



FCPS 2023-24 CALENDAR FEEDBACK COMMITTEE UPDATE



Committee Overview

- The Chief Equity Officer and the Chief Experience Officer collaborated to create a diverse list of community stakeholders
- Office staff called invitees to follow-up on emailed invitation
- The committee:
 - Discussed what worked and did not work with this year's calendar
 - Advocated for their affiliated group
 - Reviewed survey data, student and staff absentee data, and a comparison of the calendars of our surrounding jurisdictions
 - Provided prioritized recommendations for future calendar development

Committee Priorities

| | Priority 1 | Priority 2 | Priority 3 |
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| Group 1 | Consistency: childcare issues, neighboring county consistency, knowing in advance what was going to happen. | Inclusion and recognition of different holidays and belief systems | Have a longer term calendar plan so that people can plan. |
| Group 2 | No synchronous or asynchronous instruction - it is not accessible or equitable for multiple populations. | Keep length of school year the same (shorter would be OK, as long as there is no negative impact to instructional time and teacher preparation) | Keeping the religious diversity in the calendar - find creative ways to address the childcare and food insecurity concerns - collaborate with community & support staff |
| Group 3 | consistency of learning time | Not to touch winter and spring break (aligned with Easter) | keep religious holidays |
| Group 4 | Basic skeleton framework of the calendar is consistent & predictable year to year | It appears across all groups that the longer winter break and spring break are the priority | Avoid asynchronous days as a solution to the number of days issue |
| Group 5 | Keep the religious holidays for students and teachers. | Avoid Asynchronous learning and keep more face-to-face teaching time | Consider early school opening dates based on the equity and teachers satisfaction |
| Group 6 | needs to be a focus on operational needs | need creative solutions to balance needs of religious minorities, differently abled, economically disadvantaged, military and others who are not always able to participate - because large minorities appear in almost all survey questions | we did not get to a third |

Committee Invitees (page 1 of 2)

- Ahmadiyya Muslim Community
- Annandale Christian Community for Action
- Association of Fairfax Professional Educators
- Bahá'í Religious Leader
- Bethlehem Baptist Church
- Chinmaya Mission Washington Regional Center
- Latter-day Saints Religious Leader
- Community for Helping Others
- Congregation Olam Tikvah
- Cornerstones
- Destiny Temple of Faith
- Durga Temple -Tysons Interfaith
- Ecumenical Community Helping Others
- Edu-Futuro
- Fairfax Association of Elementary School Principals

- Fairfax County Council PTA
- Advanced Academic Programs Advisory Council
- Fairfax County Federation of Teachers
- Fairfax County Chief Equity Officer
- Fairfax County Neighborhood & Community Services
- Fairfax County School Aged Child Care
- Fairfax County Clergy Leadership Council
- Fairfax County NAACP
- Fairfax County Parents Association
- Fairfax County Special Education PTA
- Fairfax Education Association
- Fairfax For Immediate Sympathetic Help
- Falls Church Community Services Council
- Fairfax County Parents Association
- Fairfax County Special Education PTA

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- Fairfax Education Association
- Fairfax For Immediate Sympathetic Help
- Falls Church Community Services Council
- Good Shepherd Housing and Family Services
- Herndon/Reston For Immediate Sympathetic Help
- High School Principal Association
- Hindu Religious Leader
- Jewish Community Relations Council
- Koinonia Foundation
- Korean United Methodist Church of Greater Washington
- Latinos Unidos por Educational Equity
- Lorton Community Action Center
- McLean Islamic Center
- Middle School Principal Association

- Multifaith Neighbors Network
- Muslim Religious Leader
- Northern Virginia Hebrew Congregation
- NOVA Chamber Government Relations
- Share of McLean
- Sikh Foundation of Virginia
- St. Bernadette Catholic Church
- St. Luke Serbian Orthodox Church
- Student Equity Ambassador Leaders
- Superintendent Student Advisory Council
- Support Employees Association
- Student Volunteer
- United Community Ministries
- Virginians Organized for Interfaith Community Engagement
- Western Fairfax Christian Ministries

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- Annandale Christian Community
- Association of Fairfax Professionals (AFPE)
- Chinmaya Mission Washington
- Congregation Olam Tikvah
- Cornerstones
- Edu-Futuro
- Fairfax Association of Elementary Principals (FAESP)
- Fairfax County Council PTA (FCCPTA)
- Fairfax County Federation of Teachers (FCFT)
- Fairfax County Government
- Fairfax County Interfaith Office
- Fairfax County Parent Association (FCPA)
- Fairfax County Special Education (SEPTA)

- Fairfax Educators Associations (FEA)
- JCRC of Greater Washington
- Koinonia
- Latinos Unidos pr Educational (LUPEE)
- Lorton Community for Action Center
- McLean Islamic Center
- Middle School Principals Association (MSPA)
- Northern Virginia Hebrew
- Sikh Foundation of Virginia
- Student Volunteer
- Support Employee Association (SEA)
- United Community

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- Congregation Olam Tikvah
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- Edu-Futuro
- Fairfax Association of Elementary Principals (FAESP)
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- Fairfax County NAACP
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