

TO: Members of the Strategy and Operations Committee

FROM: Carey M. Wright, Ed.D., State Superintendent of Schools

DATE: August 12, 2026

SUBJECT: State Board Resolution 26-01: School Calendar Planning and Inclement Weather Make-Up Days – Review of LEA Submissions

Purpose

The purpose of this update is to provide the committee with an overview of Local Education Agency (LEA) alignment with State Board Resolution 26-01 regarding school calendar planning and inclement weather make-up days. The update summarizes LEAs' approved school calendar provisions, including designated inclement weather make-up days and contingency plans to meet State instructional time requirements.

Executive Summary

State Board Resolution 26-01 established guidance for LEAs in developing 2026–2027 school year calendars and planning for instructional continuity during inclement weather. The resolution intended to promote consistency in calendar development and reduce the need for inclement weather waiver requests.

Specifically, the State Board directed LEAs to either incorporate three designated inclement weather make-up days with a locally approved plan to transition to virtual instruction when necessary or include six designated inclement weather make-up days within the approved school calendar. Additionally, LEAs were expected to conclude the school year by the Juneteenth holiday and clearly identify inclement weather make-up days throughout their published calendars.

The State Board identified in the resolution that when considering waiver requests from the 180-day and 1,080 hour requirement it will interpret COMAR 13A.02.01.04A(1) to mean that an LEA demonstrates sufficient effort through calendar planning and modification when it incorporates the inclement weather and natural/civil disaster planning provisions outlined in the resolution and aligns with guidance issued by the State Superintendent of Schools.

This update provides an overview of LEA alignment with these provisions prior to the 2026-2027 school year.

Action

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Attachments

PowerPoint
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Update on State Board Resolution 26-01

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State Board Resolution 26-01

- The State Board set out clear direction for 2026-2027 school year calendars and expectations for managing inclement weather waiver requests.
 - This included the following provisions:
 - LEAs should embed either **three** inclement weather make-up days and a locally approved plan to move to virtual instruction or **six** inclement weather make-up days
 - End the school year by the Juneteenth holiday
 - Identify make-up days clearly throughout the calendar

State Board Resolution 26-01

- The State Board stated clearly that it would use those provisions and their inclusion in school calendars as the **basis for reviewing and granting waivers (if necessary) in the 2026-2027 school year.**
 - The State Superintendent issued guidance on the resolution in April 2026 reinforcing these provisions.
- The State Board's School Calendar and Instructional Requirements Workgroup continues its work to review all statute and COMAR.
 - Recommendations will come from this group later in the fall.

Highlights from LEA Submissions

- All LEAs submitted their calendars to MSDE. **22 of the 24 LEAs** have identified the number of inclement weather days (plus a virtual education plan) that the SBOE set as the criteria to be used for a waiver.
 - **14 LEAs** have three inclement weather make-up days and a virtual plan in place
 - **8 LEAs** have six inclement weather make-up days in place
- All LEAs currently plan to conclude the school year prior to the Juneteenth holiday, inclusive of inclement weather make-up days.

2026-2027 Local Education Agency (LEA) School Calendar Submissions Related to State Board Resolution 26-01

Local Education Agency	Inclement Weather Recovery Days in Calendar	3 Inclement Weather Recovery Days and Transition into Virtual Instruction	6 Inclement Weather Recovery Days	Last Day of School Identified	Last Possible Day of School w/Inclement Weather
Allegany	3	Yes	N/A	June 8	June 8
Anne Arundel	3	Yes	N/A	June 11	June 11
Baltimore City	3	Yes	N/A	June 11	June 16
Baltimore	3	Yes	N/A	June 17	June 17
Calvert	6	N/A	Yes	June 10	June 16
Caroline	6	N/A	Yes	June 11	June 11
Carroll	4	No	No	June 11	June 11
Cecil	3	Yes	N/A	June 11	June 11
Charles	6	N/A	Yes	June 9	June 17
Dorchester	3	Yes	N/A	June 4	June 9
Frederick	6	N/A	Yes	June 4	June 14
Garrett	3	Yes	N/A	June 4	June 4
Harford	3	Yes	N/A	June 17	June 17
Howard	6	N/A	Yes	June 8	June 11
Kent	2	No	No	June 11	June 11
Montgomery	6	Yes	Yes	June 16	June 17
Prince George's	3	Yes	N/A	June 15	June 17
Queen Anne's	7	N/A	Yes	June 9	June 9
St. Mary's	6	N/A	Yes	June 16	June 16
Somerset	3	Yes	N/A	June 16	June 16
Talbot	4	Yes	N/A	June 14	June 14
Washington	6	N/A	Yes	June 8	June 8
Wicomico	3	Yes	N/A	June 11	June 14
Worcester	3	Yes	N/A	June 11	June 16