

Board of Education Special Meeting
Tuesday, March 3, 2026 4:30 PM

Zoom only
10 Campus Drive
Madison, CT 06443

Agenda

I. Call to Order / Attendance

II. Action Item: Discuss and take action on the revised 2025-2026 school calendar as recommended by the Administration.

III. Audience Response to Information Presented (Ref. Bylaw #9540.10)

IV. Adjournment

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February 27, 2026

TO: Madison Board of Education

FROM: Craig A. Cooke, Ph.D., Superintendent of Schools

SUBJECT: 2025-2026 Calendar Adjustments

This memorandum is being sent to support my request for changes to the 2025-2026 Board of Education approved calendar. These requested changes will move the end of our student school year to an earlier date. If these changes are made, the calendar is still subject to change based on future weather events.

The winter weather has had a significant impact on our school calendar recently. As of today, we have had four (4) snow days that will extend the school year. In many ways we have been fortunate not to have more interruptions as it has been a cold and snowy winter. Many snow events occurred on the weekend. We will talk more about that when we discuss the weather's impact on our school budget.

Recommendation #1:

Monday, March 16, 2026 will be converted from a No School/ Professional Development day to an early release day for students. In the afternoon, elementary schools will hold parent conferences (canceled on February 25th) and the middle and high school will hold teacher professional development.

Recommendation #2:

Decrease the student school year from 181 days to the allowable 180 days. State law requires a minimum 180 student days.

Result:

Please see the attached proposed calendar. The last student day would be an early release day on Thursday June 18th. The last teacher day would be Monday, June 22. Teachers would have two professional development days at the end of the year which will allow for building and department professional learning and time to complete required training for the 2026-2027 school year.

Rationale:

First and foremost, capturing the day on March 16th will be a true student learning day. Our students have had many interruptions to learning in 2026 so this will provide for more continuity. Additionally, the late end of the school year creates issues for families who have already planned for the summer break. We also have major construction scheduled to occur at Polson and the later end will delay that work from starting on our contracted schedule.

This move is not without impact as we do understand that families may have plans for March 16th. However, in consultation with the administration team, this is the best option under our current situation.

Madison Public Schools 2025-2026 School Calendar

PROPOSED



Key Dates

Aug 25-29	Professional Development
Sept. 1	Holiday / No School
Sept. 2	First Day of School
Sept. 23	Holiday / No School
Oct. 2	Holiday / No School
Oct. 13	Holiday/No School
Oct. 28	DHHS Conferences/Early Dismissal
Oct. 28-29	Polson Conferences/Early Dismissal
Nov. 4	No School Students / Staff Prof. Dev.
Nov. 11	Veterans Day Observed/ School in Session
Nov. 12-13	Elementary Conferences/Early Dismissal
Nov. 26	Early Dismissal
Nov 27-28	Thanksgiving Recess
Dec. 8	Trimester 2 Begins
Dec. 23	Early Dismissal
Dec 24-Jan 2	Winter Recess/ No School
Jan. 19	Holiday/No School
Jan. 26	No School / Snow Day
Feb. 3	DHHS Conferences/Early Dismissal
Feb. 3-4	Polson Conferences/Early Dismissal
Feb 16 - 17	Feb. Break for Staff/Students
Feb. 23	No School / Snow Day
Feb. 24	No School / Snow Day
Feb. 25	No School / Snow Day
Feb. 26	Elementary Conferences/Early Dismissal
March. 16	Early Dismissal/ K-5 Conf. /Staff Prof. Dev.
March. 20	Trimester 3 Begins
April. 3	Holiday / No School
April 13-17	April Recess
May. 12	Early Dismissal/Staff Prof. Dev.
May. 25	Holiday/No School
June. 18	Early Dismissal/Last Day Students
June. 19	Staff Professional Dev.
June. 22	Staff Professional Dev.

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