

**McFarland School District
2017-2018 and 2018-2019
4K-12 School Calendar Adjustments**

Dear Parents and Guardians of 4K-12 Students:

On **March 19, 2018**, the McFarland School Board took additional action on School Calendars for 2017-2018 and 2018-2019. The changes are due to the extensive construction schedule for this Summer at CEPS, WIS and IMMS. **Previous changes by the School Board on February 19th**, also necessitated a few more adjustments with 4K for both the end of this school year and start of next school year. Below is a grid that shows the changes from both meetings:

Building	Original End Date	Changed End Date	Original Start Date	Changed Start Date	Board Approved
4K sites	June 7, 2018	June 6, 2018	Sept. 4, 2018	Sept 6, 2018	3-19-2018
CE (k)	June 8, 2018	June 6, 2018	Sept. 4, 2018	Sept 6, 2018	2-19-2018
MPS (Grades 1-2)	June 8, 2018	June 6, 2018	Sept. 4, 2018	No Change	2-19-2018
WIS(3-5)	June 8, 2018	June 7, 2018	Sept. 4, 2018	No Change	3-19-2018
IMMS (6-8)	June 8, 2018	June 7, 2018	Sept. 4, 2018	No Change	3-19-2018
MHS (9-12)	June 8, 2018	Make up day for Finals	Sept. 4, 2018	No Change	

New Changes:

On March 19, 2018, at the School Board Meeting, McFarland Administration outlined minor changes to the current school year and next school year. These changes are based on updated construction schedules, parent questions and programming alignment.

- 4K changes are being made to align programming between 4K and K. It is also being made to allow for the 4K sites to offer daycare programming for K students.
- The IMMS change is being made to allow for renovations to begin on June 11, thus allowing staff 1 day of scheduled school time to help pack items.
- The WIS change is being made to align with the other facilities not operating and to ready that site for construction.

Previous Changes:

On February 19, 2018, at the School Board Meeting, McFarland Administration outlined minor changes to the current school year and next school year. The changes to the School Calendar, only affect the K-2 Elementary Campus and more information will come from the Elementary Campus over the next few weeks. In summary the following changes will occur:

- *K-2 last day of School will be June 6, 2018 (previously, the last day was June 8, 2018)*
- *Kindergarten first day of school will be September 6, 2018 (previously, the first day was September 4, 2018)*

Below outlines more information about this change to the calendar(s). We appreciate your understanding as we know many families will need to make adjustments to their family calendars.

*All Sites in our K-12 system will either be ending or starting construction phases during this Summer. WIS and MHS projects will not impact classroom transitions for the Summer of 2018. The IMMS project will allow for district personnel and building staff to do classroom shifts during the Summer. **However, the K-2 Campus will provide for very tight timelines.** Therefore, District Administration added the following changes to the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 School Calendar(s). All changes meet DPI hours of instruction requirements.*

2017-2018 Grades K-2 (CE and MPS)

Due to the construction schedule for Conrad Elvehjem Primary School, the end date for the CE/MPS Campus to end on June 6th instead of June 8th.

Why would we make this change?

This change is being proposed to allow for the K-2 campus to prepare for the demolition of the MPS facility. Staff in MPS will move during these two days to their new rooms and prepare for next year, as those areas will be completed prior to June 6th.

Staff in CE will help with removing all supplies, equipment, and furniture into temporary storage. This is due to CE renovations of 33,000 sq. ft. in a 10 week period of time within the current CE facility.

2018-2019 Kindergarten Plan

Due to construction schedule for Conrad Elvehjem Primary School, the start date for Kindergarten students from Tuesday, September 4, 2018 (Official K-12 student start date) to Thursday September 6, 2018. This day will be a full-day for Kindergarten, to meet the DPI hours of instruction requirements.

Why would we make this change?

Current construction projections indicate that Kindergarten teachers will likely not have access to their classrooms until August 28th. This is due to full renovations of 33,000 sq. ft. in a 10 week period of time within the current CE facility. By delaying school two days, Kindergarten teachers would have 2 additional full days (Tuesday September 4 and Wednesday September 5) to move into their classrooms and prepare to meet their new students.

Why would we delay Kindergarten only and not 1st and 2nd grades?

Construction for 1st and 2nd grade classrooms will be complete this Spring/Summer and teachers will be able to have controlled access into those classrooms in July and August.

We again thank you for your understanding of these changes.

Jeffrey W. Mahoney
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