

Mahtomedi Public Schools
Independent School District #832
1520 Mahtomedi Avenue
Mahtomedi, MN 55115

Regular Meeting - Board of Education

Date: September 28, 2026

Agenda Item # 10.C.

TOPIC: 2027-2028 Academic Calendar

BACKGROUND:

Context

In developing the 2026–2027 academic calendar, the Calendar Committee carefully considered Minnesota legislation related to permissible school start dates. Specifically, the committee referenced a temporary legislative provision which affords districts the flexibility to consider a pre–Labor Day start for the 2026–2027 year and the 2027-2028 year should the school board deem it educationally and operationally beneficial.

The School Board adopted a 2026-2027 academic calendar with the first day of school on Monday, August 31, 2026, and the first week of school running August 31–September 3, 2026. This structure allowed for a four-day Labor Day weekend (September 4–7, 2026), balancing academic priorities with community preferences surrounding the holiday.

Board Discussion

The Board of Education reviewed and discussed two calendars for the 2027-28 school year on April 13, 2026. One of the proposed calendars would begin on August 30, and the other after Labor Day on September 8, 2027.

Superintendent Duffrin was asked to consult with Knuston Construction regarding the timing of the extensive, scheduled facilities projects in the summer of 2027 to understand how an early start date would affect summer construction.

On September 14, 2026, the Board reviewed the 2027-28 calendar with the information requested. School and District administrators are recommending a start date after Labor Day to provide additional time for construction completion.

Additionally, the Board received a report regarding the 2026 6th and 9th grade transition day. Feedback from families, students and staff was overwhelmingly positive. The 2027-28 calendar designates September 8 as the first day for 6th and 9th grade only.

ACTION RECOMMENDED: Approval

Submitted By:

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Superintendent of Schools