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**TO:** Members of the State Board of Education

**FROM:** Carey M. Wright, Ed.D., State Superintendent of Schools 

**DATE:** February 25, 2025

**SUBJECT:** Request from Charles County Public Schools for a Calendar Modification

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### Purpose

To consider the request to waive one day of student attendance for Charles County Public Schools for the 2024-2025 school year. Charles County Public Schools requests to end the school year on Friday, June 13, 2025, after 179 days instead of Monday, June 16, 2025.

### Background

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:

3. 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
4. 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**

Charles County Public Schools were closed from January 6 through January 8, 2025, and February 12, 2025, due to inclement weather. The inclement weather recovery days identified in Charles County Public Schools 2024-2025 School Calendar are June 11 through June 13, 2025, and June 16, 2025. Accordingly, the last day of the 180-day instructional requirement will be on Monday, June 16, 2025. Consistent with COMAR 13A.02.01.04D(2)(a), the one-day waiver will allow school to end on Friday, June 13, 2025.

## **Action**

Request that the Maryland State Board of Education approve the request to waive one day of the 180-day instructional requirement for Charles County Public Schools ending the 2024-2025 school year on Friday, June 13, 2025, at 179 days consistent with COMAR 13A.02.01.04D(2)(a).

## **Attachments**

Waiver Request from Charles County Public Schools



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Dear Dr. Wright,

Charles County Public Schools (CCPS) is requesting a waiver to the 180-day rule for a day missed on Wednesday, February 12, 2025, due to inclement weather. The missed day is the fourth day missed due to inclement weather this school year.

CCPS adjusted its calendar by adding the three previously missed days to the end of the school year. The three make-up days are June 11, 12, and 13. CCPS included four snow days in our 2024-2025 school year calendar, if needed. The fourth missed day would be made up on Monday, June 16, 2025. CCPS is requesting a waiver of one missed day to avoid opening schools on a Monday with the three other days being made up during the prior week. Thank you in advance for taking this request into consideration.

Sincerely,

Maria V. Navarro, Ed.D.  
Superintendent