

BOARD AGENDA ITEM
October 23, 2018

SUBJECT:

Make-up of School Day Lost Due to Hurricane Michael

BACKGROUND:

Section 59-1-425(B) of the 1976 Code, as amended by Act 260 of 2006, reads:
"(B) Notwithstanding any other provisions of law to the contrary, all school days missed because of snow, extreme weather conditions, or other disruptions requiring schools to close must be made up. All school districts shall designate annually at least three days within their school calendars to be used as make-up days in the event of these occurrences. If those designated days have been used or are no longer available, the local school board of trustees may lengthen the hours of school operation by no less than one hour per day for the total number of hours missed, operate schools on Saturday, or may waive up to three days." The SC Department of Education clarifies that the first three missed days must be made up. Days four through six may be waived by majority vote of the local school board or may be made up by extending the school day or on Saturdays. Days seven through nine may be waived by the State Board of Education.

Aiken County Public Schools has lost a total of three days due to weather-related closings. Earlier dates lost due to Hurricane Florence were September 11 and September 14, 2018. Those school days are being made up on October 19, 2018 and February 18, 2019. The third date was lost due to Hurricane Michael on October 11, 2018.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION:

The school board approved 2018-19 calendar designates three weather days. Those dates are October 19, 2018, February 18, 2019, and March 22, 2019.

Administration recommends that the board reaffirm Friday, March 22, 2019 as the make-up date for October 11, 2018. Since March 22, 2019 is a scheduled teacher workday, school administrators will arrange for extended hours to make up that time.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve March 22, 2019 as the make-up day for the recent weather-related school closing.

PREPARED BY:

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