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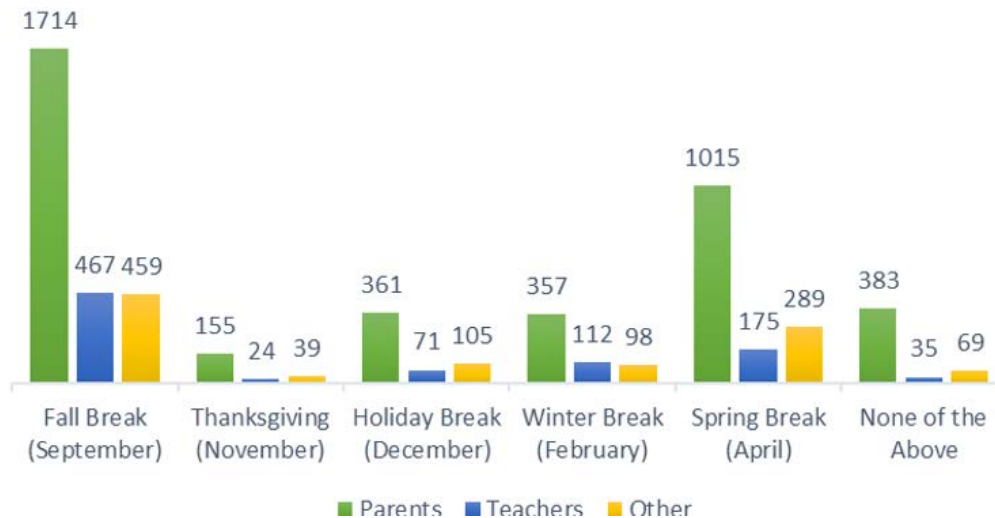
PCSD School Board Approves
2019-2020 & 2020-2021 Calendars

At its July 24, 2018 regular meeting, the Paulding County Board of Education approved calendars for the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 school years. The approved calendars incorporate feedback from a community survey that showed support for maintaining a start date for the school year no earlier than August 1st, and keeping the current fall, winter and spring break schedules. As a result, the approved calendars for the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 school years are very similar to the current school year calendar.

The survey generated 5,951 responses, with 3,988 of those responses from parents. The remaining responses were received from teachers, school district staff, students, and community members.

Parents indicated that most take advantage of the fall and spring breaks, and are most likely to use those times for family vacations:

During Which Break Are You Most Likely to Take a Family Vacation?

Break	Parents	Teachers	Other
Fall Break (September)	1714	467	459
Thanksgiving (November)	155	24	39
Holiday Break (December)	361	71	105
Winter Break (February)	357	112	98
Spring Break (April)	1015	175	289
None of the Above	383	35	69

School calendars are developed around several key assumptions. Those assumptions are:

- Staff, parent, student, and community feedback is required by school board Policy AEA.
- Students attend school 180 days.
- Teachers work 190 days.
- The number of days in the fall and spring semesters should be balanced to the greatest extent possible.
- Fall Semester should end prior to the Winter Holiday break.
- The school year should start August 1st or after, and end prior to the Memorial Day holiday.
- Families take advantage of the Fall and Spring breaks.
- Parent/Teacher communication is facilitated via early dismissal of students for conferences.

Ending the first semester prior to the winter holidays means students complete courses and exams before going on a two-week break, which is preferable to the catch-up time that would be needed if students were to take exams following the holidays. But it also means that in order to ensure a 90-day first semester that includes a one-week fall break and one week off for Thanksgiving, the school year must begin very early in August. When provided potential options for starting the school year later, no single solution stood out for parents:

Which Would You Support So That the School Year Could Start Later? *

*Respondents were allowed to select more than one option.

Legend: ■ Eliminate Fall Break ■ Shorten Fall Break ■ Shorten Thanksgiving Break ■ None of the Above
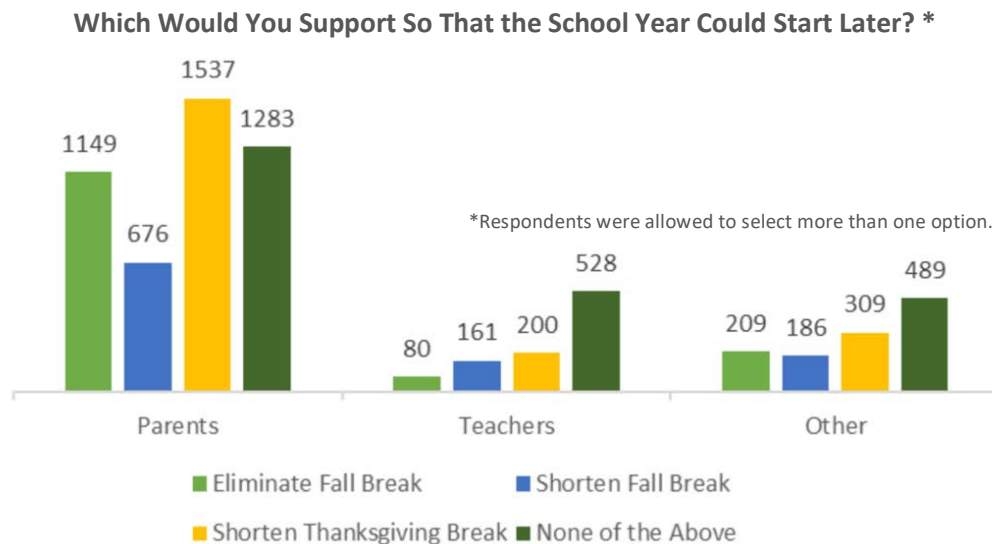
In order to start the school year on August 1st or later, and end the school year before Memorial Day, both calendars were adjusted by removing teacher workdays prior to conference weeks, and having district staff return earlier from the winter holidays. For parents and students, the recently approved calendars for the next two school years should seem very similar to the current school year calendar, with similar start dates as well as similar fall, winter and spring break schedules.

The approved 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 school year calendars are attached to this release. For more information about the calendars, including complete survey results, please visit:
https://www.paulding.k12.ga.us/Page/2#calendar1/20180730/month

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Paulding County School District/School Calendar
July 2019 – June 2020

July

S	M	T	W	T	F	S	
	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	25-31 Pre-planning
28	29	30	31				

August

S	M	T	W	T	F	S	
				1	2	3	1 – First Day of School
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	29	30	31	
							22 Days

September

S	M	T	W	T	F	S	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	2 – Labor Day Holiday
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	11 – Two Hour Early Release
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	23-27- Fall Break
29	30						
							15 Days

October

S	M	T	W	T	F	S	
		1	2	3	4	5	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	Parent Conferences (2 hr)
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	
27	28	29	30	31			
							23 Days

November

S	M	T	W	T	F	S	
					1	2	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	5 – District Professional Learning
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	25-29 – Thanksgiving Break
							15 Days

December

S	M	T	W	T	F	S	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	20 – Two Hour Early Release
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	23-31 Holiday Break
29	30	31					
							15 Days (90 days)

January

S	M	T	W	T	F	S	
			1	2	3	4	1 Holiday Break
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	2 - Teacher Workday
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	3 – First Day Second Semester
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	20 – MLK Holiday
26	27	28	29	30	31		
							20 Days

February

S	M	T	W	T	F	S	
						1	
2	3	4	5	6	7	8	5 – Two Hour Early Release
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	
16	17*	18*	19*	20*	21*	22	17-21 – Winter Break/Holiday
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	
							15 Days

March

S	M	T	W	T	F	S	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	16-20 Parent Conferences (2 hr)
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	
29	30	31					
							22 Days

April

S	M	T	W	T	F	S	
			1	2	3	4	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	6-10 – Spring Break
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	
26	27	28	29	30			
							17 Days

May

S	M	T	W	T	F	S	
					1	2	22 – Last Day of School
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	22 – Two Hour Early Release
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	25 – Memorial Day
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	26-28 – Post Planning
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	
31							16 Days (90 days)

June

S	M	T	W	T	F	S	
	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	29	30					

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■ Holiday/Schools Closed ■ Conferences (ALL Levels) Students Dismissed 2 Hours Early
■ Teacher Workday/Student Holiday ■ Early Release/All Students Dismissed 2 Hours Early
*Days marked with an asterisk may be used as inclement weather make-up days

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July 2020 – June 2021

July

S	M	T	W	T	F	S	
			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	29	30	31		27-31 Pre-planning

August

S	M	T	W	T	F	S	
						1	
2	3	4	5	6	7	8	3 – First Day of School
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	
30	31						21 Days

September

S	M	T	W	T	F	S	
		1	2	3	4	5	2 – Two Hour Early Release
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	7 – Labor Day
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	21-25 Fall Break
27	28	29	30				
							16 Days

October

S	M	T	W	T	F	S	
				1	2	3	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	12-16 Parent Conferences (2 hr)
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31	
							22 Days

November

S	M	T	W	T	F	S	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	3 – District Professional Learning
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	23-27 Thanksgiving Break
29	30						
							15 Days

December

S	M	T	W	T	F	S	
		1	2	3	4	5	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	18 – Two Hour Early Release
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	21-31 Holiday Break
27	28	29	30	31			14 Days (88 days)

January

S	M	T	W	T	F	S	
					1	2	1 Holiday Break
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	4 – Teacher Workday
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	5 First Day Second Semester
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	18 – MLK Holiday
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	
31							18 Days

February

S	M	T	W	T	F	S	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	3 – Two Hour Early Release
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
14	15*	16*	17*	18*	19*	20	15-19 - Winter Break/Pres Holiday
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	
28							15 Days

March

S	M	T	W	T	F	S	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	12 – Teacher Workday
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	15-19 Parent Conferences (2 hr)
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	
28	29	30	31				22 Days

April

S	M	T	W	T	F	S	
				1	2	3	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10	5-9 Spring Break
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	
25	26	27	28	29	30		17 Days

May

S	M	T	W	T	F	S	
						1	
2	3	4	5	6	7	8	28- Last Day of School
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	28 – Two Hour Early Release
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	28-29 Graduation Ceremonies
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	31- Memorial Day
30	31						20 Days (92 Days)

June

S	M	T	W	T	F	S	
		1	2	3	4	5	1-2 Post Planning
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	
27	28	29	30				

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