

Are you in favor of pre-Labor Day starts for the 2022-23 and 2023-24 school years? (In each of the pre-Labor Day proposals, the school year would begin earlier and end earlier. See our webpage or the full introductory email for more details.)

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I don't understand why a pre-Labor Day start gives an advantage to anyone. Buildings need to be much more conducive to handling hot weather. Many of the county's older facilities are not and have less than adequate cooling systems to support mid-to-late August teacher work days. Unpacking in rooms and buildings with inadequate cooling is a miserable experience, and with more and more teachers needing to switch rooms in our building among others, it is an issue that is only going to be made worse if the buildings are opened and used earlier in the summer. The pandemic exposed some very obvious flaws in what these buildings can and can not handle, and N/a

We planned our summer accordingly means after labor day

more summer time or else students will complain and might not focus

Starting school before Labor Day would be a terrible idea for our students and families. Practically speaking it is silly to start and then immediately have a holiday. As designed this also lengthens the overall school year which is a mistake. Such a change ignores decades of precedent and will be highly disruptive with no identifiable benefits. The email provided notes that many other school districts are considering a pre-Labor Day start... as I remind my children, the fact that others are acting foolishly does not excuse your own foolish choices. Keep the calendar as it N/A

How will the earlier start affect 11 month employees who typically work from beginning of August through the end of June? Would this shift the start and end dates of 11 month contracts?

I am against starting winter break on December 25. People travel and you will have a lot of absences. A lot of families celebrate Christmas eve including myself. NO! to Winter Break is Dec. 25-Jan. 5. Also- you should label Great idea!

Just would love to start before Labor Day

I'm a big fan of the pre-Labor Day calendar proposals. They line up much better with the rest of the country and with college schedules, which is great when you have children of different ages or would like to plan extended family visits. Thank you for considering this option!

Start school early so we can have early summer

The year can begin before Labor Day but end at the end of May.

School should be out at June 1

We need to start this year with an august 21 start and a may 31 finish. Why the need to implement and drag this I love that the kids will finish right after SOL testing. That is such a better schedule to have all the instructional time It makes sense, and I would prefer to be out earlier in June.

Please consider the early start. I think it makes the use of instructional time with less time post exams/sols/etc.

N.a

N/A

I think pre-labor day starts are a great idea. I have family in another state and this would better align with what schools in other places are doing from what I can tell.

Starting after Labor day would be preferable because it would give teens with seasonal jobs ample time to finish. Additionally, having a summer break that wraps up after Labor Day allows Henrico families to take advantage of shoulder season travel discounts and fewer crowds while vacationing right before school resumes. We have always taken advantage of the fact that Henrico wisely scheduled the school year this way. Going back prior to Labor Day just makes us like everyone else and travel will be more expensive and crowded.

The start date should remain after Labor Day. If there is an early school start (before Labor Day), it will likely disadvantage a number of children and numerous kids will miss the first week or two of school. I am in favor of shortening the school year by eliminating holidays and breaks if that is the goal.

I am ok with earlier start if ending one week earlier.

After labor day

Much better!

The new school dates are ruining Virginia's tourism seasons, I would like to hope that Henrico County would stick to the traditional approach to the school year.

There are too many additional holidays added to the calendar. No need for those additional days. We are just getting through a pandemic, our kids have lost their zeal. Parents like me are exhausted and deserves a break. No If we start early, please end early. Also, do we have to start two weeks before Labor Day or can we just start one week and keep it ending June 7th?

I am opposed to having school start in the summer. We need to keep the same schedules

Why change something that is not broke! Many people have their vacations planned the end of August.

Please just leave it after Labor Day as it is. You just asked this a year ago and it was not favored when you asked then. Why are you all asking again? It feels like you just want to do it and will ask until you get everyone to agree.

I prefer school to start in September after Labor Day. The school buses have no air and it is really hot in August and also it cuts into summer vacations

I like the school year beginning mid august and ending May 31, 2023

I'd like more information on why you propose to start 2 weeks prior to Labor Day in 23-24 instead of 1 week prior.

What does that gain over starting 1 week earlier? Would that be the norm for going forward?

Shorter summer break and a longer winter break, or a two week spring break

Please do not do this! Time is short as it is. Shortening summer will only reduce time for families and limit vacation time that working parents can take.

More adults will be competing for less time for families to take vacations and spend time as a family. I believe a huge part of the problems in our society is lack of family and family time. Don't make it harder.

None

I think I would prefer the pre-Labor Day start for school but I'm just not sure yet. Still undecided.

Undecided still

I think the schools should remain post-Labor Day to avoid a teacher/student holiday right after opening.

Please be mindful of how close the start before calendar is to Christmas. I support that calendar for several reasons, however students will not pay attention that close to the holiday. Many people celebrate Christmas whether they are Christian or not and I mean this in the best way. I wouldn't want tests given when students are very excited so close to the holiday no matter their home background, and then they do poorly.

The initial premise what is the add time to the school year parentheses which I was not in favor of and parentheses. Now you were saying the school year will remain the same but start sooner. It seems like to me this whole thing is a sham and you are simply wanting to put your agenda in place. Since there is no reason XXXX X to add time to the school year, it would seem to me that the school year should remain as it has been in the past with no changes to Starting a week before labor day sounds great, as proposed for 2022-23. However, starting two weeks before labor day sounds awful, as proposed for 2023-24. Why does it have to keep moving even further forward? Start one week earlier or stick with after labor day, but not two weeks earlier.

N/A

No big changes

I don't see an explanation for why we need to change and start early. I prefer starting after Labor Day eve dinner Interferes with too many plans

Why? It does not make sense to change the planned school year to an earlier date. Kids enjoy the break until the long weekend. It also helps coincide with other counties for travel and visiting families and friends. Please keep the Please keep the start of school after Labor Day so that the kids can enjoy summer to the full extent and can minimize being in school during the hot summer month of August. Having a later start to school allows families to fully enjoy the month of August for vacations through Labor Day which has always been a symbolic end of summer,

No further comments

Keep the start of school AFTER Labor Day.

Pre and post Labor Day calendars all end with school getting out in June. Just because they go back earlier they don't get out earlier. Christmas break isn't extended nor is thanksgiving break. It doesn't make sense to go back earlier if everything is exactly the same.

N/a

Post labor day works better for our family. I have two and almost 3 boys in HCPS schools and We (including the kids) have always liked going back after labor day. It doesn't make sense to start school and then have a vacation day for labor day right after starting so that is part of the reason why it is better after labor day

N/A

The proposed shift made no significant changes in the number of student holidays in Jan-April. And, the pre-labor-day start took away the possibility of a late summer vacation.

No good.

Still see no need in changing what has been working just fine for years!

I want the school to start earlier if it means more breaks in Jan-Mar. The current revisions just shift the calendar earlier and are terrible. I would not vote for this change in its current form.

Leave well enough alone! Do not begin the school year before Labor Day!

Everyone already voted that they do not want a pre-Labor Day start. It is very telling of the way HCPS are being run that they no longer listen to the wants and needs of the people they are serving. Why is this still a discussion? It was voted on already and the answer is no pre-Labor Day start. Stop asking every year.

I am a parent of five and had three that graduated from Henrico schools I feel the post Labor start of school has worked all these years and worked when I was going to school decades ago and everything was good to go it's just tradition school starts after Labor day it's like the last big fun event to end the Summer before school starts and all the excitement. Kids look forward as well for school to end in June at the ending of Spring time just right for the Summer to kick off. families look forward for the two and a half months to bond , vacation,relax and take brain breaks during the hot temperature. My point is like the saying "IF IT'S NOT BROKE DONT FIX IT" NO CHANGES NEED TO BE DONE ITS BEEN WORKING FINE FOR FAMILIES AND STUDENTS FOR DECADES.THANK YOU

Labor Day marks the end of summer, school has always started in the fall; not the summer

I fully support ending the school year earlier, rather than later. In my experience, once SOL's and other standardized tests are finished, the curriculum really seems to be less impactful than in the months prior. So, starting the school before Labor Day and ending it very soon after SOL's, I think, will be better for our students. HCPS have failed our children continuously this past year with the virtual b.s. Think about the children instead of I would like to see Henrico County consider a year around school model. The length of time off over the summer is detrimental to students with learning disabilities or different education needs. The current ESY or summer school models do not meet the needs of students. In a year round school model, students and teachers are in school the same number of days, breaks may be longer between grading periods, but shorter in the summer. Summer camps and after school care would adjust to any schedule that the school system implements, as we have seen with the most recent virtual year (there were many organizations that offered extra camps and additional extra curricular activities during the school year).

Earliest start date for both options, please!

The calendar does not align with the "objective". You are not adding days off but you are starting earlier to end earlier. I also encourage all parties to remember there are numerous children that still travel out of state to visit family for winter/Christmas break. Christmas break beginning on Christmas Day.

Prefer post Labor Day opening

I am in favor of starting school before Labor day. HCPS needs to consider moving spring break to March instead of April. April is too late in the school year for spring break. March is more of the mid-point in the semester and would give a much needed break to students and teachers at a better point in the school year. It's closer to the end of the school year when spring break is in April. March just makes more sense to be the mid-point of the semester. It doesn't make sense to interfere school with 2 long weekends i.e' Labor Day and New Year

You are NOT listening to parents. We work and DO NOT get these days off. This is very selfish!!!!!! What are we suppose to do??? You get the companies out there to do the same great otherwise this shows how selfish and ignorant you are about making changes. Forget those that have to put food on the table just do what works best for the public eye. So selfish!

There is a lack of consideration for the parents that work and do not get these days off and how to hope there kids. As a society great to do this but companies will not follow and this will only hurt families



I love the idea of starting before Labor Day and getting out earlier in June

This is a great plan for our school system and would be in better alignment with other private schools and University schedules!

Some families will be on vacation the week prior to Labor Day. Being a family tradition, plans have been made and possibly be a lost of monies already invested.

I am only in favor of starting early if we can end in May. Please do not add a bunch of additional days scattered throughout the year- it is a nightmare to find childcare for these random days off.

I would prefer for my children to start school as they always have, after labor day.

if it isn't broke, don't fix it. As a byproduct of the HCPS school system, i strongly vote to keep the school year start date to after Labor Day. It would be disruptive to so many aspects for families alike with regards to child care Why would you shorten summer and add more days off during the year? Is there a problem with how we do things now? If not, Then why change? Most kid activities go through July and then august allows for a month of flexibility not afforded in any other month of the year. To shorten summer yet end at same time seems silly.

Nope. Not necessary at all.

HCPS have failed our children continuously this past year with the virtual b.s. Think about the children instead of Need an official vote per child.

I would not like for the schools to begin before Labor Day.

I am in favor of starting early, however, due to families planning vacations 12-18 months out, please consider delaying the shift for one year. This way those of us that plan vacations that far out, to avoid running into the school calendar, don't have to make adjustments to plans already made for next summer.

I am off the strong opinion that kids should not go to school until September.

I have one child in HCPS and one at MLWGS and do not want their school years to have different start and end dates. I think all the districts and specialty centers/governors school should be in agreement b/f a shift like this is Thank you for listening to earlier feedback and not proposing to extend the school year! :)

I am in favor of a pre-Labor Day start.

None

Starting before Labor Day would be so wonderful! The kids are SO burnt out by the beginning of May, that dragging through until mid-June is tough, and not a whole lot gets done, especially the last couple of weeks in June.

Leave summer break alone

Please start mid August !!!! Private schools are done at that time, sports start early August and standardized testing (AP) is done at the same time. I'm tired of private school kids having that advantage age over public school A pre Labor Day start of the school year aligns better with other county school systems and be extremely helpful for students taking AP exams. The dates for AP exams are set by the college board I believe and earlier start to school will offer prospective students more review and preparation for the exam.

This would be great, especially if you need to travel overseas.

Much better plan .....if starting earlier, should end earlier.

I am NOT in favor of having our children start before Labor Day. Making children go to school during the last 2 weeks of the hottest month of the year (August) doesn't make sense.

There is no real "need" to change the calendar this drastically. HCPS hasn't given us enough real or good reasons why they feel this is necessary or more advantageous, besides a few "other counties are doing it."

As a parent, I am still nit sure why there is such a push to start before Labor Day. Why go to school for a week or two and then have a holiday weekend? Other states have schools that start very early in August, and I see no point in it. Why shift the calendar? Nothing else really changes.

Please keep it as is. HCPS is an excellent school system, and tinkering with an earlier start date won't really help in I don't see the need to change a calendar that has been working juuuuuust fine for many many years. Taking a week away from summer vacation for 2 years in a row is a negative.

Is there evidence that starting school before Labor Day is more advantageous than after? What is the point? You all have not made any good arguments trying to convince us why the change would be positive.

I have not seen a compelling reason shared for why it is more beneficial to start school before Labor Day. If there are benefits, it would be helpful to influence opinions by sharing those. One advantage to keeping the post-Labor Day schedule is that vacation rental rates in many popular areas go down dramatically in August because many schools in those areas start back in August. This allows for families to maximize their vacation budgets and get a much better rental for a lower price. Also, while I don't have data on this, I would think that the costs associated with cooling buildings through all of August would be more prohibitive than cranking up systems in September. Also, sports teams like football teams who wear very hot protective gear would be practicing during the hottest weeks of summer. All in all, it seems like "summer vacation" would really cut off a couple of weeks of true summer. Don't change a good thing! It's so nice to have a longer summer and to vacation in August without stresses of school. Please do NOT let our kids start school before Labor Day!

I don't care what school districts around us are doing. This change serves no purpose but to interfere with family vacations during summer months and cave in to what's happening in surrounding counties! It also will put drivers such as myself behind the wheel of a school bus with no air conditioning in mid to late August. Welcome to MORE School should stay the way it is. One of the reasons why I like it here in VA kids have a longer vacation to spend. A pre-labor day start date would align more closely to the schedule of the majority of other school systems and universities.

Start early and end early... maximizes the instructional and assessment benefits!

Keep the post Labor day date as is. The only focus we need is to ensure the students and staff safety due to COVID. WE ARE NOT CHESTERFIELD!!!!!! WE ARE HENRICO STRONG!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

I notice that for the pre-labor day calendars, teachers will lose 1 week of the summer break for two consecutive years. How will we be compensated for this? Summer break has been 10 weeks and if I'm looking at the calendars correctly, for 2 consecutive years it will be only 9 weeks. I believe this will also cause a shorter summer break for In both calendars for 2023-2024, I believe that if Winter Break begins on the 25th, there isn't sufficient time for holiday family travel and you will see poor attendance the week before break. It makes much more sense to have Winter Break from Dec. 18 - Jan. 1st. A holiday could be swapped within the year in order to give an extended holiday on Jan. 1st. Students then return on Jan. 2nd. I may be wrong but I feel like this has been done before in I think the pre- labor day is perfect.

Please consider that some families send children to northern sleep away camps which follow the post Labor Day school start schedule. If HCPS starts before Labor Day, families will have to shorten their time going to these camps which would be disappointing. Kids need camp! They learn many valuable skills by being at camp that I am very much in favor of starting school two weeks early. Gives our kids early instruction. Please consider year round school. Call it something else like vacation sprinkled year round because calling it year round school will have people pick up pitch forks. Instead of a two and half month long vacation, having a break sprinkled year round will be relaxing for kids. After every break they can come back rejuvenated.

We enjoy the post Labor Day start and do not feel extra holidays are worth it.

I am in favor of all year round schooling. I can not see the value in simply shifting the school year and not spreading out the in school days. The current summer is very long and students benefit from more structured opportunities.

We know that with all year round schooling students have less recoupment time for academic skills and fewer sick One week early in 22-23 seems appropriate, but two weeks early in 23-24 does not. Additionally, we should only be observing federal holidays. Other days such as religious holidays students should be given the option for excused I do agree with the new proposal of the 'shift' of the time. I still would rather start after Labor Day, but am not going to fight a Pre-Labor Day start with an earlier dismissal. I did not like the plan to extend the year. Start early, leave

Stop failing our children. Leave the schedule alone!

This pre-Labor Day start option makes MUCH more sense than the previous one. The school year better aligns with nationwide testing so that our students have two more weeks of preparation and don't lose any of their

I would like that the school year 2022/23 begins before Labor Day. Thank you

This is a terrible idea. You should be spending more time helping our kids catch up on the missed education they received after this past failed virtual year. School calendar is NOT a priority !

None

I don't understand the benefits of aligning with other school districts. The current calendar approach works well for

2022-2023 - Either calendar is fine.

1 week pre-Labor Day. I don't have a problem with the pre-Labor Day start here because August 29 is late in the month anyway.

Wednesday, Feb 1 is a half day. PLEASE no half days in the middle of the week. It's just inconvenient. If we are going to have a half day, please make it on a Friday, which facilitates travel.

Post-Labor Day. I like the three-day weekend that Feb 6 off provides.

2023-2024

Pre-Labor Day - NO. I think August 21 is TOO early to start.

-Wednesday, November 1, Jan 24 and March 27 are half days. PLEASE no half days in the middle of the week. It's disruptive.

- Too many random days off. Do we really need Nov 13 and April 10 off? What percentage of students celebrate those holidays? There are so many religious and cultural holidays, it's hard to accommodate everyone. Meanwhile, you are disrespecting Italian-Americans by doing away with the Columbus Day holiday.

I like having off the entire first week of January. It opens up travel opportunities after the peak time.

School ends TOO early.

Post Labor Day - YES.

- Jan 31 is a half day. Please make half days on Fridays to facilitate travel.

- Too many random days off. Very disruptive in November and April. Do we really need Nov 13 and April 10 off? In order to align with higher education, private schools, and surrounding counties, it is in the best interest for Henrico Co to start mid August and end at the end of May.

Taking in consideration the parents and their work schedule is important. We have kids in different grades and college and having different schools schedule helps manage graduations, vacations, camp, etc. Most families have vacation right up to the last summer holiday. There is no significant benefit of changing to an earlier start to the school year. I am in favor of shifting the calendar 1 week (starting one week before Labor Day and ending 1 week early).

However I do not understand the need to shift it an additional week the following year, which will carve out a popular summer vacation week in late August, and completely change the dynamic of winter break. Most families who celebrate Christmas appreciate the days BEFORE the holiday to relax and do things as a family without the stress of school. It seems to me that if we do transition to pre-Labor Day start, a one week shift is completely Starting prior to Labor Day is a better way to go.

I do not understand the need to change. The Tuesday after Labor Day is a "hard" date that is easy to plan for. It makes no sense to start a school year and then have a holiday after one or two weeks. Everyone recognizes Labor Day as "the end of summer" please don't cut it short by starting school before summer ends.

This really affects vacations that are already preset for families. The last weeks of August are cheaper rates and honestly the only reason some can afford to take vacations. I know we for one have the same beach house every year that is booked year round. If we were to cancel we would never be able to get it back. This is something our family looks forward to every year. Unfortunately, if this happens my kids would miss the first week of school for our family vacation. If its not broke don't fix it! We have always gone back to school after labor day.

We should have started this a long time ago.

HCPS has not provided any data that substantiates a disruption to the end of summer/labor plans for families. Our family enjoys celebrating the end of summer with a trip over Labor Day and starting school the Tuesday after. Any concerns surrounding productivity should be evaluated in the current curriculum to maximize effectiveness and reduce ineffective methods like assigning projects in High School and watching movies(PreCovid). Stricter oversight of agendas and periodic auditing of classes, would increase accountability and standards for educators.

N/a

I am in favor of the one week prior. I wonder why the following year going two weeks before is the goal? One week would be a great strong early start, but two weeks affects opportunities for affordable summer camps like 4-H and reduced rates for vacations which some families wait for all summer. While I am in favor of one week prior, I do not know when are fall activities going to start? July?

There are no issues with starting school after Labor Day. You are creating a controversy for nothing. The whole sales job of needing an extra week to satisfy all holidays failed miserably. Now you just are trying to change it with

Our family would find it very difficult to be in Richmond by mid-August. It's clear that you intend to push the start back to early or mid-August (not one week before Labor Day as you said in the original communication). I disagree. It is obvious that HCPS is determined to implement a pre-labor day start. Public and parent comments and opinions don't actually count. They are just to LOOK like opinions other than school board officials matter. Post Labor Day calendar!

I like the plan of children returning to school 1 week before Labor Day but not 2 weeks before.

The rationale that some other schools in Virginia now start before Labor Day is not persuasive. But jumping off a bridge just because the other schools are jumping off a bridge is not a persuasive argument. Show the kids that you can withstand peer pressure. There is literally no data or evidence showing how this is any benefit to children, parents, or teachers. In terms of summer plans, I would much rather spend those super hot days in August with my family at the beach, pool, or destination location. Those early weeks in June are often quite chilly and less advantageous for swimming (particularly in the frigid ocean). In terms of educational outcomes, I see zero benefit. I am fine with the week before labor day start, but not the two weeks before. That is way too early to start and finish. Please consider just a one week start. Thanks!

I would like to keep the current schedule (Post Labor Day) as is for the future.

Families like to use the Labor Day Weekend for final vacations with their kids before school starts, I feel that changing that would cause more problems than it is worth.

I love the calendars for both pre-Labor Day starts. It also aligns more with the college schedules which I appreciate as my own children are close to that age.

N/A

I agree school year ending May 31st and starting earlier. It gives the kids to travel abroad to meet their relatives not Strongly recommend after labor day start.

I am in favor of the school year beginning one week earlier but the the two week earlier seems too early to me.

I do not understand why we need to change, I think is enough all the changes at this time. If something work I am absolutely in favor of the children starting school pre-Labor day, as long as that means, they will get out earlier as well. In your "new" proposal, that is what is being offered and I agree with it!

If we begin earlier, and end earlier, I am in favor.

Please align with college schedules

Love the new plans for pre Labor Day start.

I want school to start after Labor Day

Earlier starts all for better breaks.

As a family, we prefer a post Labor Day start, but if that should change to pre-Labor Day, we agree that the term Having moved here 7 years ago We have liked the idea of starting after Labor Day. Where we lived at before school started in mid August and it was always hot outside and we couldn't take trips after July cause of school After Labor Day, Please

Most children that has been out of school are ready to go back and this would be a perfect time.

Time to learn is vital

There is absolutely no reason to change the calendar. This just seems like "change for the sake of change."

The board should focus on things that matter, like getting woke politics out of schools, and providing more teachers and resources for gifted students. The amount of time that this board spends on distractionary hand-wringing is n

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n/a

I like the calendar the way it is.

I see no reason to start earlier. The first week or two of school are all about establishing routines, and to have a long holiday weekend in the middle of that is counterproductive, especially given West End parents' penchant for taking their kids out early to extend the weekend. "If it ain't broke don't fix it" is appropriate here. There is no compelling argument for this shift, focus on things that actually matter instead of wasting time on fluff like this. Our family is still NOT in favor of this change.

I really like the idea of the pre Labor Day start and ending the school year earlier as a result. Going until mid June was too late in the summer.

This is the right thing to do so the second semester ends before winter break.

After so many years, I'm glad that a pre-labor day start is finally being seriously considered, however I'm disappointed that of all the children I've had in/graduate from HCPS schools only my youngest will benefit (if implemented) but in their senior year. This will put us more in line with other Virginia counties that have pre-Labor Day. The school year is fine the way it is and has been for several years.

Henrico county has failed to give a valid reason for the need to open school pre-labor day other than to keep up with the surrounding counties. What is the need for this? Fall sports in high school already start too soon in summer with a post Labor Day start. Additionally, what wool are you pulling over our eyes by only offering information sessions one day and only during working hours? In March 2020 when this was first considered, the county offered five information sessions over four days with three of them in evenings outside of business hours. If the calendar is already good.

I see no value or added benefit in start school before labor day. While I appreciate the recent adjustment to make the school year end earlier as well with this proposed change, my children and I want to keep the traditional September start. July and August are prime times for vacations, especially to the beach as the weather in June is hit or miss. In my mind, this gives us a more limited (and more expensive) window to take much needed family time. I am in favor of the pre-labor day calendar for the 22-23 school year (starting 1 week before Labor Day).

I am not in favor of the pre-labor day calendar for the 23-24 school year as I feel starting 2 weeks before Labor Day is too soon. I would request replicating the 22-23 school year start of 1 week before Labor Day going forward.

none

Starting pre-labor day means pushing back activities that usually start in August, such as football camps, field hockey, & volley ball practices, marching band camps and practices. I could almost see a one week before labor day start, but a two week before labor day start means putting some of these camps and practices starting in mid-July. Not only does this affect family vacations, but it also put's these outdoor practices and camps happening in the hottest part of the summer.

Starting one week before Labor Day probably will not cause too many disruptions, but two weeks prior will be very hard on students, coaches, teachers, parents, and anyone else involved in the activities I have mentioned. I hope

None

N/a

I do not see any benefit to starting the school year early and ending early. This would only cause disruption to traditional summer family plans without yielding any benefit.

Leave things the way they are.

Don't have any

An earlier start benefits children and is in line with other academic calendars. Please vote to start before Labor Day. The proposed pre-labor day start for the 22-23 year sounds wonderful, especially now that it has been corrected to reflect a week earlier start and a week earlier release in June.

What is the rationale for beginning a second week earlier for the 23-24 school year? This seems a bit ridiculous, and is taking a week away from your teachers for TWO summers. Many teachers work second jobs during the summer that continue through July, and look forward to 3-4 weeks "off" in August. The one week early start in 22-23 is great, but starting two weeks early in August the following year seems to be overkill, and doesn't factor in that teachers work second jobs in the summer, while also losing a week of their summer "off" for two consecutive years. Love the pre-labor day start as it really helps the high school students have the time to get better prepared for the National tests such as AP test and SATs. Would love to see the two week pre-labor day start happen in the 2022-2023 year, instead of dragging things out. Teachers have shown an incredible ability to adapt, so if you would consider making the two week start happen sooner you could always consider compensating the teachers with

None

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Why fix something that is not broken? Parents NEED a better explanation for WHY the district is considering this option at all. Please do an honest (and better) job of explaining the reasoning behind this change.

Would recommend school year ends May 31st- and not go into June. Students will feel like it is full two months off.

I believe the current one works well.

I am all for pre Labor Day start. I wish y'all would go to year round school as it's been proven that year round school is better for children's learning retention.

Henrico Schools cannot adequately cool the buildings in the high summer temperatures and it is very costly to try to do so. Waiting to start in September minimizes that exposure.

N/a

Strongly support earlier start and earlier end. Very much against earlier start and ending the same time by

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I am a little disappointed to know the prior proposal was scrapped. How is HCPS going to introduce more culturally relevant and appropriate days off for staff and students?

Dec. 24 at least should be a holiday. People often travel that day to be somewhere on Christmas day. Teachers appreciate the days off before Christmas to have mental downtime before the holidays. That lack of time off will be the cause of major stress for many teachers and should be reconsidered.

It makes sense, and I would prefer to be out earlier in June.

I guess HCPS never tried to tell the "why"?

I appreciate responsiveness to parent feedback and inclusiveness of the new calendar. We should continuously look for best practices in education rather than continuing down the path we've always followed.

We should be moving to full year school. We are no longer an agriculturally-based society.

The Coalition for a Traditional School Year argues that starting the school year early "may hurt teacher continuing education efforts and deprive high school students from getting summer work experience. It makes it harder for families to plan vacations, and it leads to more breaks during the school year that are a hardship for single parent and two working parent families."

And the nonprofit coalition Save Alabama Summers argues, among other points, that "when the school year begins Don't have any

Please go with the two earlier start and align with other surrounding counties that are moving in this direction. With that calendar- why is the semester still ending in late January. Also, can we say we are getting rid of exams  
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Just because the general assembly allows something (pre Labor Day start) doesn't mean it is a good idea.

An earlier summer would be better

Please consider that some families send children to northern sleep away camps which follow the post Labor Day school start schedule. If HCPS starts before Labor Day, families will have to shorten their time going to these camps which would be disappointing. Kids need camp! They learn many valuable skills by being at camp that I believe the school should start before Labor Day.

Why make a change to something that's been in place for years? What's the purpose behind the change? Making this unnecessary change will cause families to cut vacations and cut family time or parents will make decisions to continue with their family traditions and kids will miss school. There is no benefit in changing when school starts and stops so I don't see the point. Please leave well enough alone and work on more important issues.

I believe school should start 2 weeks before Labor Day

Aligning with other school districts is great. Also helps out those of us who use college students as nannies to start earlier because they go back to school earlier and our childcare hours are affected.

I think it should stay as is starting after Labor Day

This would provide more time to prepare for testing and less time at the end of the year with no new curriculum.

In Favor of post labor day school start

I believe Labor Day is a holiday that families for generations have enjoyed. Starting school early is once again an attempt to diminish our holidays .

Our schools back in the 60's produced educated men and women who put man on the moon. Today our students can't even count change back to customers... can't read a map and have massive Colledge debt

Labor Day symbolizes the end of summer, which means summer vacation is over and back to school. I understand one could say the same about Memorial Day symbolizing the beginning of summer. Starting after Labor Day allows families to take vacations in August when a good portion of the rest of the country are back at school allowing families to spend less money, smaller crowds, and greater availability of lodging due to peak travel/vacation times.

Also pre-Labor Day start dates can interfere with parents trying to transition college students at the same time.

I am in favor of the Pre-Labor Day starts and the traditional school year length (starting earlier and ending earlier).

However, I am not happy with the timing of Winter Break in the 2023-2024 calendar. I would like to see break begins week earlier (Dec 18) and go through Monday, January 1. Otherwise, Winter Break starts WAY too close to Christmas, and student and staff alike will miss days prior to break due to traveling and beginning holiday

I would like the school year would end in the very beginning of June

Why do we keep discussing this topic? Several years ago a survey was sent out and the majority wanted a POST Labor Day start! HCPS doesn't have to be like other counties that is what makes it unique! How about send ?

I think it should stay as is starting after Labor Day

There seems to be little regard for anyone's summer schedules in wanting to start before Labor Day. Some families take trips in mid to late August as more affordable rates are available in some vacation spots then. Students may have jobs that run through the summer or other events that require commitment through August. The pandemic stretched all involved to the breaking point, yet you want to add more stress with a proposed change like this. One has to wonder if Henrico has any feel at all for the needs of its families. Why can't things just be left the way they are? Nothing is wrong with the school year as it is.

Moving the school start and end by one week then two and keeping the same number of school days, how does that add more days off/religious holidays? It does not make sense to change the school calendar.

I think it should stay as is starting after Labor Day

Much better plan .....if starting earlier, should end earlier.

I do not feel the start of Winter Break should be on Christmas Day. This eliminates the option for families who go out of town for Christmas who travel during this time. Winter Break should be left as is currently scheduled as this will require many families to take off the week prior to the holiday in order to travel out of town. I do not feel this is a Henrico should wait until all area school systems change to pre Labor Day start so as not to put parents of students in the other counties in bind to find child care for the 1-2 weeks their kids are still home.

The sooner we are able to align with our surrounding districts the better. Many staff members now have to deal with child care issues at the beginning of the summer, and our students will continue to miss out on weeks of instruction prior to their SOL and AP exams that other area students receive.

I very disappointed that the original idea is not even open for discussion anymore. And I don't understand where the point is to move the start/end date by two weeks.

We are fine with reopening of schools pre labor day

August is for vacations - not school. No benefit in ending earlier in June.

I do not like how over the next two years (while we transition to a pre-Labor Day start) the summer is a week shorter each year. As a teacher, it is VERY important to have plenty of time to relax and reenergize before starting a new school year. It may not seem like much, but with a young family. every day counts!

I do not want the students to go back to school before Labor Day because it interferes with vacation plans and taking college students back to college

Students should NOT return to school before Labor Day. There is no need to do this, as the schedule now has worked perfectly well for years. This would cause a lot of disruption for families and teachers.

None

Keep an after Labor Day start please!

Let the school calendar stay the way it is with kids going back to school after Labor Day.

This will affect our vacations and too hot for kids on those buses and the bus drivers. If it's not broken don't fix it.

Also, this will not make too much of an impact on the last day of school. We are used to our kids going until the

I am pleased that you did not "add" on an additional week to the end of the school year (with the earlier starts). I

also like the gradual starts, one week earlier over 2 years.

I would like to keep the post Labor Day start of school. This works for a lot of families here in this county in spite of what other counties may be doing. The summer is time that families can spend with their children and take vacations without the children having to miss school. August is a popular vacation month and a lot of parents are able to take time off then versus in the beginning of June. Also, I don't feel it makes sense to go to school for 5 days then be out for Labor Day then start right back up with school after the holiday. This cuts into the family time for those who like to take end of the summer vacations around Labor Day as well as it gives families more time to Please let's be a leader in our decision to remain with the traditional schedule and not just make changes because other counties have done so

I love the idea of the pre-labor day starts.

We do our vacation in August usually the last week!

I would prefer School begins Aug. 29, 2022

Last day of school for students is June 9, 2023.

OR

School begins Sept. 5, 2023.

Last day of school for students is June 14, 2024.

I am not in favor of a pre-Labor Day start to school. However, if the decision is made to proceed with the students beginning the school year before Labor Day, the school year should end the Friday prior to Memorial Day. If your intent is to take away their summer prior to the national holiday they are accustomed to celebrating and vacationing prior to beginning school, give them the national holiday that generally leads into the summer. It doesn't make  
Keep current schedule

Many students still work a full week's schedule at Kings Dominion until after labor as a means to help support their  
I prefer post Labor Day start

Start earlier, end earlier

As a parent, I don't want this change. The current school schedule is just fine. Please stop trying to start earlier. I will vote against any school board member supporting an earlier start.

Don't agree with the change.

None

Strongly in favor of a pre-Labor Day start

The traditional calendar has worked for 40+ years, no need to change it.

Keep the calendar the same

Pre Labor start with earlier end date provide additional instruction time for AP and SOL exams without sacrificing summer . Additional time at the end of the year is a waste and just babysitting. The students are done after testing .

Post-Labor day start of school

I like starting school in September and our family likes to take vacation the last week of August because it is a little I am an AP teacher. I believe that starting before Labor Day will improve AP scores. With our current schedule, it is difficult to get through the curriculum and have enough time to review before AP exams. A pre-Labor Day start could potentially save HCPS students money in college tuition.

December 25th as the start of Christmas break is too late for families that need to travel to be somewhere ON

I love it!

If the division is moving to start prior to Labor Day, please end the school year sooner. I'm in agreeance of starting earlier in the year and observing additional major holiday's, but ending at the same time as years prior,

Although an after Labor Day start has worked just fine over the years, if there were to be a change, I'd prefer no more than one week earlier to start. 2 full weeks seems way too early in august to start back.

I am in favor of pre-Labor Day starts to all future calendars.

August is the hottest month in VA. Most days it will be too hot for students to even go outside for recess. Campus style schools will have students exiting their classrooms in 90 degree weather. What will happen if the AC is out at no additional thoughts

Please choose the pre-Labor Day start. For too long our students have been disadvantaged during the SOL and AP testing window due to the post-Labor Day start. Give teachers and students the opportunity to maximize learning

I prefer the post labor day start. One week early would be alright but two weeks early is too much

Starting before Labor Day would align the county better with other districts, private schools, and colleges.

For the pre-labor day start, why do we need four .5 conference times, when the other calendar only has 2? I don't understand why there is a need for additional conferences.

Also, as a Jewish employee, I appreciate not having to use personal time to celebrate my holiday. However, I find it troubling that the last day of school for staff will be Shabbat, the Jewish holiday that happens weekly. Why is that last staff day not on Sunday? Your answer to that should be the same reason that Saturday is not the last day, if I am ok with earlier start if ending one week earlier.

I do not see any reason to start before Labor Day.

Starting earlier and ending earlier always seems like a good idea. Many other districts already do it and I see no cons about it. I do wish the metro Richmond area schools would decide together bc when planning summer camps I like the proposal for the 2022-2023 school calendar to start school one week before Labor Day. However, I do not like the 2023-2024 calendar, which proposes to start the school year 2 weeks prior to Labor Day. This schedule will interfere with summer travel plans for some families. The previous year's calendar makes more sense in terms of timing of the end of each quarter and having two consecutive days off around Election Day. Please draft another I am an 11th month employee and recognize this would shorten my summer for two years, but I am in favor. This change would bring Henrico into alignment with schools nationwide and with collegiate calendars. By ending earlier, Henrico would also eliminate the "dead time" between SOLs and the end of the year.

School should start after Labor Day!



Why is HCPS so desperate to disrupt the traditional summer calendar? In two years of communications, I have yet to hear a single reason articulated. A pre-Labor Day start affects summer employment, summer camps, and family vacations. It kills an entire week of potential vacation, changing the end of summer from a long weekend serving as a nice transition into a choppy series of starts and stops. Why would you want to have five days of school before a vacation day? It's insane. Henrico - LEAVE IT ALONE. post-Labor Day was, is, and should be, the right. Keep summer the way it is please.

I am still not in favor of this. I have three children and feel like they need the break that they get. There is no need to make the school year longer.

Please consider families vacation plans. This week is the cheapest at the beach and some families book their vacation at the same home and may lose their vacation destination for this. What are the benefits of starting before labor day? We all went back after labor day that's the day everyone knows summer's over. Then starting the next year 2 weeks before labor day? I just think we should change anything that's working. My kids will always miss the I am in favor of a pre-Labor Day start date for 2022 and beyond but am perplexed by the proposed Winter Break dates for 2023 of Dec. 25-Jan. 5. It makes little sense to begin Winter Break on Christmas Day and not near the end of the prior week (on the 21st or 22nd). The likelihood that children will miss school prior to the 25th due to out-of-state family trips, etc. is quite high. Moreover, most parents are not off of work for the holidays until Jan. 5th but rather return to work on Jan. 2nd. It makes more sense for Winter Break to begin on the 21st or 22nd of December. The purpose for a pre-labor day start has not been explained. I do not support a pre-labor day start.

N/A

I would support this idea of starting a week early if there was a week long holiday added into the calendar. It doesn't make sense to me why you would push things back one week.....?????

I am not sure as the rationale to an earlier start date. What is the benefit for students? Other than being aligned with other schools in our area, what the point of starting earlier? I am in favor of being a week before labor day, but not 2 weeks. Our kids need their summer! Our teachers need the summer to rejuvenate!

I would like to know the rationale for the additional evening requirements for teachers? Teachers still have the same amount of working days, so I am confused as to why there will be 4 evenings for student conferences in the pre-Labor Day start.

Will all PD be done virtually using the anytime anywhere format?

Thank you for reconsidering the calendar to shift versus add a week. I think starting the school year two weeks prior to Labor Day (phased in) is a school calendar that makes a lot of sense. It aligns with standardized and AP testing. Once the calendar turns to June, everyone's attention becomes less focused. And based on my kids experience, the level of classroom engagement was very inconsistent between grades, schools, teachers. A We enjoying vacationing in August when rates are lower. We don't see a strong argument for making a change to the current after Labor Day start. However, less days off for holidays and the elimination of half-days would be Too much traveling occurs late August. Many families travel to the beach before Labor Day and I don't see families changing annual vacations, there would just be an increase in student absences at a crucial part of the school year. In the proposals to begin the school year early, HCPS employees will work lose a week of time off in the summer of 2022 and in the summer of 2023 in order to phase in the new calendar. How will employees be compensated? Will employees be paid more to account for that week? Will there be days off written into the new calendar for those I am an HCPS employee. I noticed on the Pre Labor Day start draft calendar for 2022-23, it includes 4 evenings for student conferences and 16 hours for online training/PL but on the Post Labor Day Start draft calendar for 2022-23 , there are only 2 evenings for student conferences and 8 hours of online training/PL. I'm curious why there are double the amount of evening commitments and PL hours on the proposed pre Labor Day start calendar. Can you share that information?

Also on the Pre-labor Day start draft for 2023-24, there are 4 evening commitments for student conferences and 24 hours of online training/PL and the 2023-24 Post Labor Day Start has only 2 evening commitments and only 8 hours of online training/PL. Why are there double the amount of evening student conferences on the Pre-labor Day Staffing is already a crisis in our area. To cut the summer short for our tourism-heavy area, is like cutting off our nose to spite our face. We need the extra time/use of high school kids in our businesses through the complete I work in Henrico and live in Chesterfield. I feel like families can adapt to either schedule, but the problems occur for childcare when dates are different. One of the biggest perks of teaching is having time with my own children. Please talk with surrounding counties/city and align the calendars. I want to have my children with me for breaks!

Are you seriously proposing starting prior to Labor day in order to "building in more flexibility for additional holidays and observances" as stated in your 6/24/21 email? Instead of building in a holiday every other week, which seems to be your mission, why dont you get back to basics by providing our children with a real education based upon STEM, reading, and life skills and not the CRT or D&I (Division and Intimidation) BS that is destroying and dividing For the 2023 -24 year, how will the last week of school work, for graduations and exams, if that Monday is We are in retail, we work all holidays. We need the summer break with our children.

No

n/a

I do not think that the school year should start before labor day. If they vote to do so it should only be one week before labor day to start. Starting August 21st is way too early.

I like the current calendar.

The start before Labor day will allow for additional instructional hours potentially unhindered by potential winter weather. The end of year tests in mid MAY then allow for wasted time in June, starting before Labor Day is quantifiable that instructional hours will make gains and improvements on the state testing.

NA

I am also in favor of a year-round school schedule with the same number of instructional days just more spread out breaks. It's better for working families, gives more options to holidays and vacations, and eliminates summer I feel strongly that we should start school after Labor Day. Our family has traditionally planned a vacation with our children so that their godparents who live in different states can join us for some good quality time with our children, their godchildren, which has always worked best the last week of summer before Labor Day. It would be very difficult to reschedule this at a different time, given the number of people coming and the distance from which different ones come. This time has been very important to our family and to our children in getting to know their I do not support this.

Please focus your attention on all of the missed learning our children experienced this past year because our your inability to get them back into the schools for a year. That is unacceptable and a much bigger priority than moving This is a terrible idea. I am not in favor.

Neither do I like Christmas break starting on Christmas day! Do we get a vote on that?

I am absolutely NOT in favor of the pre labor day start. I am also not in favor of the change to winter break. Winter break has always been a full 2 weeks, which is a significant benefit for those of us who travel to family outside of the Richmond area...which is many of us! Shortening winter break and a pre labor day start have been proposed in the past and the majority have stated that we'd like the calendar to stay similar to past calendars to allow for traveling to family and staying consistent with the other larger school divisions in VA that have chosen to remain My family plans a vacation week before Labor Day holiday due to our work schedules and would hate to lose that I like the school will end earlier

Please consider giving at least a half day holiday for Good Friday and the week following Easter instead of the week after Easter. This would allow families who travel to see family to spend Easter with their loved ones instead This is a terrible idea. I am not in favor.

We fully support starting 2 weeks before Labor Day and ending in late May. We understand phasing the change in over 2 years, although we would prefer it to happen next year. It makes much more sense to split the year better and allow more AP course prep time.

I prefer keeping the beginning after Labor Day as that is the last long weekend of summer and I feel it is negative to start a week or 2 prior and then have the students off for a day so quickly.

I'm of the mindset that HCPS families are accustomed to a post-Labor Day start and some may have difficulties with the change of a pre-Labor Day start.

There is no need to change this. The kids and parents appreciate the nice line in the sand of starting school after I see no reason to start the school year earlier if there is no changes to the rest of the calendar (i.e additional learning days). All we are doing is shifting time from early June to end of August which will disrupt current camp and vacation patterns that have been established for years. Until I am shown a reason that this benefits our children I see absolutely no reason to change things. Feels like we are trying to blindly follow what other counties and school systems are doing. It certainly can't be a weather play as early June is more favorable to end of August and all our schools are air conditioned. Please actual provide justification for wanting to make a change with For those who have certain activities, August is the ONLY month off for families. This month is to relax and take advantage of time together without running too much. It also provides a good amount of time to prepare for the upcoming school year. Basically, it feels more like we have a summer when the month of August can be free.

no

N/A

I prefer the mid June end of school and the post labor Day start.

I was very excited about the idea to reduce the Summer Break by a week to add additional free days throughout the year.

Sadly, my excitement turned into disappointment, when I heard that the original idea was scratched all together and replaced with two brand new options.

Would it be possible to bring back the original proposal as a valid 3rd option for the upcoming School Board  
Will the feedback from June 9th be shared separately? To see who was in favor of the original draft vs the changed draft from June 24th.

My suggestion is to provide a more detailed feedback form. I support a pre Labor Day start date; but I'm not in favor of a the school year ending earlier too.

If they start pre-Labor day it would be nice to have a longer winter break.

Would love a pre Labor Day start

We are looking forward to beginning school before Labor Day, and observe Lunar New Year.

We are in favor of a pre-Labor Day start and appreciate that the plan has been amended to also get out a week earlier. This allows those of us with fall sport athletes to have more of a summer break, also aligning a little more with the college schedule, which is helpful for families. Thanks!

If the SOL tests are going to be administered at the same time as previous, then it only makes sense to provide teachers and students with an extra week or two with a pre-labor day start. The weeks after the SOL tests appear After Labor Day is a better fit for family obligations during the summer.

I do not understand the point of starting before Labor Day. What is the objectives of this potential switch? I don't see it accomplishing anything positive.

I feel strongly about keeping the start date on the traditional day after Labor Day. Already, high school extracurricular activities (practice for fall sports, marching band, etc) start in early August with a post-Labor Day start date. I wouldn't want them to start any earlier, which would further cut into family vacation time, ability to participate in enriching summer programs like foreign exchange, and summer jobs.

My sister lives in a NY school district that starts pre-Labor Day, and she said it makes the start to the school year very choppy and disrupted, since they have a few school days, then break for Labor Day, then a couple weeks of school days, then break for the Jewish holidays.

With the new proposals keeping the length of the school year the same, I see no reason and no advantage to  
If we begin the year earlier we should end the year earlier

I would not be interested in a per labor day start. I absolutely would not want in 2023 to have teacher work week begin mid-August. It is still wickedly hot outside, and a lot of families, including my own, traditionally plan travels in August. A lot of teachers would miss many days of teacher work week.

I am in favor of starting the school year early as long as we end the school year early as well. Thank you for amending your initial proposal which extended the school year.

I am in favor of starting the school year early as long as we end the school year early as well. Thank you for amending your initial proposal which extended the school year.

I am concerned with the difference in staff holidays between the pre and post Labor Day calendars. Why are staff given the religious holidays as days off in the pre-Labor Day calendars but they are designated as clerical days on the post-Labor Day calendars? While I recognize all calendar proposals indicate the same number of days for teachers and staff, I know these religious holidays are important to many of our employees. I would hope that consideration would be given to making these holidays for everyone regardless of the option chosen.

I do not approve of the changes

Just keep it the same, no need for more changes. I also don't understand why the 2022-23 school year option that starts one week earlier and then do 2 weeks earlier in 2023-24 school year, that's bizarre, that would be 2 summers that would be shortened for employees. It's also extremely hot in August, keep the calendar starting after Labor Please consider the first day of the lunar new year as a holiday to embrace Asian cultures. Most Eastern and Southern Asians celebrate lunar new year.

What's the purpose of a Pre-labor day start? What's the student benefits and/or gains for a Pre-Labor Day start? It's extremely hot in August, buses do not have AC. Students enrolled in specialty centers etc. sometimes spend over an hour on the county school bus. Some schools have AC however it does NOT work properly. Classrooms do not have windows that open to the outside. For safety purposes classroom doors can't be left open to the hallway to provide ventilation. August is Hurricane season which has impacted our area from time to time. Missing instruction days at the beginning of the year creates a shaky start, especially for young learners. The week before Labor Day families tend to take their "last" summer trip. I feel that parents will continue to do this because it works with their holiday work schedule. Students will be pulled out of class for trips and I can't say I blame them.

Required Professional Development hours for teachers doubled for the 2022-23 calendar year and 8 more hours were added to the 2023-24 calendar. 191-Teacher Days listed on the master calendar means nothing when the As other counties are moving to pre-Labor Day starts, it is becoming more difficult to align summer plans with those in counties outside of Henrico. Outside of the social reasonings, the major assessments at the high school level take place in May. If school were to end around Memorial Day/first week of June, this would give us more time prior to the SOLs/AP assessments than the month of instruction after they are completed. Building in the time for instructional support prior would help students to be more prepared and give teachers time to remediate students' learning needs prior to these high stakes testing situations, once again, instead of after. The two years of a Summer with one less week will make it easier in the future to be prepared and aligned with other schools and the Pre-labor day start would make it a lot more difficult for my family. I work at a college where our prep and orientation busiest time would fall at the same time as school starting for my children in the Henrico public schools. I also think that it is important for Hanover and Henrico to follow a similar schedule, since I think there are probably a lot of families like mine where the parent works and/or has child care in Hanover but children attend Henrico I am an elementary school principal in Fredericksburg, VA. Our school began a pre-Labor Day schedule two years ago. The impacts on families and staff have been positive.

Love an earlier start to summer break and earlier return in August!

We have annual family traditions that would have to come to an end if the school year was started earlier. There is no point to changing it. Why start earlier in the year just to get out earlier? Seems like change for change's sake. Prefer post-Labor Day calendar, especially to keep band camps unchanged.

I love the idea of being finished May 31.

I believe the last day of school should be the end of May.

While I understand the motivation to change the current status of post-Labor Day start, I think the September post-Labor Day start is a psychological foundation both necessary for the mental health of all parties and corresponds perfectly to both the calendar and the weather. There is something about having a full August open to play, travel, or just plain relaxation totally unencumbered that is mentally essential to make a new start in a new month. That Labor Day signals that new direction, that the new month agrees, makes the transition perfectly fitting. The weather begins to change ever so slightly but distinctly in September, a harbinger to a new school year as the sun plots a new course. August, some may think, is a temperamentally hot, dull month. I disagree. Virginia has a beautiful August in the mountains where I have backpacked each golden August or at the sea where the August orange afternoon light is relaxing and points the way to autumn. To begin as a teacher in mid-August or a student in late August seems atrocious. To sit in a classroom on a sunny day is hard enough in spring. To have two complete unencumbered months - July and August - is absolutely mentally healthful and should continue to be a birthright of our district. I do not care what other neighboring districts do. I neither care if King's Dominion profits. These options do not offer enough significant educational impact to reduce upcoming summers, forcing children to not have the advantages that summer offer in their lives. Athletes and band members who are the hardest working and need this training/relaxation time the most would be the hardest hit. Please do not make this change. Post Labor Day start please.

Keep the same schedule that's worked for 40 years.

This change will just lead Henrico to an eventual early August start like much of western Virginia....no pre Labor Day. I would be in favor of an earlier start date if it gave an additional break between December and April. A February start is a great idea, to align with the majority of the rest of Virginia public schools.

I am for the pre-labor day start because my kids are in two different school systems other than Henrico and they are starting two weeks early starting this coming school year. I would definitely prefer to be on the same schedule as my children for vacations, etc. However, I do really appreciate that there is an option to do it over a two year period so that any one summer was not shortened by a full two weeks. That happened to my children this summer.

NA

This will affect many families that take family vacation the week before labor day as it is "cheaper" for beach rentals etc. This can be a families only options when it comes to expenses and for the kids to get one last hoorah before school starts again. I do not see any benefit of starting early and getting out earlier. We have always started after labor day and it has worked! Labor day is kinda what marks the end of Summer! Our family has a standing rental at the beach and unfortunately would not be able to switch our weeks or we would lose our house. My kids would just miss the whole first week of school if this were the case. If its not broke, why fix it? I see absolutely no benefit laid \*Thank you for NOT extending the traditional length of school year. Please DO NOT go back and add a week. Either of these proposals work.

I like the pre-Labor day starts and hope that this change will make the school district and constituents open to a year-round school calendar in the future. The "year round" school calendar still allows for a lengthy summer break and multiple breaks throughout the year - many of which would allow families to travel in off-peak seasons. This early start aligns with colleges more closely and helps with AP testing and AP pacing of class materials.

I would prefer that a post Labor Day start remain. If an early start is voted for, I would only choose 1 week before Labor Day, not 2. Mid August is such a wonderful time to take a vacation and visit family because Swim/dive team commitments are over. Also, school sport practices for the fall would have to start even earlier, and this would We have always enjoyed family time in a variety of ways over the extended Labor Day weekend. (The last big weekend of the summer). I want to continue to make memories with my family during this time. You have presented no valid reasons and no valid benefits to start the school year early. There is absolutely no reason to even be discussing this. Surely you can find more pressing issues in the school system in which to focus.

I don't think it's wise to go back earlier when it is much, much hotter and more difficult to have safe recess, etc...

Plz don't change the school calendar

All in favor of school ending earlier

Plz don't change the school calendar

Each year we taken vacation at this time. We do this because most places are more quiet from people already vacationing. I am NOT in favor of starting school in August.

What is the REAL benefit to kids and their families by starting early. From my standpoint I don't see how this benefit's kids, parents or teachers in Henrico.

We should go back to school after Labor day.

Plz don't change the school calendar

Plz don't change the school calendar

My husband and I are very much opposed to pre-labor day start date. The current school year calendar works extremely well with our home life and professional life. I want to add the frustration we have had with HCPS on a central office level the last 18 months. There should be no congratulations or pats on the back. Have no doubt many parents in the Tuckahoe district have been patiently waiting for the leadership to get it together.

YES!!! Like the idea of starting the school year earlier AND ending earlier!

I still feel as both proposal have late end dates compared too the school ( private and public) that start prior to Labor Day. Perhaps we need to reduce a teacher work days/ holidays.

N/a

Do not agree with returning before Labor Day

No...there is no reason for this.

With the proposal for school starting a week earlier, I think you should also consider moving spring break up to March instead of April. I have always felt that an April spring break was too late in the school year. I believe both students and teachers would appreciate a spring break that is closer to the mid-point of the spring semester than early start, May 31 final date!

What problem are you trying to solve by moving to a pre-Labor Day start? This seems like a change for the sake of change but not to improve anything for our children. Worse, the only rationale mentioned for the proposal for a pre-Labor Day start is to give teachers four more days off! So this new schedule is nothing but a vacation handout to teachers? I would love to know when HCPS is actually going to do something that benefits our children, especially Definitely time to move to a pre-Labor Day start! Especially as it will align better with neighboring districts, and AP School should continue to start after Labor Day as it is intended to be. Most families take a week vacation for Labor day holiday which includes the week prior to Labor Day. I dont need my kids missing week/weeks of school because the county decides to change things. In addition to the winter break change should remain the same as it has been before. What are we suppose to do with kids Jan 1-5 thats not break from my job, thats back to work.

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No Comment

I don't see a need to change from the traditional Post-Labor start date. I read the pros of each and don't think the pros of changing are significant enough to warrant such a change.

keep it the same. it allows everyone to plan the future years out better for vacations, especially with extended family  
The present timing of opening the school after the Labor Day is right. Parents can take some time off for the labor day and spend with kids before the school starts. Look at this that school starts before the labor day and then again there is a holiday for labor day instead why can't we start the school after the labor day weekend ?

Pre labor day start should have happened a loooong time ago. Many families also have college age kids and moving to an even "closer to college schedule" would be even better. May-August.

Do not forget about the HCPS 10-month employees and honoring their 10-month contracts and not going over their contractual work days!

There are always going to be families who complain about pre Labor Day; because their expensive Hawaiian vacation has not been had yet. HCPS has got to stop making decisions based off of family money and west end  
This should have been a schedule change a long time ago!

Please stop making decisions off the the wealthier County families and come to a brighter common concensus!

The old adage, "if it's not broken, don't fix it," clearly applies in this situation. I have yet to see a compelling reason supporting a pre-Labor Day start for the school year. We have always started school post Labor Day and it has worked out well for everyone. Why are you trying to change it? By starting later in the school year, the kids are not subjected to the extremely (and ever increasing) hotter temperatures and high humidity which is typically worse in mid to late August than practically any other time of the year. Many kids walk home from school or from their bus stop and stand outside for a significant amount of time waiting for their bus or their ride. Why would you subject them to these extremely unpleasant temperatures? In addition, by starting the school year earlier, would that mean that fall sports - such as football, would start even earlier than they do now? That would be even worse for the

Many families have different age children. Older and younger. This pre Labor Day schedule would make things line up much easier for a lot of families. We have to just make the decision and begin a new calendar for Hcps. Stop  
As an HCPS employee and after talking to many County colleagues, the pre labor day start has been wanted by a large number of County employees. HCPS has a bad reputation of making decisions based off of the rich families in the county and not what actually makes sense. With a pre Labor Day start, please do not forget about and  
Pre Labor Day is way better. Even moving to a college schedule would be best. May-August.

Stop offering things out to us and then making decisions on your own in Central Office.

I vote for an earlier start so that HCPS students and their college age siblings are on more similar summer vacations. I also vote for an earlier start so AP students get more instruction for AP exams in early May. Kids who are in school systems that start in august have 1-4 weeks more AP instruction than kids in HCPS who start in early

I see absolutely no reason at all to start them before Labor Day. Not only is the weather too hot to have them on buses with no AC it also disrupts vacation traditions families have had for many many years. My kids will miss out on making memories with family members who will not me around much longer with these changes that are not at  
I will agree strongly with the proposal to start school earlier if the timing of standardized testing (e.g. SOL's) is unchanged. Year after year it seems as though nothing important happens in the classroom once SOL's and standardized testing have ended. If this shift means there is less "dead time" at the end of the year, I'm all for it. However, if the SOL dates will also be shifted commensurately earlier, little will be gained.

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Beginning school 2 weeks prior to Labor Day is idiotic. Going after Labor Day gives students a fuller summer vs. having to go to school and you are still officially in summer mode mentally and physically. Just because the Governor changed the law doesn't mean schools have to make changes.

Why mess with something that isn't broken

No

Henrico has never started before Labor Day. Why do we need to keep changing things around? Please just leave the day after Labor Day for school to start as is. A lot of families go on vacation the last week of August because it is cheaper. A lot of people pay for pool memberships that extend into September. If families want their kids to start school earlier than they should consider a private school. We don't need t constantly change things in Henrico

Let kids have their summers and have school start after Labor Day. A before Labor Day start makes no sense and all because other schools/states do it doesn't mean it is ok for HCPS to do it too.

No, just no to a pre-Labor Day start.

No to pre-Labor Day starts!!!

Do not start school before Labor Day! Especially two weeks before Labor Day. That would mess with every aspect of everyone's lives. Parents, students and staff alike. Work, vacations, doctors appointments. My son has several medical conditions that require multiple doctors appointments. This really is a garbage idea that isn't taking into account the many changes in our lives. I implore you to NOT make this change.

N/a

Pre-Labor Day start is child abuse!!

Summer is for the kids, let them have a break.

We have already answered this question last year and parents were in favor of not starting school pre-labor day. I feel like this survey is biased as we still pausing the same question in a different way until we have enough people to make a change. I am not sure who is leading this survey but it does not feel right. Once we get enough people to finally change this, will we receive an annual survey to start post-labor day? I doubt it....

The high school sports and activities already start too early in the summer. Moving up the start does not align with rev sports activities and high school sport activities. We will have no time for summer vacations.

Ridiculous proposal. No need to make changes when things work fine they way they are. Focus on smaller class What are the new requirements for children that will not be 4 by the end of September? Does this change it that a child has to be 4 by the end of August?

What is the benefit of starting the school in August in the hottest part of the summer and ending earlier in June or May? In my opinion it doesn't make any difference when the school year starts since both options are equal in number of school days. Are we just trying to change to pre labor day because we can do it now and match the Please leave the school as is, with students beginning after Labor Day. The only argument for starting earlier is for extra days for test prep and there has been no found gains when schools plan their schedules for testing.

Starting early would force children into buses and buildings in the hottest days of summer, whether or not A/C is available. Parents would have to negotiate their work schedules for a new & arbitrary school calendar that doesn't seem to align with traditional holiday calendars.

It truly feels like you have already made the decision. Why? Why do you get to do that? Put it up for a vote. Don't dictate this! Your original plan for this was to acomodate other holidays and time off. That feels like a sham and does not feel like your genuine intention. Now, that you have said it will not lengthen the school year. What's the purpose?! It's an agenda that is really unfair. The School year should be left as it is.

I don't see how this would be of any real benefit. It's nice to be able to start after Labor Day and visit all of the tourist sites in Virginia and elsewhere while others are back in school. It's also nice to get out of school in mid-Half days are a huge inconvenience. If y'all need a day to do a training, just take the whole day. There are more partial weeks in the school year than full weeks and that's simply unacceptable.

A post Labor Day school start is preferred by our family. In truth this is because of vacation and sports schedules. Continuing with summer break all August with a September school start allows our family to go on vacation to places we financially otherwise could not afford to go to. With hotels and resorts lowering their rates the last week or two, our family of 6 can afford to go on vacation where we otherwise would pay enormous prices to accommodate our large family. Another concern is pushing the start of fall sport practices earlier into August, and not being able to enjoy as much time at the pool we belong to during the entire hot month of August. Please do not I am NOT in favor of starting school prior to Labor Day. PLEASE reconsider this proposal, as it is of no benefit to the students and an inconvenience to families.

Do not favor modifying the calendar.

Do It

This mentions beginning earlier and ending the same school year earlier, but that means summer of June 17, 2022 to August 28, 2022 and then the summer of June 9, 2023 to August 21, 2023 would BOTH be shorter = 72 days.

THE SHORTER SUMMERS during 2022 and 2021 are NOT BEING ADDRESSED in any of of the written language above.

All it acknowledges is that the school year would end earlier and doesn't adjust the 2021 or 2022 calendar to ensure the summer is the normal average of 80 to 82 days.

This is a problem for anyone with a CUSTODY COURT ORDERED agreement that was based on Henrico county calendar having 80 to 82 days of summer.

This change now involves either court mediation fees to change summer agreements or legal fees (court and lawyers) because not all custody agreements are flexible to re-arrange when REMOVING 10 days from the summer schedule.

Please address this issue for the summer of 2022 and 2023 as the weeks are not correctly addressed as being available as summer vacation and show that Henrico will maintain each summer length at the 80 to 82 days length. Just Commit to an earlier Pre-Labor Day Start. Now with 15 June a Holiday, it is Not worth all this Trouble. HCPS Student check out of systemic schooling starting Second Semester of Second Grade anyway. The month of May is too hard to capture any attention or Imagination as it is. June should be dedicated to Break Anyway.

Autumn Break should be longer as well. Maybe as Much as 4 or more days (including weekend) for Mental Wellness, Reflection and To Rebuild the Dissolution of Family.

One Extra Vacay Day after Easter (Easter Monday) would be designed to eliminate stress as well.

Or Online Virtual School for Mondays & Fridays and In-Person Tuesday - Thursday.

I wish the summer break would shorten a week and winter break longer to 3 wks from current 2 wks.

One week is enough of a change after years of post-Labor Day start. We don't need to extend it to two yet. Thank you for backing off extending the year by a week. That was ridiculous.

What's the point? If all you're doing is shifting school days from June to August, that seems like a lot of effort for something that has, from my point of view, zero benefit. In fact, costs will go up once you take into account the increased energy usage that comes with the necessary air conditioning during the hottest month of the year.

Further, even one week before Labor Day will ruin many families vacation plans. Two weeks before Labor Day? Get out of here.

I feel students would be less focused in school in August since it's still middle of summer. And, last two weeks of school year are very light in terms of academic involvement, which means they would stop learning effectively in I still feel as both proposal have late end dates compared too the school ( private and public) that start prior to Labor Day. Perhaps we need to reduce a teacher work days/ holidays.

The pre-labor day start and early end to the school year aligns better with a the academic year as driven by SOL testing, AP/IB testing and aligns with private schools in the area. I am strongly in favor of the shift to an earlier start After Labor Day school is preferred.

I would only be ok with the "shift" of pre-Labor Day start if it was 1 week early for both 2022-2023 AND 2023-2024. I do not agree with bumping it to 2 weeks earlier for 2023-2024

There is really no benefit to starting the school year before the Labor Day holiday.

Starting earlier eats into valuable vacation time in August. For example, the beach vacation rates are cheaper at that time of year and the water is warmer. I don't understand why it's better to start earlier. The reason shouldn't be that other schools are doing it, so it must be better. Let's keep the kids from having homework over Labor Day weekend (no need to start early, then have an immediate holiday weekend). I think it's fine for the other county schools to start earlier, but not Henrico schools, because then it gives Henrico an advantage of a week of vacation in late August that isn't as busy as June with all the crowds that time of year. It's better to offset the start times across the different school districts to provide better schedule flexibility (e.g. not competing for graduation ceremony scheduling with other counties if all districts end at the same time). If it ain't broke, don't fix it. Unless Please let our kids have a Labor Day holiday with their families WITH NO HOMEWORK YET!



I've read the webpage, but it just outlines the draft proposal. It does not outline WHY we need to shift the school calendar. If it ain't broke, why fix it? Just because other schools are doing it? There needs to be a GOOD reason for changing the schedule. Otherwise, let's please keep the current schedule (starting after Labor Day so our kids can enjoy the last holiday of summer without homework). I think it's a graduation scheduling/vacation scheduling advantage for Henrico to keep the after Labor Day start, especially if most other school districts are changing. I still feel as both proposal have late end dates compared too the school ( private and public) that start prior to Labor Day. Perhaps we need to reduce a teacher work days/ holidays.

I totally agree with starting earlier & ending earlier. This aligns with other schools in the region & aligns better with testing. The weeks after Memorial Day tend to be wasted time so getting out earlier would be best.

The new pre-labor day plans are a great plan! It will get us close to what most other school systems are doing in this state and other states. PLEASE do this!

Pre Labor Day plans. Yes!!!

I have been wanting a pre Labor Day start for years. I like how it will be one week at a time.

Start before Labor Day and end the year on time.

AP and IB students would benefit from the extra instructional time prior to AP and IB exams in May.

N/a

Would prefer stay with after Labor Day starts

Yes I have read it.

Leave it alone! The date will continue to get earlier and earlier each year. Before you know it, school will start early in August. Students and parents know now that school starts the day after Labor day so easy to keep up with.

A couple years ago when this was introduced, there was also the topic of looking at a year round school option. Is this still being considered? Even if the school year remains 180 days, it would be more family friendly and better for students given all the data that demonstrates 'summer loss'. Please share information on why this is no longer

I do not agree with the early start. I think more breaks throughout the school year are not helpful. I think we can agree by looking at the past year and the integration of "Wellness Wednesdays" (where half of my students didn't show up to the virtual classes, because the main reason their parents chose to send them back in person was because virtual learning wasn't working for them), that frequent interruptions in the school week are not beneficial to students. Parents and staff plan vacations in the summer. Students rest and play in the summer. Students with its a bad idea to start before labor day. I have been in systems that did this it does not work for most families. It is also a bad idea to start later than the day after labor day. So start the day after labor day, not 2 days after that. Energy on changing our start seems like a solution looking for a problem.

I wouldn't mind the 1 week before Labor Day start, but 2 weeks before is just too early! It exacerbates the awkwardness of the time between Winter Break and the end of semester (reviewing learning from prior to break and then wrapping up the semester - in too short a time) and it doesn't change anything else. So why shorten our summer break for 2 years in a row in order to make that less pleasant? (And where does that process stop??) Also, starting 2 weeks earlier means teachers have to start gearing up in very early August - which is exhausting after spending late July at traditional family vacation times (which were long established to accommodate recovery time for the teachers!)

The school year should start earlier to give more time for instruction before SOL and AP exams. The school year after these tests are not as valuable. An after Labor Day start sets them up for a disadvantage when the National tests are given the same day and our kids start 2-3 weeks after some other in the state and country

I am NOT in favor of having school start in August; it should start like it always has after Labor Day. There is no reason to further complicate things for parents and ruin summer vacations.

A preLabor Day start would cut into some very important family time that has been scheduled for many years as a tradition for our family during the week before Labor Day Weekend and leading into that holiday weekend. A preLabor Day start would make that important family time very difficult (and maybe almost impossible) to have, given the various schedules of numerous family members. In short, it would likely mean the end of a tradition for our family. It is also extremely hot in August for kids to be in school whereas in June the weather is usually much more temperate and almost always cooler than in August. But the main reason we object to a preLabor Day start is that it would disrupt (and perhaps even completely end) a tradition of an end-of-summer vacation that has brought

I see no need to change since winter and spring breaks are the same. School should remain the same and start AFTER Labor Day. Some traditions are worth keeping and this is one of them.

In addition to the kids coming back. Will I be able to sign my child up for after school program or childcare

I don't understand what benefit is gained for all students by changing the calendar at all, but especially to change it to 2 weeks prior to Labor Day. Labor Day weekend is such a nice way for families to end their summer. The heat of August is much worse than the beginning of June to sit on a hot bus or play outside during recess. Also, I didn't appreciate the condescending attitude of the only reason to keep post Labor Day start was inability to change. I don't agree with change for the sake of change. "Aligning with our regional partners" is not a reason to make a change. My son would miss the first week of school due to our annual family reunion is that last week. We pick a different date. It would be helpful to know tentative (very tentative) summer school dates, ESY dates, and possible work calendar for an 11 month employee.

Also, I truly appreciate the recognizing of other cultures and holidays. I wonder why the calendars do not include most/all federal holidays. I am mainly referring to Veteran's Day and New Year's Day. In 2023 New Year's Day falls on a Sunday, so the federal holiday is Monday, January 2, 2023. (Just like this past summer - July 4th was on a Sunday, so businesses and schools including HCPS were closed on Monday, July 5th) Also, being the daughter it's best to start after Labor Day. REASON - once children are in school they can concentrate without anticipation of holiday vacation and/or celebration. The first few days prior to holiday will be time not used well. A lot goes into planning for Labor Day. Parents will be distracted from school. Everyone's focus will be the holiday celebration. Thanks for the opportunity to share my thoughts. In teaching High School students, it has become a necessity for my students to work and help contribute to the bills at home. Having school begin before Labor Day, takes away critical money from some of these families, because the last week or two before labor day are the busiest two weeks at some of the jobs at positions that students work. For instance, students working as lifeguards, working at Kings Dominion, Busch Gardens, fast food restaurants. A lot of our students, of age, are working with their parents cleaning homes and doing construction. Construction work in the summer is the busiest time. Please I like the August 29 through June 9 proposed schedule best. I would advocate keeping that as permanent. Something to consider for the future HCPS school calendar. The Eastern Orthodox Christian Nativity Feast (Christmas) is on January 7th of every year. Lots of students who belong to the Eastern Orthodox Christian community, especially the large community of the Coptic Orthodox Christians in Henrico, excuse their children from schools on that day as well as there is HCPS staff who had to take it off from their leave as this is a religious holiday. Would HCPS consider January 7th as students/staff holiday? Thank you so much in advance for your consideration. Many students work a full week schedule to help support families during the summer. Starting school earlier, would take away additional pay from students, and may jeopardize their employment opportunity.

I am in favor of a pre-Labor Day start with school ending earlier in the calendar year. My son will be a senior in 2024 so finishing early will give us a couple of extra weeks together before he heads off to college in August. This change will also sync my family's schedule with my nieces and nephew's school schedules who live out of state. It is a pre Labor Day start

We prefer the school year start after Labor Day. However, the most important factor is that Henrico's schedule coordinate with surrounding school systems, particularly Hanover. There are many families that work in Hanover. I would like to see options for year round school

I am very opposed to a pre-Labor Day start to the school year and hope that HCPS will vote to continue a post Labor Day start going forward. First, August is the hottest month of the summer and putting the kids back in school when AC units are straining and barely keeping up does not make sense. In addition, I grew up in a school system with a pre-Labor school year start and it was terrible. Teachers tended not to begin much instruction before Labor Day because the Labor Day weekend broke up the flow. It was a very halting start to the school year and a post Labor Day start is much smoother. Interestingly, that same school system has now moved to a post-Labor Day start due to those issues. Also, with an earlier start to the school year, band camps, sports camps, orientations, etc. will be pushed so early in August that students and teachers will lose almost the entire month. Last, a large number of people will have standing yearly vacation rentals, summer camps, etc. that will be heavily impacted. This is too early

It is unclear what the benefits of opening school pre-labor day are but, from my perspective, there are many downsides including interfering with typical vacation schedules as well as with teen summer employment.

I don't see a compelling reason to change to an earlier start. By shifting one week, you're just starting to get students onto a routine only to disrupt it by giving them a three day weekend (and be honest, you know attendance on Friday would suffer, too!) Seems very unproductive. If you want to start sooner, start two weeks earlier, but just I'd prefer longer blocks of time out of school rather than more days here and there. And no school in August please, pools and oceans are still cold in early June!

I want to be on the same schedule as chesterfield county public schools ! I live in chesterfield and work in Henrico if we start early I want to get out after Memorial Day !

N/A

A pre-Labor Day start will better align end of year testing with the end of the school year.

We would be losing a week or so of our summer break for the next two years to make a pre-labor day change.

After what we all went through this year, I do not feel this is the time to make this change. Also, with most of the

school buses not being air conditioned, it would not be best practice to put our students on buses starting mid-

As an SNS employee it would cut my vacation time in August even further since we would have to come even

earlier than we do now to prepare for school openings. I don't understand why there is a push to change the

opening of schools pre Labor Day, I feel it's just more unnecessary waste of school funds. Has anyone ever

calculated the extra expense needed to cool the buildings in the month of August? What about the added

The traditional school schedule works fine. Starting in August cuts close to some college fall returns and vacation

and work time for students.

I am in agreement with starting 1 week before Labor Day. I do not see any reason that we need to start 2 weeks

before Labor Day. This is the middle of August. It is hot. Like, REALLY HOT. It will be hot in our classrooms, it will

be hot at recess, it will be hot on the buses. People say that about June, but it isn't the built up 2 months into

summer heat that we experience in August. A 4 day week (or even 3 days) is an ideal start to the school year. It

allows students and teachers the opportunity to learn routines, locate classes, set rules and expectations without

No need to start 2 weeks before Labor Day. 1 week before is enough.

n/a

None

I prefer the school to start before labor day and the school year to end in May.

I am strongly opposed to a pre-labor day start; the early calendar start time would push many things earlier

including Open Houses and Orientations. As my children get older the required start times of their activities

(musical and sports) would be pushed even earlier, perhaps to the beginning of August. Beginning school before

Labor Day, then quickly followed by a holiday is a disruption in routine and is not practical.

Our family takes an annual beach vacation in late August. Rental prices earlier in the summer are incredibly high,

and it is difficult to coordinate travel with multiple families due to swim team and camp schedules. Starting school 2

weeks before Labor Day is way too early since family summer activities are still underway. Please continue starting

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family vacation. And just as the children start getting into school, they break for the labor day weekend. Terrible

idea. Why do you try to fix something that is not broken???

This past year and this year have been confusing enough.

People have trips and other events plan during the summer up until labor day so do not go changing school

Leave things alone teacher, students and parents needs the summer break

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this is a bad idea. How about removing a few "work days" so the students can start after Labor day and also get

out at a reasonable date, like June 7th. We all have to do more with less these days, and catering to the lowest

common denominator does not help students, it hurts them.

N/A

N/A

Can you confirm how the winter break dates of 12/25/23 - 1/5/24 were established? Some parents get the winter

break off as well, under state /education related jobs, and they almost always honor the last 2 weeks of December

only. So the time off in 2023 would be 12/18-12/29/23 instead. It would help to not have to take additional time off

I am a product of Virginia's post-labor day school start and always thought I'd advocate for that. However, it is time

for change. The school year needs to be updated and adjusted. We need to begin before Labor Day and end at the

end of May. This would better align with instruction and exams. It makes sense for not only AP and IB students, but

for ALL students to try and have the first semester end at winter break! Please vote for change. It's time.

Do not change what is not broken!!

I don't feel that everyone will be focused as they will still be thinking about the summer (the middle of August), there are those that take vacations before Labor Day, Parents may not have the money to buy school supplies if the school year starts in the middle, there are currently staff shortages-this may equal to more or more people taking time off at the beginning of the school year for vacations or summer sport programs  
We take our vacation in August. Weather is better in August NOT JUNE! IF we have to begin earlier I would prefer ONLY 1 week earlier for BOTH YEARS!!!!

If we have to begin earlier I prefer beginning 1 week for BOTH years! I do not agree with beginning 2 weeks  
I prefer to keep the school year start and finish times the same. Starting in September tends to be hot for a few weeks and the school air conditioning never seems to quite keep up. If the children start in August, it will be even worse and they will have to endure that heat even longer . The teachers and staff also would have to endure the high temperatures.

like it the way it is!

We, as well as many Henrico families with students, really want a 3-week Winter Break (Christmas/New Year's) with the additional week going out into January vs. 2-week. In addition, we would like to see a 2-week Spring Break vs. one week. Many highly performing public school systems across the United States have adopted these  
I do not see any benefits to moving the calendar but I do plan my vacations for the last weeks in August when prices go down by hundreds of dollars (even a thousand sometimes) per week. Just because we can move something doesn't mean we have to. I have not seen one argument showing one benefit to changing the calendar  
We are only in favor of starting school earlier if the students can have a longer Winter Break. A 3-week Winter Break like many other Pubic School Systems.

I am an 11 month HCPS employee and a parent of 2 HCPS students. Although this will shorten my summer for 2 years, I am in favor. I feel like this will bring our schools in alignment with the surrounding counties and assist with the college process for students. Spotsylvania County switched to after Labor day, found out it didn't work, and changed to pre-Labor a few years later. Many students are concerned with the lateness with which our transcripts are ready to be sent to colleges. For some students, they barely finish the school year before they have to report to their colleges for special opportunities or orientation.

N/A

Just hoping for consideration of Easter Monday (regardless of when Spring Break happens to be on a given year) being a potential asynchronous religious holiday if VDOE allows for such considerations.

Absolutely NO before Labor Day start!

Children need to enjoy their summer to the fullest, that includes labor day

Terrible idea.

Please no, pre-Labor Day is SUMMER!!

I may be persuaded for a pre-labor day start IF the school year went longer until June 17th.

Pre-Labor Day school start only. Winter break needs to be only 1 week, the week of December 27th only. The 2 week break is too much time away from school especially given that Christmas and New Year's fall on the  
There are no counties surrounding us that start before Labor Day. Not to mention this makes scheduling vacations and doctors visits all that much harder should this pre-Labor Day schedule come into effect. Scheduling for those events is already hard to do during the school year when you're trying to save your hours for medical emergencies.  
If starting earlier in the summer I would hope that would allow for a full week off for a fall break just as there is a spring break. For some exposing our children to travel is an important learning tool, in some ways better than any lessons taught in a classroom. Having traveled , the fall is one of the more affordable times of the year to do so. I also feel the stretch from mid August to Christmas without a break is too long especially for the younger children.  
My final ask would be what I hope will still be considered at some point and that is to have a year round school year with breaks staggered throughout each season. Just as continuity of care is essential for good patient outcomes, I'm in full support of the pre-labor day start

No coment

Families have been through enough. Stop changing things where there is no need.

Thanks for all the info shared

I don't agree with the change, the school will start a week earlier and after a week of school will be Labor Day.. what is the sense of start school just before a holiday???

\* school will end a week earlier

This is not a good reason for the change

No

No pre-Labor day start!

Keep current post Labor Day start with end of school in Mid June

I'll prefer to have early summer break and early start of school year . september is way too late to start scholls. It will be easier with parents who have kids in college to do lot of things together.

I would like to know the reason for needing to make this change

I agree with the plan for a 1 week earlier start, however am opposed to a 2 week earlier start, especially dislike the winter break scheduled on the 2023 - 2024 plan. Not being a particularly religious person, I do want the week prior to Christmas to prepare for time to celebrate with family and friends. I really do NOT need the 1st week of January

I agree with ALL of the reasons to start early that Andy Jenks details in his three minute video posted to social media. You have all of the right answers in there - please start before Labor Day as soon as possible!

We recently moved from an area that previously started before Labor Day, and then experimented with post Labor Day start. They ultimately moved back to a pre-labor day start. As a former teacher in that district, I much preferred a pre Labor Day start. Ending earlier allowed more holidays and accounted for a not too late finish due to weather  
NA

No school Pre Labor Day

I would prefer it stays the same

KEEP HENRICO TRADITIONAL AFTER LABOR DAY START!! There is no benefit to starting before labor day!

Ending winter break on the 30th may have negative effects if children stay up on January 1sr.

As a divorced parent I have a custody agreement based around the current school schedule. Changing it will wreak havoc on our costody and visitation schedule and it will have to be rewritten.

I am NOT in favor of starting school before Labor Day. Starting after Labor Day has allowed our family to enjoy vacation around that week when vacation rental prices are lower. Also, releasing earlier in June will make it difficult to find child care/summer camp options.

School should reopen in September

There are no benefits to changing the calendar. I only see downsides. Please do not go through with the change.

If no additional days are being added to the calendar, the rationale for more teacher work days and/or religious holidays under pre-Labor Day start does not make sense. Those same adjustments (lower snow day margin?) could be made in either case.

Also, as there are currently no Christian-specific religious holidays observed on the calendar (Christmas is simply part of secular winter break for everyone), will any be added?

Please don't go to two weeks prior to Labor Day for a school year start. I'd prefer that we not start before Labor Day at all, but if it's just 1 week before it is still at least the end of the summer. Two weeks before is still the middle I dont think school should start before labor day.

I am fully in support of shifting the calendar to a pre-labor day start. Other area schools and schools across the country begin school in mid to late August. It's hard for our family to coordinate visiting with family because their cousins begin school a full month before we do here. Also, it is challenging that summer programs in the area start before our school calendar ends (with many programs available in early June) and then there is nothing available

I am in favor of school starting before Labor Day. I actually believe it should start two weeks before Labor Day and then be done two weeks earlier than it ends now. My understanding is that the SOL testing is the same time during the year regardless of when you start your school year. So, this would give 2 additional weeks of instruction before the SOL and would eliminate the weeks after SOLs where nothing happens for elementary and middle school students. It seems that high school students do have actual learning going on after the SOLs. Chesterfield County is already doing this for this school year. As many things that the counties (Henrico, Hanover and Chesterfield) follow each other on, I am surprised that Chesterfield has implemented this for this year and Henrico is just now considering it for next year or the year after. I would actually rather school end at Memorial Day weekend as opposed to having the Monday of Memorial Day weekend off and then coming back to school for a day or two (with two half days) after that, which is what Chesterfield is doing this year. We know nothing actually happens during those days.

The calendar should stay as it has been for many years- post Labor Day start

I love starting earlier and ending earlier! Yes, let's do it!

N/A

I still have not seen a valid rationale around making this change other than the General Assembly voting to make it an option. If it is not mandatory or there is no real benefit to changing, then why do it? Why not allow the parents and teachers to vote since this will affect us the most. Don't make this change for us without our consent or even knowing what the majority of us want. Many families use the Labor Day holiday as their last time to vacation before the school year begins or use Labor Day Monday to relax and prep. Now they won't have that opportunity at the none

I am in strong support of a pre-Labor Day start. In part, because I think we need to get kids out of school earlier in the year than late June. However, I think that one week prior to Labor Day is sufficient. I do not think that you have provided sufficient justification for why \*two\* weeks prior to Labor Day is necessary.

Please continue to start the school year the way it has always been - post Labor Day. A lot of families, ours included, use the week before Labor Day to travel. August is a very hot month in Henrico County. It is dangerous for children and staff to be outside every day for recess, where zero or little shade is provided. The school buses are way too hot as well. It is not safe for the children or drivers, many of whom are elderly. In truth, there is no clear School ending early and allowing for the entire month of June- Mid August is the best way to go. I feel it is the family friendly option and would be received well around the community.

We, like many, scheduled vacations already. Changing the school calendar at this point isn't advisable. We'll still go on vacation but my kids would miss the first day(s) of school if you switch to a pre-labor day start date. What's the difference of a few days in the grand scheme of total instructional days...just start the pre-labor day schedule in fall No. Just no.

I am completely in favor of the progressive changes to bring the school calendar pre-labor day and to be more aligned with both colleges and universities as well as the independent schools in the Henrico area. HOWEVER, I think it is important that you consider the implications of the alignment of the students' spring break to coincide with the end of the quarter, and not with the "first week of April." I believe that having the quarter finish prior to, or right at the start of the spring break is ideal for students and teachers alike to be incentivized to finish up their academics in a timely manner. Further, as the school year would be anticipated to be closer and closer to ending at the close of May, the two-year process of moving the start of school so that we finish by the end of May makes sense.

However, looking at the Spring Breaks that are proposed, the Spring Break timing for the 2022-2023 school year appears to align with the close of the 3rd quarter, which finishes on the Friday(March 31) prior to the start of Spring Break. However, for the 2023-24 school year, the two weeks pre-labor day start STILL KEPT the Spring Break at the same first week of April, which would mean that Spring Break happens one week into the 4th Quarter. I would think for the last quarter of the year that could be pretty disruptive. My preference, and I think what logic dictates, would be that as the quarter ends on the 22nd, starting spring break that day or that weekend (the 23rd through the 31st) makes a lot more sense for students to come back to the start of a new quarter. Further, pushing the only substantial break of the second semester well into the final quarter could be disadvantageous to those students who need the full quarter to help them end the year productively. I am not sure why Henrico is stuck on having an APRIL spring break, but I would ask that moving it to always fall just after the end of the 3rd quarter would academically line up. I know in the past there would be some attempt to align it with Easter or other holidays, but

The 2023-2024 calendar in which the break begins the day of the religious holiday will be very difficult for those I have not heard one parent or teacher mention the need or desire to change our school calendar. I think this is ridiculous and just changing because of what some other counties have done, not because there is a need or want. Some children can not deal with change and it's hard for them to adjust. I say stay with the schedule the system. The website does not explain if there are any actual benefits to shifting the school year to start and end early. I only see downsides. Why are we considering this shift? Can we consider going year round with breaks spaced out over the year instead of a long summer break? I think that would truly benefit the children.

We take our vacations in August! IF we had to choose to move ONLY 1 week earlier for BOTH YEARS! But we I would prefer for school to start after labor due to the fact already already had a family vacation planned and I will not want my son to miss out on class

I am in favor of starting earlier and ending earlier!

I'm in favor of the pre-Labor Day start on 8/29, but don't like that it continues to move earlier the next year. If we can stay starting on 8/29, I'm in favor. But if it has to move earlier the next year, I'd rather stay with the post-Labor Day start. What is the plan for parents that work????? Our kids will have holidays NO ONE else does so WHERE DO THESE KIDS GO ON THESE HOLIDAYS? I cannot afford a bunch of days to take off with my job like MOST. I am happy with how the schedule is currently set for start and end dates. It allows us to have opportunity to leverage last weeks of August for vacation in a less busy time frame and the later end date more aligns with when we take our vacation. Please keep the same schedule.

I like the shift to earlier school start and ending dates and fully support the move.

What is the point of changing the dates that school is in session? Who does this benefit? I just don't see the point of the change. If you want to make a change that improves the education of my children than stop using half days. Nothing is really accomplished on half days so you might as well take the day off. Half days are a complete waste. Please join other counties in starting before Labor Day! This year's September 8th start is particularly late!

You're taking away from valuable summer work time. Why are you moving the calendar?

Please have Henrico start before Labor Day and end in May right after AP and SOL testing. More instruction time

I would hate to start before Labor Day. We usually take our vacation in August and see no reason to start when we take our vacation.

I am strongly opposing this change. I would rather see a curriculum expanded rather than starting yearly. Please Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed school calendars. I support the pre-Labor Day starts. I think a pre-Labor day start will be great for the kids!

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Two weeks prior to Labor Day in 2023 is way too much earlier.

Since 2020 March kids are inside home and they want to go school as early as possible to meet new friends and it also help them academically.

Many families still travel throughout the month of August. Our preference is to stick with what we are used to and continue a traditional post-Labor Day school start date.

I'm still determining if I am for or against, although we've only got one more child to get through high school so this will only impact our family's children for two years so largely finding that I am indifferent at this point. However I do want to recognize that I have noticed some change in how this is being pitched. Not sure if it is because of prior feedback, but it feels like some of the unnecessary fluff that was being put forward about holidays, holidays, holidays has been toned down which I think is good. While I think the county's heart is in the right place I don't believe this has as much to do with holidays as it does with other instructional needs, so pitch it as such. The PPT Two weeks before Labor Day is too early, as is getting out at the end of May.

I think looking further out, our family would benefit from an earlier release. In the past we have missed out on national early summer events because the kids were still in school after memorial day. Say that, I feel our family is flexible in these changes and could adjust to either option.

Keep the post-labor day start

To have through Labor Day makes it feel like we get the entire summer. Also, for kids who swim, August is literally the ONLY month off and the only time we can travel as a family.

Just leave the dates as they are. Student and parents are already stressed out and addressing more changes will add fuel to the fire. If is not broken, it don't need to be fix. Work on other things that need to be improved. All of my life as a parent and student of the Henrico school system we always started after the Holiday.

Am in Favor of per-labor day school start , it works best for our family and my child .

I am fully supportive of the proposal to start and end school earlier. It makes complete sense. We have extended family trips that always seem to land in early June. All the other kids are done with school. We take them out of the N/A

Keep things as they are.

I prefer to leave the calendar basically as it is now with school starting after Labor Day.

Our family has multiple children enrolled in the Henrico County Schools. We prefer starting school after labor day because it allows our family time to enjoy the end of summer when many other schools have already started again. We recognize this means HCPS is in school in June after other schools have ended.

Nothing

Maybe consider a 3 week winter break and a 10 week summer break (instead of 2 and 11)

Just feel like the students need to have a full two months of summer vacations

I would like to have a post Labor Day start.

Why fix wasn't broken? Leave the traditional after labor day start. It's frustrating that this continues to be a topic of discussion. We have bigger issues that we should be devoting our time and effort to such as catching students up from time loss due to the pandemic. Leave the calendar alone. Our focus should be on students right now, especially when there are no flaws with the current calendar set-up we have had forever.

August is too hot and some people vacation

We literally have 100 other problems to solve for like class sizes, catch up from Covid, overcrowding. Why you are even considering this is crazy. The kids aren't going to benefit from this. This makes any summer planning My child was previously at a Richmond private school. Her school year began in August and they finished up around this first week of June. It worked wonderfully.

I don't understand the reason behind the proposed change, so maybe that would help me lean one way or the other. Additionally, my family will be moving to Hanover County soon, so I do have a concern with working on a different school calendar from the calendar my children will follow.

I like that we start after labor day and end in June. I don't think we should change it.

Much better schedule. Lines up with the rest of the country and colleges. Great idea to implement change over two years instead of one extra short summer.

I see no need for an earlier start to the school year. In the south where traditionally schools start earlier, there is no evidence that an earlier start to the school year helps improve grades/school performance. It only gives more time to teach to the test (SOLs) which I do NOT judge my child's performance by. In fact I opt out so I see no reason to It interferes with taking college kids back to school and family vacations!!

Please join other counties in starting before Labor Day! This year's September 8th start is particularly late!

This interferes with families who may be late summer vacation goes as well as during the 23-24 Winter break.

Families who may travel for the holidays now may have to pull children from school to make those trips.

This seems like a definite don't fix it if its not broken scenario.

What is the cause for messing with the schedule to begin with?

There are bigger items that could be tackled other than the school schedule.

Sounds good

No school Pre Labor Day

This reduces summer 2 years in a row and families have August vacations planned. My family strongly prefers post Labor Day. It is least disrupted

Please continue to start the school year the way it has always been - post Labor Day. A lot of families, ours included, use the week before Labor Day to travel. August is a very hot month in Henrico County. It is dangerous for children and staff to be outside every day for recess, where zero or little shade is provided. The school buses are way too hot as well. It is not safe for the children or drivers, many of whom are elderly. In truth, there is no clear I am vehemently opposed to the early start of a school year which seems to only serve as a test taking strategy for AP, IB, SOL, and Dual degree. This is highly unnecessary.

Strongly support a pre Labor Day start and for the school year to end sooner.

Winter break needs to run into Jan 5 so that we can get back from visiting family. We wont be back by December 30 but rather after January 2.

No

Not in favor

Not in favour

Not in favor

I would prefer for school to start after labor due to the fact already already had a family vacation planned and I will not want my son to miss out on class

I think that is a great idea and I am strongly for this proposal.



Great

I am curious why there is not an option to start one week before Labor Day in both 2022 and 2023. In other words, why does the start date change to two weeks before Labor Day for 2023, instead of keeping it just one week before. I would be more inclined to support a one-week change than 2 weeks earlier.

N/A

Why am I receiving this email on the day of the discussion???? I 100% oppose a earlier start!

I am opposed to winter break beginning Dec. 25. I understand that it is because it is a Monday that year, but how does that shift into the future? I'm actually not clear on why we are shifting the schedule at all.

Will be good for summer child care options if more school systems align.

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We are catering our calendar to high school juniors and seniors. Let them start early. The same reasons to go in early (Pre Labor Day start) have the very same reasons (Post Labor Day start) at the end of the school year. High schoolers working through Labor Day is appreciated by employers in a state that gets a lot of money from tourism. Those students can start summer jobs in afternoon and evenings before school is out. We all did that as students with no problem. Also, high schools are the only schools allowed early release and in most cases, no need to come to school at all, the last week of school. Those students can work all day the last week. Where is the equity? All school levels should have early release the last week of school. All teachers have permanent files, report card, packing up classrooms, many clerical details to do this week. The beach is cheaper the last two weeks in August for families than the weeks after Memorial Day. Also, plane fares go down mid August, just like they go up mid June. Students will be missing the 2 weeks before Labor Day for this very reason. Younger children doing this will not adjust well to their new learning experience since friendships will have been made while they were on vacation and class routines will be established. Have you ever been on a playground with elementary school children the first few weeks of September when it is hot and humid? The children have been inside with air conditioning all summer and all they do is whine and cry about how hot they are and they want to go inside. Now we are going to add 2 hotter weeks to the year. June is not as humid and hot as August. Employees taking children off to college can no longer do this since we will be engaged in preschool or first week of school activities. Good Friday is the highest Holy Day in the Christian calendar. There would have been no Easter morning without Good Friday. When spring break became consistently the first week of April the stipulations that the calendar committee presented was that we would ALWAYS have Good Friday and Easter Monday off. If one of those days fell on Spring Break, then the other would be an additional day off. If it was later in the month of April, we would have both Good Friday AND Easter Monday off. Families observe/celebrate this together and driving on Good Friday and Easter Monday does not allow this. We are sensitive to ALL the religions of the nations around the world but not the one that this country was founded on. I do not understand if we have the same number of days in both Leave it the way it was school start after Labor day

I want you to know there are parents (esp West End ones) that ADVOCATE for earlier start and earlier ending. I would be more consistent with our neighbors in other states and for HS students more consistent with practice schedules that already creep into the beginning of August (band, sports, etc). Please consider starting early.

No additional information

Earlier starts to the school year benefit families with working parents, add flexibility to school scheduling in the Starting school after Labor Day works better for our summer plans.

Love that you are working to be more inclusive of religious and cultural holidays.

Pre labor day is better schedule

It seems HCPS has already made it's mind up regardless of what the majority says! Why do we have to come on the website to submit a survey when several years ago a survey was sent out via email and it was based on the majority of input to keep things as is! We voted on this several years ago and here we are again back at the pre Labor Day start again! HCPS has already made a decision based on what they want not what the majority wants I believe that all of the other school districts in the area will be moving to a pre-Labor day opening. And with HCPS being a leader district, we need to do this for our students to be competitive in the world. We limit our students' opportunities and put unnecessary stress on our students when we start them behind surrounding districts' students who have the jump (dual enrollment, sports, jobs, summer camps). Also, our elementary students are mentally and emotionally done/exhausted at Memorial Day so the days following until the end of school feel wasted even when we try to continue to teach them. I've heard elementary parents talk about summer camps that have already started by the time their children get there because other school districts have been out for 2-3 weeks before us for summer vacation. Many don't want to have to pay for these missed weeks so their children aren't able to participate in these camps. Teachers who live in the surrounding counties would appreciate moving to the

In both of the proposed schedules for the 2022-2023 school year, the spring break dates show students returning the day after Easter. We are receiving holidays for other religion's holidays, rightly so, and the school system should also recognize the Easter holiday as they have in past years by giving off on that Monday following Easter or shifting the spring break dates so that Easter is at the beginning of spring break instead of the end.

Pre-labor day start is such a bad idea. After everything our students have been through they need their summers. Many families take their vacations in August due to prices being cheaper.

I don't want my child to have to be in school during summer months before Labor Day.

Starting our summer so late in June has prevented our children from participating in educational, sport, and extracurricular activities that would help them grow as people. We/they have missed out on camps, trips, and experiences because of the school calendar while the vast majority of children in our area have been out for weeks and these schedules are tuned to the majority. Camps start earlier in the summer bc most local school systems (public and private) end in May/early June and start in August. It's a shame that our children are missing out on the Let's just keep the school start date after Labor Day, it makes sense for families & kids get a real summer.

All because other districts have a pre-labor day opening, doesn't mean HCPS should do it too.

No pre-labor day start.

The post Labor Day start is best. People like to vacation in August. Also, reducing summer two years in a row is wrong to do to families and teachers.

Post Labor Day start is best. There is no reason for change. This is what families plan on.

I prefer a post-Labor day start to the school year because I am used to having it that way, and I think that starting school 2 weeks before Labor Day is too early for school to start.

No pre-labor day start.

Just keep the after Labor Day opening.

Post labor start is best. Many families, including ourselves vacation the last 2 weeks of August.

1st Being an AP teacher I think a pre-labor start is in the best interests of our students since AP testing is always the first 2 weeks of May. Every year I feel like my students are starting at a disadvantage to students who start earlier. Also, our late start means we have to go at a faster speed to get through all the material

2nd Pre-labor day would better fit with fall sports

3rd Pre-labor day would better fit with the overall school calendar.

It is about time we start pre-labor day.

none

None

Not in favor at all of any pre-Labor Day start to school.

In each of the pre-Labor Day proposals, the school year would begin earlier and end earlier" ??? Really now? This is such a bad idea, please let kids have their full summers and not start school before Labor Day.

Don't change the school calendar

Post Labor Day start!

In retort to your email dated July 15th with the message heading school calendar info sessions, (P.S. I found the P.S. at the end of the email very condescending. P.S. This family does not care what other Virginia communities are considering. P.S. You can go PS yourself. You can start before Labor Day. This family will not)