

The School Committees Report

The School Committees are dedicated to supporting the school districts' educational goals for Concord, Carlisle and Boston students while maintaining a transparent public process related to policy decisions. This article is one in a series that is intended to update and inform the residents of Concord and Carlisle about the districts' on-going activities, initiatives and policies.

School Calendars

The Concord and Concord-Carlisle Regional School Committees voted to approve the 2017-2018 school calendars at the regularly scheduled business meeting on January 24. The approved calendars allow both Districts to meet the state mandated number of school days and instructional hours. The mandate requires 180 days and 900 hours of instructional time for elementary students (grades 1-8) and 180 days and 990 hours for high school students.

The new calendars call for classes to begin for students on Wednesday, August 30 with teachers reporting on Monday, August 28. The last day of classes for students is scheduled for Thursday, June 14. The June 14th date is subject to change based on weather related cancellations. The calendars do not include school days on the religious holidays of Rash Hashanah on September 21, 2017 and Good Friday on March 30, 2018.

In addition to setting the calendar, the Committees discussed convening an advisory committee which would include members from faith-based organizations to discuss religious holidays and future school calendars.

CCHS Earns Honors by the College Board

The College Board recognized CCHS by placing the school on the 7th Annual District Honor Roll for Significant Gains in Student Access and Success.

According to information from the College Board, the honor is based on a multi-year review that demonstrates CCHS is increasing the number of students participating in AP while maintaining or increasing the percentage of students scoring three or higher on AP exams. CCHS also demonstrated its commitment to expanding the availability of AP courses to students of all backgrounds as data from national studies indicate that qualified African American, Hispanic, and Native American students are participating at approximately 50 percent rate.

CCHS Curriculum Night

A Curriculum Night is scheduled for Thursday, February 2 at 6:00pm in the CCHS Auditorium. Tours will be conducted from 6-7pm and the program will begin at 7:00pm.

The School Committees Contact Information You can link to the School Committees' emails on the Districts' home page at www.concordps.org. Or, you can email the Concord Public School Committee at concordschoolcommittee@concordps.org and the Concord-Carlisle Regional School Committee at concordcarliseschoolcommittee@concordps.org. You can reach out to the Superintendent and the School Committees through the Your Voice Matters link on the Districts' home page. Interested individuals are encouraged to sign up for the School Committees subscriber's list which is also on the District's web page.

School Committee meetings are open to the public and the public is encouraged to attend. The meetings are broadcast on CCTV and are available on demand at www.concordtv.org. The district web site (www.concordps.org) contains updated reports, presentations and information on meetings.