




**Mohammed Choudhury**  
State Superintendent of Schools

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**TO:** Members of the State Board of Education  
**FROM:** Mohammed Choudhury, State Superintendent of Schools   
**DATE:** April 25, 2023  
**SUBJECT:** Request from Carroll County Public Schools for a Calendar Modification

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### **Purpose**

To consider the request to waive one day of student attendance for Carroll County County Public Schools for the 2022-2023 school year. Carroll County Public Schools is requesting to end the school year on Friday, June 9, 2023, after 179 days instead of on Monday, June 12, 2023.

### **Background/Historical Perspective**

Education Article §7-103 requires that schools be open for student attendance for 180 days. The State Board of Education has the authority to adjust the length of the school year by granting waivers of the 180-day requirement. Such adjustments may be granted if normal school attendance is prevented due to a natural disaster, civil disaster, or severe weather conditions.

The conditions for granting a waiver of the 180-day school year requirement are specified in Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) 13A.02.01.04 and include the following:

1. The local education agency has demonstrated that they have made sufficient effort in providing instruction through calendar planning and modifications; and
2. Natural disasters, civil disasters, or severe weather conditions are sufficiently significant to warrant a waiver of days.

The conditions required for a waiver application are specified in COMAR 13A.02.01.04 (C) and include the following:

1. The local education agency developed a calendar which included days to be used to make-up days lost. Depending upon past experience, this number could range from three to ten days; and
2. The local education agency has modified its calendar by scheduling school on make-up days provided in the original calendar and by extending the school year three days beyond the previously scheduled closing date.

In considering applications for waivers, the State Board of Education may waive the final day needed to complete the 180-day schedule if that day falls on a Monday (COMAR 13A.02.01.04D(2)(a)).

## **Executive Summary**

Carroll County Public Schools has four inclement weather days (June 9, 10, 13, and 14) built into their calendar for the 2022-2023 school year. To date, Carroll County Public Schools has used one inclement weather day on December 23, 2022. Accordingly, the last day of the 180-day instructional requirement will be on Monday, June 12, 2023. Consistent with COMAR 13A.02.01.04D(2)(a), the one-day waiver will allow school to end on Friday, June 9, 2023.

## **Action**

Request that the Maryland State Board of Education approve the request to waive one day of the 180-day instructional requirement for Carroll County Public Schools ending the 2022-2023 school year on Friday, June 9, 2023, at 179 days consistent with COMAR 13A.02.01.04D(2)(a).

## **Attachments**

Waiver Request from Carroll County Public Schools



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## Carroll County Public Schools

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Cynthia McCabe  
*Superintendent*

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April 12, 2023

Mr. Mohammed Choudhury  
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Dear Mr. Choudhury:

On behalf of the Board of Education of Carroll County, and in accordance with Education Article §7-103, Annotated Code of Maryland, I respectfully request a waiver for Carroll County Public Schools (CCPS) to adjust the length of the 2022-2023 school year by one day.

Carroll County Public Schools (CCPS) has four inclement weather days built into the end of the 2022-23 school year operational calendar. Historically, CCPS has utilized an average of 3.9 school closure days for inclement weather. This year CCPS used only one inclement weather day on December 23, 2022. Based on our current forecasts and the fact that we do not expect to use any inclement weather days, the last day for students would be Monday, June 12, 2023. COMAR 13A.02.01.04 allows for a requested waiver of the 180-day requirement when the final day needed to complete the 180-day schedule falls on a Monday. Therefore, we request this waiver, and if approved, the final day for students will be Friday, June 9, 2023.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Please contact me at 410-751-3138 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Cynthia A. McCabe  
Superintendent of Schools

c: Board of Education Members  
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