



Private: Update on Inclement Weather Make-Up Days for 2017-2018 School Year

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Howard County Public School System (HCPSS) Interim Superintendent Michael J. Martirano has announced a decision on the days to be used to make up for inclement weather school closings for the 2017–2018 school year.

The academic calendar designates five possible inclement weather make-up days: February 19, April 4, 5, and 6, and June 15. Using February 19 (President's Day) would have required a state waiver, as it is a state mandated holiday, and would have caused significant budget pressures. Instead, the Board of Education has approved the use May 18 in lieu of February 19 as a make-up day.

There have been four inclement weather days used so far this school year. To make up those days, schools now will be in session on April 4, 5, and 6 and for a half-day on May 18.

If schools are closed for one additional inclement weather day, June 15 will be used.

State law mandates that the school year must be completed by June 15. Should additional inclement weather closings become necessary, HCPSS will petition the Maryland State Department of Education for a waiver of the additional days.

The fifth possible make-up day on June 15 falls on a Muslim holiday. Per Board policy, no activities or exams can be scheduled on this day. This will require all end of school assemblies, promotion ceremonies, celebrations and final exams to be held on June 14 but still require students to attend on the day after. Adding an additional day to the end of the school year would not effectively replace the valuable instruction days lost to inclement weather. HCPSS will use June 15 as a last resort to ensure that make up days will truly serve as replacement days for the instruction time that has been lost.

HCPSS carefully weighs all decisions to close school when inclement weather threatens the safety of students and staff. Staff, parents and the community will be informed as soon as possible should any additional calendar adjustments become necessary. For more information visit the [school calendar](#) and [inclement weather closings](#).

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