletics, student work experiences, out-of-school time programs, and other enrichment experiences currently offered to students? <p>The workgroup will continue the development of draft recommendations based on information discussed at the meeting.</p>
<p>March 8, 2017 9:30am – 2:30pm</p>	<p>Anne Arundel County Public Library Odenton Branch 1325 Annapolis Road Odenton, MD 21113 Meeting Room A</p> <p>Parking: Free parking around the building.</p>	<p>Meeting 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review and modify draft recommendations. • Prepare draft recommendations for review by the State Board of Education.
<p>March 22, 2017 9:30am – 2:30pm Snow Date</p>	<p>Maryland State Department of Education 200 West Baltimore Street Baltimore, MD 21201 Conference Room 6/7</p> <p>Parking: Paid parking options are available in parking garages.</p>	<p>March 22, 2017 will be used in the event that inclement weather causes cancellation of a prior meeting.</p>
<p>April 27, 2017 9:30am – 10:30am</p>	<p>Virtual Meeting</p> <p>WebEx meeting link will be sent to Workgroup members prior to the meeting.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft report submitted to State Board of Education. <p>Meeting 4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modifications of recommendations based on input from State Board members. • Prepare recommendations for public comment.
<p>May 1, 2017</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preliminary recommendations released for public comment.
<p>June 7, 2017 9:30am – 12:30pm</p>	<p>Maryland Department of Transportation 7201 Corporate Center Drive Hanover, MD 21076 Richard Trainor Room</p> <p>Parking: Free parking across the street from the building.</p>	<p>Meeting 5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review and address public comments. • Prepare final report for the State Board of Education. <p>Recommendations presented to the State Board of Education on June 27, 2017.</p>