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Norfolk School Board Approves Academic Calendar for the 2020-21 School Year

NORFOLK, VA – In a meeting held virtually on Wednesday, May 6, the Norfolk School Board approved a 180-day academic calendar for the 2020-21 school year.

The calendar was adopted after an extensive public input process. Stakeholders were presented two calendar options and were surveyed on their preference.

The calendar adopted includes these features:

- Schools will be closed to students and staff on Labor Day, Sept. 7, 2020
- Election Day, Nov. 3, 2020, will be designated a virtual teacher day and schools will be closed to students;
- Veterans Day, Nov. 11, 2020 will be recognized as a holiday for students and staff;
- Thanksgiving Break will be observed Nov. 26 and Nov. 27;
- Winter Break will extend two full weeks, Dec. 21- Dec. 31, 2020;
- Schools will be closed to students and staff on Martin Luther King Day, Jan. 18, 2021 and on President's Day, Feb. 15, 2021;
- Spring Break will be observed April 5-9, 2021;
- Schools will be closed to students and staff on Memorial Day, May, 31, 2021;
- The last day of school for students will be June 17, 2021.

The Norfolk Public Schools calendar is shaped by a calendar committee that includes representation from central administration, schools, and the school division's two education associations. NPS also works with a regional calendar committee so significant dates—such as the start of school and Spring Break—are aligned among the five South Hampton Roads school divisions.

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Norfolk Public Schools (NPS) is on a mission to ensure that all students maximize their academic potential, develop skills for lifelong learning, and become successful contributors to a global society. We believe Norfolk Public Schools is the cornerstone of a proudly diverse community with highly qualified teachers and staff dedicated to providing diverse teaching and learning opportunities for all students.