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TO: Members of the State Board of Education
FROM: Nancy S. Grasmick *Nancy*
DATE: April 27-28, 2009
SUBJECT: Request from a Local School System for a Calendar Modification

PURPOSE:

- 1) To consider the request made by Mr. James E. Richmond, Superintendent, Charles County Public Schools, to waive the last day of school for Charles County students, which falls on Monday, June 15, 2009.
- 2) To provide the authorization to the State Superintendent of Schools to approve additional requests from local school superintendents that may be made for the remainder of the school year to waive the last day of school, if the final day needed to complete the 180-day schedule falls on a Monday.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

By letter dated April 1, 2009, the Superintendent for the Charles County Public School system requested a waiver of one (1) school day, Monday, June 15, 2009. Charles County built four (4) days into their school calendar for inclement weather and has only used two (2) days. They will reduce their school calendar by two (2) days, making the last day of school Monday, June 15, 2009.

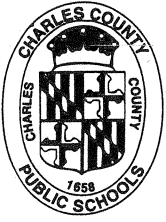
In accordance with COMAR 13A.02.01.04(C)(2)(a), the State Board of Education may waive the final day needed to complete the 180-day schedule if that day falls on a Monday.

ACTION:

Requesting approval of the request made by the Superintendent of Charles County Public Schools to waive one (1) day of student attendance, Monday, June 15, 2009, in accordance with COMAR 13A.02.01.04(C)(2)(a).

Requesting the State Board of Education provide the State Superintendent of Schools with the authorization to approve additional requests from local school superintendents to waive the final day to complete the 180-day schedule if that day falls on a Monday.

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JAMES E. RICHMOND
Superintendent of Schools

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April 1, 2009

Dr. Nancy S. Grasmick
State Superintendent of Schools
Maryland State Department of Education
200 West Baltimore Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21201

Dear Dr. Grasmick:

On behalf of Charles County Public Schools, I am requesting that the State Board of Education grant a waiver from the 180-day schedule required by state law. Specifically, I am requesting a one-day waiver.

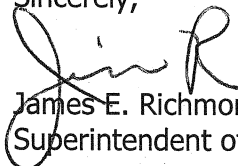
The school system had adopted a calendar for 2008-2009 to include 180 days of school for students. The last day of school for students was scheduled for Wednesday, June 17, 2009. The calendar also included four inclement weather days, which would have allowed us to close schools for four days without needing to adjust the calendar to meet the 180-day requirement. According to the calendar, "The deletion of school days if there is a mild winter will occur in the following order: June 17, 16, 15 and 12."

Due to the weather conditions earlier this school year, Charles County Public Schools closed for only two inclement weather days, meaning that the school system could still meet the 180-day requirement by adjusting its calendar to make the final school day for students fall on Monday, June 15, 2009.

Under COMAR 13A.02.01.04C(2)(a), the State Board of Education may waive the 180 day requirement if the final day needed to meet the requirement falls on a Monday. Therefore, we are requesting a waiver of this one day.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,


James E. Richmond
Superintendent of Schools

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cc: Members, Charles County Board of Education

