BOARD AGENDA ITEM

FEBRUARY 28, 2017

SUBJECT:

Proposed Calendar for 2017-2018

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The administration prepares a new calendar each year for Board approval. Policy ICA provides guidance in the development of the school calendar and was last revised on January 12, 2016

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION:

School stakeholders were given three options to share and receive feedback from faculty and staff. Responses were received from thirty-seven (37) schools, with Option C (Attached calendar) receiving thirty-four (34) and Option A receiving three (3). The proposed calendar for 2017-2018 follows Policy ICA guidelines. This option also complies with the state law, which sets the start of classes for students no earlier than the third Monday in August.

The calendar calls for teachers to return August 16, 2017, the first day for students is August 23, 2017, and it allows first semester exams to be administered prior to winter recess. Early Release Days have been reduced and reassigned to the 4th Wednesday of designated months. The last day for students is scheduled Thursday, June 7, 2018 and the last day for teachers on Friday, June 8, 2018. The calendar will be printed by the ACPSD Material Center.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Approve the proposed calendar for 2017-2018.

ATTACHMENT:

Proposed Calendar for 2017-2018 Calendar for 2016-2017 Policy ICA

PREPARED BY:

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2017-2018 School Community Calendar

Students Return from Winter Recess

Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday End of 1st Semester TWD/PD *(Weather Day) Early Release Day - District Report Cards Issued

Presidents' Day Holiday Interim Reports Issued

Early Release Day

Winter Recess (Students & Staff)

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Spring Break - (Students & Staff)

Interim Reports Issued Memorial Day Holiday

End of the 3rd Nine Weeks

Report Cards Issued Good Friday Holiday

Early Release Day

TWD/PD *(Weather Day)

Calendar Templates by Vertex42.com

Semester Exams (Half Days for Students)

Semester Exams

http://www.vertex42.com/calendars/ Attachment

Report Cards issued

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Graduation Dates TWD/PD

Last Day of Class

AIKEN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS SCHOOL CALENDAR 2016-2017

Holidays 4 10's worked Friday off

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8/8-8/9-Teachers Report/Workday 8/10-Local In-Service 8/11-District In-Service 8/12-Teacher Workday 8/15-First Day of Classes

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10/5-Early Release* 10/17-Local In-service/Parent Conferences 10/18-End of 1st Nine Weeks 10/24-Report Cards Issued

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11/2-Early Release* 11/8-Election Day (Students & Staff) 11/21-Interim Reports Issued 11/23-11/25 Thanksgiving Holidays (Students & Staff)

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12/7-Early Release* 12/13-12/16-Semester Exams 12/19-12/30-Winter Recess (Students & Staff)

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1/2 New Year's Holiday (Students & Staff) 1/3-Teacher Workday

1/4-Students Return from Winter recess 1/11-End of First Semester

1/13-Teacher In-Service Day

1/16- MLK Jr. Holiday (Students & Staff) 1/19-Report Cards Issued

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4/3-4/7-Spring Break (Students & Staff) 4/14-Good Friday Holiday (Students & Staff)

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5/2-Interim Reports Issued 5/26-Semester Exams 5/29-Memorial Day Holiday (Students & Staff) 5/30-31-Semester Exams (1/2 days)

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6/1-Semester Exams (1/2 Day) 6/1-Last Day of Class 6/1-6/2-Graduation Dates 6/2-Teacher Workday

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Code ICA Issued 1/16

Purpose: To establish the basic structure for the school calendar.

The superintendent will prepare the school calendar for the ensuing school year and present it for board approval by the spring of each year.

The school calendar will be developed in accordance with the following guidelines:

- The calendar will contain a minimum of 180 instructional days for students and a minimum of 190 days for teachers.
- Classes will begin no later than the fourth Monday in August.
- The calendar will include a minimum of five in-service days and a minimum of five teacher workdays.
 - At least two in-service days will be scheduled before school starts.
 - At least two teacher workdays will be scheduled before school starts and one workday or in-service day will be scheduled after each nine-week reporting period when possible.

Holidays

The Wednesday before Thanksgiving is a holiday for students and employees.

Whenever feasible, the winter break will include two weeks for students and employees.

Spring break for students and employees will include five days in the week before the second Sunday in April (or at such period as recommended by the superintendent to the board of education as circumstances require).

When a holiday occurs on Saturday, it will be recognized on the Friday preceding the holiday. When a holiday occurs on Sunday, it will be recognized on the Monday following the holiday.

The following are holidays for 12-month employees:

- Independence Day
- Labor Day
- General (National) Election Day
- Thanksgiving Day, the day before, and the day after
- Winter Holidays
- New Year's Day
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- President's Day
- Spring Holidays (five days)
- Good Friday (except in days when occurring during Spring Holidays)
- Memorial Day

Days lost because of inclement weather will be made up as determined by the school calendar.

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Teacher in-service/workdays will be used as needed (teachers will make up in-service/workdays by lengthening school days by no less than one hour per day or by use of Saturdays, as approved by the principal).

The proposed calendar will be submitted to the board no later than the spring of each year. Any changes to the calendar not provided for within this policy will require the approval of the board.

Adopted 1974; Revised 3/27/90, 2/26/91, 2/9/93, 1/11/00, 6/27/00, 1/8/02, 3/9/04, 1/12/16

Legal references:

- A. S.C. Code, 1976, as amended:
 - 1. Section 59-19-90(12) General powers and duties of board; establish an annual calendar.
 - 2. Section 59-1-370 Closing of educational institutions on general election day.
 - 3. Section 59-1-425 School terms, school days, make-up days.