

Mahtomedi Public Schools
Independent School District #832
1520 Mahtomedi Avenue
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Regular Meeting - Board of Education

Date: May 11, 2026

Agenda Item # 11. A.

TOPIC: 2026-2027 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 allows for a four-day Labor Day weekend (September 4–7, 2026), balancing academic priorities with community preferences surrounding the holiday.

Calendar Committee Proposal for 2027-2028 and Academic Considerations

The Calendar Committee’s proposal recommends that the 2027-2028 school year begin on Monday, August 30, 2027, with the first week of school running August 30-September 2, 2027.

In formulating this proposal, the committee identified the academic benefits of a slightly earlier start, particularly for high school students enrolled in Advanced Placement (AP) and other spring-administered standardized assessments. Beginning the year earlier allows for additional instructional days prior to the national AP testing window, supporting student preparedness.

Board Discussion

The Board of Education reviewed and discussed the committee's proposal on April 13, 2026. 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. Knutson has recommended a start date after Labor Day to provide additional time for construction completion.

Board Consideration for 2027-2028 School Calendar

Two calendars that have been reviewed by the Calendar Committee are included for consideration by the Board.

ACTION RECOMMENDED: Approval

Submitted By:

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Superintendent of Schools