



Mohammed Choudhury
State Superintendent of Schools

TO: Members of the State Board of Education
FROM: Mohammed Choudhury
DATE: January 25, 2022
SUBJECT: Request from the Queen Anne’s County Public Schools for a Calendar Modification

PURPOSE:

To consider the waiver request to open school on Presidents’ Day, as an inclement weather make-up day for Queen Anne’s County Public Schools for the 2021-2022 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:

Queen Anne’s County Public Schools were closed on January 3, 4, 5, 7, and 20, 2022. Queen Anne’s County Public Schools has identified three (3) inclement weather recovery days in their 2021-2022 School Calendar. The three (3) inclement weather recovery days are June 10, 13, and 14, 2022. The request submitted by Queen Anne’s County Public Schools on January 21, 2022, asks for a waiver to use February 21, 2022, Presidents’ Day, as an inclement weather recovery day.

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ACTION:

Request that the Maryland State Board of Education approve the waiver to open school on February 21, 2022, Presidents' Day, for Queen Anne's County Public Schools for the 2021-2022 school year.

Attachment: Waiver Request from Queen Anne's County Public Schools



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Mr. Choudhury,

To date, Queen Anne's County Public Schools (QACPS), due to inclement weather, have missed a total of five (5) days-January 3, 4, 5, 7, and 20. Three of those days were built into the current calendar-June 10, 13, and 14. In an effort to make up for the additional days, the QAC Board of Education requests a waiver of COMAR ED.7-103 (iv) and allow President's Day to be a day on for students.

Your consideration is appreciated. If you have any questions or need additional information, I can be reached at richard.smith@gacps.org.

Richard Smith,
Queen Anne's County
Board President