

**BOARD AGENDA ITEM**  
**September 26, 2017**

**SUBJECT:**

Make-up of School Days Lost Due to Hurricane Irma

**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 two days due to weather-related closings. Those dates are September 11 -12, 2017.

**ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION:**

The school board approved 2017-18 calendar designates weather days which include October 23, 2017 and January 3, 2018. Administration recommends that these two days be used for make-up.

October 23, 2017 is the annual parent-teacher conference day. Parent conferences will be scheduled after school hours on October 23 and October 26, 2017. January 3, 2018 is a teacher workday. Teachers would make up the workday through extended hours.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve October 23, 2017 and January 3, 2018 as the make-up days for weather-related school closings.

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