

# BOARD

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The selected option will instead see students get out of classes on May 17 and a closing day of May 19, with the 2027 May Primary Election Day in between. Fall Break is scheduled for October 5-9, and Spring Break for April 5-9. Winter Break will be December 21-31, with a return to classes on January 4, 2027. There are four “growth” days scheduled in for teacher development, one each in August, January, February, and March.

Assistant Superintendent Mike Braun noted to the Commonwealth Journal that one key factor in support of the later start date was to provide more time for students to work and earn money for themselves during the summer.

The board unanimously approved the later-dated calendar at Tuesday’s meeting.

Braun did note that the flip-side argument is that the later the district starts in August, the harder it is to

stay out of June when school days are missed for bad weather — like the kind of winter storm that hit in late January this year and only fully melted away this week.

Superintendent Patrick Richardson greeted those at the meeting by noting that the district had “survived the snow armageddon for the last two weeks,” and that students were finally able to return to classes on Monday.

The current last day of school is schedule for May 26, the Tuesday after Memorial Day. Richardson said he’s determined to keep classes from lasting into June. To help prevent that, the district will make up a day on Presidents Day, Monday, February 16, and attend classes whereas they were originally supposed to be off. There are three NTI (Non-Traditional Instruction) days remaining, which allow students to work from home and count that as an instruction day; the district starts with 10 each school year.

Additionally, “we have one day (scheduled to be off) in March that we could



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take if we have to make up another day,” said Richardson. “... We’ll see how the next two months of weather and winter go.”

Additionally, the board accepted Richardson’s resignation, effective following the end of the school year, which was announced at last month’s meeting, and ap-

proved the Kentucky School Board Association to help with the search for the next superintendent.

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Griffin Heath of Nancy Elementary (who was unable to attend the meeting), Carter Cheshire of Northern Elementary, Lydia Guess of Oak Hill Elementary, Hayden Wesley of Pulaski Elementary, Kambree Newton of Shopville Elementary, Addelyn Chriswell of Southern Elementary, Edison

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Along with this, Richardson read a proclamation declaring February Gifted Education Month in Pulaski County.



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