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State Superintendent of Schools

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**TO:** Members of the State Board of Education  
**FROM:** Karen B. Salmon, Ph.D.  
**DATE:** May 27, 2020  
**SUBJECT:** Request from the Garrett County Public Schools for a Calendar Modification

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**PURPOSE:**

To consider the waiver request to open school on Primary Election Day as a school closure make-up day for the 2019-2020 school year.

**BACKGROUND/HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE:**

Education Article §7-103 requires schools to be open for student attendance for 180 days and closed on the following public school holidays: Thanksgiving Day and the day after; Christmas Eve and from then through January 1; Martin Luther King, Jr. Day; Presidents' Day; the Friday before Easter and from then through the Monday after Easter; Memorial Day; and primary and general election days. Subsection (b) (iv) provides the State Board the authority to permit schools to open on holidays if normal school attendance is prevented because of natural disaster, civil disaster, or severe weather conditions.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The closure of schools starting on March 16, 2020 to slow the spread of the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) in school communities around the State creates challenges for local school systems to meet the 180-day school year statutory requirement. While school systems deliberate the best ways to make up lost instructional time, some may want to consider opening schools on holidays. The request submitted by Garrett County Public Schools on May 1, 2020 asks for a waiver to use June 2, 2020, Primary Election Day, as a school closure make-up day.

**ACTION:**

It is being requested that the Maryland State Board of Education approve the waiver to open school on June 2, 2020, Primary Election Day, for Garrett County Public Schools, as a school closure make-up day for the 2019-2020 school year.



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**TO:** Members of the State Board of Education

**FROM:** Karen B. Salmon, Ph.D.

**DATE:** May 27, 2020

**SUBJECT:** Request from the Allegany County Public Schools for a Calendar Modification-  
Addendum # 1

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**PURPOSE:**

To consider the waiver request to open school on Primary Election Day as a school closure make-up day for the 2019-2020 school year.

**BACKGROUND/HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE:**

Education Article §7-103 requires schools to be open for student attendance for 180 days and closed on the following public school holidays: Thanksgiving Day and the day after; Christmas Eve and from then through January 1; Martin Luther King, Jr. Day; Presidents' Day; the Friday before Easter and from then through the Monday after Easter; Memorial Day; and primary and general election days. Subsection (b) (iv) provides the State Board the authority to permit schools to open on holidays if normal school attendance is prevented because of natural disaster, civil disaster, or severe weather conditions.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The closure of schools starting on March 16, 2020 to slow the spread of the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) in school communities around the State creates challenges for local school systems to meet the 180-day school year statutory requirement. While school systems deliberate the best ways to make up lost instructional time, some may want to consider opening schools on holidays. The request submitted by Allegany County Public Schools on May 1, 2020 asks for a waiver to use June 2, 2020, Primary Election Day, as a school closure make-up day.

**ACTION:**

It is being requested that the Maryland State Board of Education approve the waiver to open school on June 2, 2020, Primary Election Day, for Allegany County Public Schools, as a school closure make-up day for the 2019-2020 school year.



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**TO:** Members of the State Board of Education  
**FROM:** Karen B. Salmon, Ph.D.  
**DATE:** May 27, 2020  
**SUBJECT:** Request from the Queen Anne’s County Public Schools for a Calendar Modification-  
Addendum # 2

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**PURPOSE:**

To consider the waiver request to open school on Memorial Day and Primary Election Day as school closure make-up days for the 2019-2020 school year.

**BACKGROUND/HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE:**

Education Article §7-103 requires schools to be open for student attendance for 180 days and closed on the following public school holidays: Thanksgiving Day and the day after; Christmas Eve and from then through January 1; Martin Luther King, Jr. Day; Presidents’ Day; the Friday before Easter and from then through the Monday after Easter; Memorial Day; and primary and general election days. Subsection (b) (iv) provides the State Board the authority to permit schools to open on holidays if normal school attendance is prevented because of natural disaster, civil disaster, or severe weather conditions.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The closure of schools starting on March 16, 2020 to slow the spread of the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) in school communities around the State creates challenges for local school systems to meet the 180-day school year statutory requirement. While school systems deliberate the best ways to make up lost instructional time, some may want to consider opening schools on holidays. The request submitted by Queen Anne’s County Public Schools on May 6, 2020 asks for a waiver to use May 25, 2020, Memorial Day, and June 2, 2020, Primary Election Day, as school closure make-up days.

**ACTION:**

It is being requested that the Maryland State Board of Education approve the waiver to open school on May 25, 2020, Memorial Day, and June 2, 2020, Primary Election Day, for Queen Anne’s County Public Schools, as school closure make-up days for the 2019-2020 school year.



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**TO:** Members of the State Board of Education

**FROM:** Karen B. Salmon, Ph.D.

**DATE:** May 27, 2020

**SUBJECT:** Request from the Harford County Public Schools for a Calendar Modification-  
Addendum # 3

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**PURPOSE:**

To consider the waiver request to open school on Primary Election Day as a school closure make-up day for the 2019-2020 school year.

**BACKGROUND/HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE:**

Education Article §7-103 requires schools to be open for student attendance for 180 days and closed on the following public school holidays: Thanksgiving Day and the day after; Christmas Eve and from then through January 1; Martin Luther King, Jr. Day; Presidents' Day; the Friday before Easter and from then through the Monday after Easter; Memorial Day; and primary and general election days. Subsection (b) (iv) provides the State Board the authority to permit schools to open on holidays if normal school attendance is prevented because of natural disaster, civil disaster, or severe weather conditions.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The closure of schools starting on March 16, 2020 to slow the spread of the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) in school communities around the State creates challenges for local school systems to meet the 180-day school year statutory requirement. While school systems deliberate the best ways to make up lost instructional time, some may want to consider opening schools on holidays. The request submitted by Harford County Public Schools on May 8, 2020 asks for a waiver to use June 2, 2020, Primary Election Day, as a school closure make-up day.

**ACTION:**

It is being requested that the Maryland State Board of Education approve the waiver to open school on June 2, 2020, Primary Election Day, for Harford County Public Schools, as a school closure make-up day for the 2019-2020 school year.



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**TO:** Members of the State Board of Education

**FROM:** Karen B. Salmon, Ph.D.

**DATE:** May 27, 2020

**SUBJECT:** Request from the Anne Arundel County Public Schools for a Calendar Modification-Addendum # 4

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**PURPOSE:**

To consider the waiver request to open school on Primary Election Day as a school closure make-up day for the 2019-2020 school year.

**BACKGROUND/HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE:**

Education Article §7-103 requires schools to be open for student attendance for 180 days and closed on the following public school holidays: Thanksgiving Day and the day after; Christmas Eve and from then through January 1; Martin Luther King, Jr. Day; Presidents' Day; the Friday before Easter and from then through the Monday after Easter; Memorial Day; and primary and general election days. Subsection (b) (iv) provides the State Board the authority to permit schools to open on holidays if normal school attendance is prevented because of natural disaster, civil disaster, or severe weather conditions.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The closure of schools starting on March 16, 2020 to slow the spread of the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) in school communities around the State creates challenges for local school systems to meet the 180-day school year statutory requirement. While school systems deliberate the best ways to make up lost instructional time, some may want to consider opening schools on holidays. The request submitted by Anne Arundel County Public Schools on May 7, 2020 asks for a waiver to use June 2, 2020, Primary Election Day, as a school closure make-up day.

**ACTION:**

It is being requested that the Maryland State Board of Education approve the waiver to open school on June 2, 2020, Primary Election Day, for Anne Arundel County Public Schools, as a school closure make-up day for the 2019-2020 school year.



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**TO:** Members of the State Board of Education

**FROM:** Karen B. Salmon, Ph.D.

**DATE:** May 27, 2020

**SUBJECT:** Request from the Wicomico County Public Schools for a Calendar Modification-  
Addendum # 9

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**PURPOSE:**

To consider the waiver request to open school on Primary Election Day as a school closure make-up day for the 2019-2020 school year.

**BACKGROUND/HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE:**

Education Article §7-103 requires schools to be open for student attendance for 180 days and closed on the following public school holidays: Thanksgiving Day and the day after; Christmas Eve and from then through January 1; Martin Luther King, Jr. Day; Presidents' Day; the Friday before Easter and from then through the Monday after Easter; Memorial Day; and primary and general election days. Subsection (b) (iv) provides the State Board the authority to permit schools to open on holidays if normal school attendance is prevented because of natural disaster, civil disaster, or severe weather conditions.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The closure of schools starting on March 16, 2020 to slow the spread of the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) in school communities around the State creates challenges for local school systems to meet the 180-day school year statutory requirement. While school systems deliberate the best ways to make up lost instructional time, some may want to consider opening schools on holidays. The request submitted by Wicomico County Public Schools on May 13, 2020 asks for a waiver to use June 2, 2020, Primary Election Day, as a school closure make-up day.

**ACTION:**

It is being requested that the Maryland State Board of Education approve the waiver to open school on June 2, 2020, Primary Election Day, for Wicomico County Public Schools as a school closure make-up day for the 2019-2020 school year.



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**TO:** Members of the State Board of Education

**FROM:** Karen B. Salmon, Ph.D.

**DATE:** May 27, 2020

**SUBJECT:** Request from the Prince George's County Public Schools for a Calendar Modification-Addendum # 5

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**PURPOSE:**

To consider the waiver request to open school on Primary Election Day as a school closure make-up day for the 2019-2020 school year.

**BACKGROUND/HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE:**

Education Article §7-103 requires schools to be open for student attendance for 180 days and closed on the following public school holidays: Thanksgiving Day and the day after; Christmas Eve and from then through January 1; Martin Luther King, Jr. Day; Presidents' Day; the Friday before Easter and from then through the Monday after Easter; Memorial Day; and primary and general election days. Subsection (b) (iv) provides the State Board the authority to permit schools to open on holidays if normal school attendance is prevented because of natural disaster, civil disaster, or severe weather conditions.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The closure of schools starting on March 16, 2020 to slow the spread of the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) in school communities around the State creates challenges for local school systems to meet the 180-day school year statutory requirement. While school systems deliberate the best ways to make up lost instructional time, some may want to consider opening schools on holidays. The request submitted by Prince George's County Public Schools on May 7, 2020 asks for a waiver to use June 2, 2020, Primary Election Day, as a school closure make-up day.

**ACTION:**

It is being requested that the Maryland State Board of Education approve the waiver to open school on June 2, 2020, Primary Election Day, for Prince George's County Public Schools as a school closure make-up day for the 2019-2020 school year.



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**TO:** Members of the State Board of Education

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**DATE:** May 27, 2020

**SUBJECT:** Request from the Cecil County Public Schools for a Calendar Modification- Addendum # 6

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**PURPOSE:**

To consider the waiver request to open school on Primary Election Day as a school closure make-up day for the 2019-2020 school year.

**BACKGROUND/HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE:**

Education Article §7-103 requires schools to be open for student attendance for 180 days and closed on the following public school holidays: Thanksgiving Day and the day after; Christmas Eve and from then through January 1; Martin Luther King, Jr. Day; Presidents' Day; the Friday before Easter and from then through the Monday after Easter; Memorial Day; and primary and general election days. Subsection (b) (iv) provides the State Board the authority to permit schools to open on holidays if normal school attendance is prevented because of natural disaster, civil disaster, or severe weather conditions.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The closure of schools starting on March 16, 2020 to slow the spread of the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) in school communities around the State creates challenges for local school systems to meet the 180-day school year statutory requirement. While school systems deliberate the best ways to make up lost instructional time, some may want to consider opening schools on holidays. The request submitted by Cecil County Public Schools on May 8, 2020 asks for a waiver to use June 2, 2020, Primary Election Day, as a school closure make-up day.

**ACTION:**

It is being requested that the Maryland State Board of Education approve the waiver to open school on June 2, 2020, Primary Election Day, for Cecil County Public Schools as a school closure make-up day for the 2019-2020 school year.





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**TO:** Members of the State Board of Education

**FROM:** Karen B. Salmon, Ph.D.

**DATE:** May 27, 2020

**SUBJECT:** Request from the Somerset County Public Schools for a Calendar Modification-  
Addendum # 7

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**PURPOSE:**

To consider the waiver request to open school on Primary Election Day as a school closure make-up day for the 2019-2020 school year.

**BACKGROUND/HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE:**

Education Article §7-103 requires schools to be open for student attendance for 180 days and closed on the following public school holidays: Thanksgiving Day and the day after; Christmas Eve and from then through January 1; Martin Luther King, Jr. Day; Presidents' Day; the Friday before Easter and from then through the Monday after Easter; Memorial Day; and primary and general election days. Subsection (b) (iv) provides the State Board the authority to permit schools to open on holidays if normal school attendance is prevented because of natural disaster, civil disaster, or severe weather conditions.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The closure of schools starting on March 16, 2020 to slow the spread of the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) in school communities around the State creates challenges for local school systems to meet the 180-day school year statutory requirement. While school systems deliberate the best ways to make up lost instructional time, some may want to consider opening schools on holidays. The request submitted by Somerset County Public Schools on May 11, 2020 asks for a waiver to use June 2, 2020, Primary Election Day, as a school closure make-up day.

**ACTION:**

It is being requested that the Maryland State Board of Education approve the waiver to open school on June 2, 2020, Primary Election Day, for Somerset County Public Schools as a school closure make-up day for the 2019-2020 school year.



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**TO:** Members of the State Board of Education

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**DATE:** May 27, 2020

**SUBJECT:** Request from the Washington County Public Schools for a Calendar Modification-Addendum # 8

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**PURPOSE:**

To consider the waiver request to open school on Primary Election Day as a school closure make-up day for the 2019-2020 school year.

**BACKGROUND/HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE:**

Education Article §7-103 requires schools to be open for student attendance for 180 days and closed on the following public school holidays: Thanksgiving Day and the day after; Christmas Eve and from then through January 1; Martin Luther King, Jr. Day; Presidents' Day; the Friday before Easter and from then through the Monday after Easter; Memorial Day; and primary and general election days. Subsection (b) (iv) provides the State Board the authority to permit schools to open on holidays if normal school attendance is prevented because of natural disaster, civil disaster, or severe weather conditions.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The closure of schools starting on March 16, 2020 to slow the spread of the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) in school communities around the State creates challenges for local school systems to meet the 180-day school year statutory requirement. While school systems deliberate the best ways to make up lost instructional time, some may want to consider opening schools on holidays. The request submitted by Washington County Public Schools on May 12, 2020 asks for a waiver to use June 2, 2020, Primary Election Day, as a school closure make-up day.

**ACTION:**

It is being requested that the Maryland State Board of Education approve the waiver to open school on June 2, 2020, Primary Election Day, for Washington County Public Schools as a school closure make-up day for the 2019-2020 school year.



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**TO:** Members of the State Board of Education

**FROM:** Karen B. Salmon, Ph.D.

**DATE:** May 27, 2020

**SUBJECT:** Request from the Frederick County Public Schools for a Calendar Modification-  
Addendum # 10

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**PURPOSE:**

To consider the waiver request to open school on Primary Election Day as a school closure make-up day for the 2019-2020 school year.

**BACKGROUND/HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE:**

Education Article §7-103 requires schools to be open for student attendance for 180 days and closed on the following public school holidays: Thanksgiving Day and the day after; Christmas Eve and from then through January 1; Martin Luther King, Jr. Day; Presidents' Day; the Friday before Easter and from then through the Monday after Easter; Memorial Day; and primary and general election days. Subsection (b) (iv) provides the State Board the authority to permit schools to open on holidays if normal school attendance is prevented because of natural disaster, civil disaster, or severe weather conditions.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The closure of schools starting on March 16, 2020 to slow the spread of the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) in school communities around the State creates challenges for local school systems to meet the 180-day school year statutory requirement. While school systems deliberate the best ways to make up lost instructional time, some may want to consider opening schools on holidays. The request submitted by Frederick County Public Schools on May 13, 2020 asks for a waiver to use June 2, 2020, Primary Election Day, as a school closure make-up day.

**ACTION:**

It is being requested that the Maryland State Board of Education approve the waiver to open school on June 2, 2020, Primary Election Day, for Frederick County Public Schools as a school closure make-up day for the 2019-2020 school year.



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**TO:** Members of the State Board of Education

**FROM:** Karen B. Salmon, Ph.D.

**DATE:** May 27, 2020

**SUBJECT:** Request from the Baltimore County Public Schools for a Calendar Modification-  
Addendum # 11

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**PURPOSE:**

To consider the waiver request to open school on Primary Election Day as a school closure make-up day for the 2019-2020 school year.

**BACKGROUND/HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE:**

Education Article §7-103 requires schools to be open for student attendance for 180 days and closed on the following public school holidays: Thanksgiving Day and the day after; Christmas Eve and from then through January 1; Martin Luther King, Jr. Day; Presidents' Day; the Friday before Easter and from then through the Monday after Easter; Memorial Day; and primary and general election days. Subsection (b) (iv) provides the State Board the authority to permit schools to open on holidays if normal school attendance is prevented because of natural disaster, civil disaster, or severe weather conditions.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The closure of schools starting on March 16, 2020 to slow the spread of the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) in school communities around the State creates challenges for local school systems to meet the 180-day school year statutory requirement. While school systems deliberate the best ways to make up lost instructional time, some may want to consider opening schools on holidays. The request submitted by Baltimore County Public Schools on May 14, 2020 asks for a waiver to use June 2, 2020, Primary Election Day, as a school closure make-up day.

**ACTION:**

It is being requested that the Maryland State Board of Education approve the waiver to open school on June 2, 2020, Primary Election Day, for Baltimore County Public Schools as a school closure make-up day for the 2019-2020 school year.



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**TO:** Members of the State Board of Education

**FROM:** Karen B. Salmon, Ph.D.

**DATE:** May 27, 2020

**SUBJECT:** Request from the Carroll County Public Schools for a Calendar Modification-  
Addendum # 12

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**PURPOSE:**

To consider the waiver request to open school on Primary Election Day as a school closure make-up day for the 2019-2020 school year.

**BACKGROUND/HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE:**

Education Article §7-103 requires schools to be open for student attendance for 180 days and closed on the following public school holidays: Thanksgiving Day and the day after; Christmas Eve and from then through January 1; Martin Luther King, Jr. Day; Presidents' Day; the Friday before Easter and from then through the Monday after Easter; Memorial Day; and primary and general election days. Subsection (b) (iv) provides the State Board the authority to permit schools to open on holidays if normal school attendance is prevented because of natural disaster, civil disaster, or severe weather conditions.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The closure of schools starting on March 16, 2020 to slow the spread of the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) in school communities around the State creates challenges for local school systems to meet the 180-day school year statutory requirement. While school systems deliberate the best ways to make up lost instructional time, some may want to consider opening schools on holidays. The request submitted by Carroll County Public Schools on May 15, 2020 asks for a waiver to use June 2, 2020, Primary Election Day, as a school closure make-up day.

**ACTION:**

It is being requested that the Maryland State Board of Education approve the waiver to open school on June 2, 2020, Primary Election Day, for Carroll County Public Schools as a school closure make-up day for the 2019-2020 school year.



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**TO:** Members of the State Board of Education

**FROM:** Karen B. Salmon, Ph.D.

**DATE:** May 27, 2020

**SUBJECT:** Request from the Howard County Public School System for a Calendar Modification-Addendum # 13

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**PURPOSE:**

To consider the waiver request to open school on Primary Election Day as a school closure make-up day for the 2019-2020 school year.

**BACKGROUND/HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE:**

Education Article §7-103 requires schools to be open for student attendance for 180 days and closed on the following public school holidays: Thanksgiving Day and the day after; Christmas Eve and from then through January 1; Martin Luther King, Jr. Day; Presidents' Day; the Friday before Easter and from then through the Monday after Easter; Memorial Day; and primary and general election days. Subsection (b) (iv) provides the State Board the authority to permit schools to open on holidays if normal school attendance is prevented because of natural disaster, civil disaster, or severe weather conditions.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The closure of schools starting on March 16, 2020 to slow the spread of the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) in school communities around the State creates challenges for local school systems to meet the 180-day school year statutory requirement. While school systems deliberate the best ways to make up lost instructional time, some may want to consider opening schools on holidays. The request submitted by Howard County Public School System on May 15, 2020 asks for a waiver to use June 2, 2020, Primary Election Day, as a school closure make-up day.

**ACTION:**

It is being requested that the Maryland State Board of Education approve the waiver to open school on June 2, 2020, Primary Election Day, for the Howard County Public School System as a school closure make-up day for the 2019-2020 school year.



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**TO:** Members of the State Board of Education

**FROM:** Karen B. Salmon, Ph.D.

**DATE:** May 27, 2020

**SUBJECT:** Request from the Montgomery County Public Schools for a Calendar Modification-  
Addendum # 14

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**PURPOSE:**

To consider the waiver request to open school on Primary Election Day as a school closure make-up day for the 2019-2020 school year.

**BACKGROUND/HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE:**

Education Article §7-103 requires schools to be open for student attendance for 180 days and closed on the following public school holidays: Thanksgiving Day and the day after; Christmas Eve and from then through January 1; Martin Luther King, Jr. Day; Presidents' Day; the Friday before Easter and from then through the Monday after Easter; Memorial Day; and primary and general election days. Subsection (b) (iv) provides the State Board the authority to permit schools to open on holidays if normal school attendance is prevented because of natural disaster, civil disaster, or severe weather conditions.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The closure of schools starting on March 16, 2020 to slow the spread of the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) in school communities around the State creates challenges for local school systems to meet the 180-day school year statutory requirement. While school systems deliberate the best ways to make up lost instructional time, some may want to consider opening schools on holidays. The request submitted by Montgomery County Public School System on May 19, 2020 asks for a waiver to use June 2, 2020, Primary Election Day, as a school closure make-up day.

**ACTION:**

It is being requested that the Maryland State Board of Education approve the waiver to open school on June 2, 2020, Primary Election Day, for Montgomery County Public Schools as a school closure make-up day for the 2019-2020 school year.



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**TO:** Members of the State Board of Education

**FROM:** Karen B. Salmon, Ph.D.

**DATE:** May 27, 2020

**SUBJECT:** Request from the Frederick County Board of Education for a Calendar Modification-Addendum # 15

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**PURPOSE:**

To consider the request to waive 12 days of student attendance for Frederick County Public Schools for the 2019-2020 school year.

**BACKGROUND/HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE:**

Education Article §7-103 requires that schools be open for student attendance for 180 days. The State Board of Education has the authority to adjust the length of the school year by granting waivers of the 180-day requirement. Such adjustments may be granted if normal school attendance is prevented because of natural disaster, civil disaster, or severe weather conditions.

The conditions for granting a waiver of the 180-day school year requirement are specified in Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) 13A.02.01.04 and include the following:

1. The school system demonstrates they have made sufficient effort in providing instruction through calendar planning and modifications; and
2. Natural disasters, civil disasters, or severe weather conditions are sufficiently significant to warrant a waiver of days.

The conditions required for waiver applications are specified in COMAR 13A.02.01.04 (C) and include the following:

1. The local school system developed a calendar which included days to be used to make-up days lost. Depending upon past experience, this number could range from 3 to 10 days; and



2. The local school system has modified its calendar by scheduling school on make-up days provided in the original calendar and by extending the school year 3 days beyond the previously scheduled closing date.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The closure of schools starting on March 16, 2020 to slow the spread of the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) in school communities around the State creates challenges for local school systems to meet the 180-day school year statutory requirement. The request by the Frederick County Board of Education on May 21, 2020 asks for a 12-day waiver of the 180-day instructional requirement. The basis of the request from the Frederick County Board of Education is the school system transition to a distance learning environment during the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) school building closures. Also, the Frederick County Board of Education request that the last day of school to be June 5, 2020.

To be eligible for a waiver of the required number of days in a school year, a local board must demonstrate that the school system made efforts to comply with the 180-day instructional requirement which is detailed in the Maryland Code of Regulations (COMAR) 13A.02.01.04 (D), and was unable to do so.

**ACTION:**

It is being requested that the Maryland State Board of Education deny the request to waive 12-days of the 180-day instructional requirement for Frederick County Public Schools for the 2019-2020 school year due to noncompliance with the requirements detailed in the Maryland Code of Regulations (COMAR) 13A.02.01.04 (D).



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**TO:** Members of the State Board of Education

**FROM:** Karen B. Salmon, Ph.D.

**DATE:** May 27, 2020

**SUBJECT:** Request from the SEED School of Maryland for a Calendar Modification- Addendum # 16

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**PURPOSE:**

To consider the waiver request to open school on Primary Election Day as a school closure make-up day for the 2019-2020 school year.

**BACKGROUND/HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE:**

Education Article §7-103 requires schools to be open for student attendance for 180 days and closed on the following public school holidays: Thanksgiving Day and the day after; Christmas Eve and from then through January 1; Martin Luther King, Jr. Day; Presidents' Day; the Friday before Easter and from then through the Monday after Easter; Memorial Day; and primary and general election days. Subsection (b) (iv) provides the State Board the authority to permit schools to open on holidays if normal school attendance is prevented because of natural disaster, civil disaster, or severe weather conditions.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The closure of schools starting on March 16, 2020 to slow the spread of the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) in school communities around the State creates challenges for local school systems to meet the 180-day school year statutory requirement. While school systems deliberate the best ways to make up lost instructional time, some may want to consider opening schools on holidays. The request submitted by the SEED School of Maryland on May 22, 2020 asks for a waiver to use June 2, 2020, Primary Election Day, as a school closure make-up day.

**ACTION:**

It is being requested that the Maryland State Board of Education approve the waiver to open school on June 2, 2020, Primary Election Day, for the SEED School of Maryland as a school closure make-up day for the 2019-2020 school year.