



Office of the Superintendent of Schools

To: Newton School Committee
From: Anna Nolin, Superintendent
Date: January 30, 2024
Re: School Calendar Revisions

As you know, due to the NTA strike, the school calendar must be adjusted to meet the obligatory attendance needs required by time and learning regulation 603.27.03 and 603.27.04. The requirement indicates 180 schools of school and a certain number of minutes of instruction per grade level (elementary and secondary). Given 9 days of striking, and one school closure day for Franklin, school attendance will have to occur through to June 28, 2024. All school year attendance requirements have to be completed by June 30 of each school year. To that end, the school committee needs to make a revision to the school calendar.

In red X's, I have indicated the days of the strike. In June, I have indicated with a red box the last day of school in June. Also in red boxes in the month of April are the four other possible make-up days, taken from the previously-scheduled April break. The Franklin School also has to make up an additional school day due to the closure due to an emergency closure. Many of you have asked if canceling previously-scheduled half days and making them whole days could be a strategy for addressing this problem. It is not. Half days already count as full school days in the current time and learning schedule.

2023 - 2024 District Calendar

SEPTEMBER 2023						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
27	28	29	30	1	2	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

18 days

OCTOBER 2023						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

21 days

NOVEMBER 2023						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

19 days

DECEMBER 2023						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

16 days

JANUARY 2024						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

21 days

Assuming Strike through 1/31/24

FEBRUARY 2024						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1*	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29		

16 days

MARCH 2024						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

20 days

APRIL 2024						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

17 days

Additional Days Recommended for Snow or Strike Cancellations

MAY 2024						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

22 days

JUNE 2024						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30						

New 180th Day

Special Early Release

NECP: 11:45 am & Elem: 12:10 pm

9/28, 11/7, 12/7, 2/1, 3/21, 5/9

Middle Schools: 11:20 am

9/28, 11/7, 12/7, 3/21, 5/9*

High Schools: 12:45 pm

9/28, 11/7, 12/7, 2/1, 3/21, 5/9*

5/9* make up day for MS/HS

Weekly Early Release

Elem (Wed): 12:20 pm

Bigelow (Wed): 1:40 pm

Brown (Wed): 2:05 pm

Day (Wed): 1:40 pm

Oak Hill (Wed): 1:35 pm

NN & NS (Tues): 3:25 pm

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER

First Day Teachers	8/30
Labor Day	4
First Day Students K-12	5
First Day NECP (visits 9/5 & 6)	7
Rosh Hashanah (Saturday)	16
Yom Kippur	25

OCTOBER

Indigenous Peoples Day	9
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NOVEMBER

Veterans Day	10
Diwali* (Sunday)	12
Early Dismissal **	22
Thanksgiving Recess	23 24

DECEMBER

Dec. Recess	25 26 27 28 29
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JANUARY

New Year's Day	1
Martin Luther King Day	15

FEBRUARY

Lunar New Year* (Saturday)	10
Winter Recess	19 20 21 22 23

MARCH

Good Friday	29
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APRIL

Eid al-Fitr (recognized)*	10
Spring Recess	15 16 17 18 19

MAY

Memorial Day	27
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JUNE

Juneteenth	19
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JUNE (Last day of school)

Students (K-12+)	
185th day (w/ 5 snow days)**	24
180th day (w/ no snow days)**	14
Teachers last day 6/25 (w 5 snow days)	
Students (NECP only)	
Includes 5 snow days & is full day.	21
No snow days and is a full day.	13

JUNE EVENTS

Step up Day	6/7
NN (tentative & subject to change)	6/3
Newton South Graduation	6/6

Schools are closed for a legal holiday or recess.

* A recognized observance — school is in session.

** Dismissal: last day of school and day before Thanksgiving.

NECP: school not in session.

Elementary: 12:10 pm

MS: 11:20 am HS: 12:45 pm



School Committee approved on: 1/23/23

Should the strike continue, or, if snow days are called, I will need your authorization to hold school on the 16th-19th of April (depending on the number of continued strike days). Should the strike extend further, I will then need your authorization to hold school either on the February break or on a series of Saturdays. The time and learning regulations do not apply to kindergarteners, where only 425 minutes of instruction each year is required, with no number of required days.

Given the nearness of the February break, I do not recommend using time from that planned break as families have not had time to adjust schedules to attend school.

Should the need arise in the coming days, I'd like your authorization to amend the calendar in the following order:

1. Attend school until the end of June (June 28)
2. Utilize April 16-19
3. Use a rotation of weekend days until all days are made up.

