

Malcolm Public Schools (MPS) Families,

I wanted to send you a quick email to let you know that we will be asking the Malcolm Board of Education (BOE) to consider some fairly significant changes to the yearly academic calendar. These changes are part of a 48-hour waiver (from NDE) to the required instructional time mandate defined in RULE 10 (accreditation).

I asked the Principals to review our current calendar and submit to me a list of strategically placed, recommended changes. Listed below are the dates that will be up for consideration:

- November 24th: Early Dismissal (12:24)/Teacher In-service/Workday
- December 21st: No School (for Students)/Teacher In-service/Workday
- December 22nd: No School (for Students)/Teacher In-service/Workday
- January 29th: No School (for Students)/Teacher In-service/Workday
- February 16th: Early Dismissal (12:24)/Teacher In-service/Workday
- March 18th: No School (for Students)/Teacher In-service/Workday
- April 1st: Early Dismissal (12:24)/Teacher In-service/Workday
- April 16th: No School (for Students)/Teacher In-service/Workday

***None of this will be official until the BOE acts on the recommendations at the November 16th meeting.

MPS, along with many of the school districts from across the state, continues to assess, modify, and adjust during this unprecedented pandemic. School districts, like us, have found that teaching in-person while accommodating students at home (by choice, quarantine, or isolation) is very difficult. The waiver from NDE is in response to the need for more teacher planning/work time. Their hope, like ours, is to help teachers and administrators find time to balance their work/instruction load. Hopefully these new dates and times do not overly inconvenience your family. We appreciate your continued support, and hope to see a vaccine soon.

With much appreciation,

Ryan Terwilliger
Superintendent
Malcolm Public Schools