

# HOPKINTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

## School Administrative Unit 66

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March 19, 2010

Dear Parents and Guardians:

On March 2, 2010 the Hopkinton School Board approved the 2010-2011 Hopkinton School District calendar. The approved calendar is at the second page of this letter and will be sent home from the schools in the next few days. The purpose of this letter is to provide some background information to the development of the calendar and to describe some of the changes. Some aspects of the school calendar need to be in line with articles in the teacher contract (e.g. the start date, the number of professional development days).

The recently ratified teachers contract codified three changes:

1. The teaching staff will now have a professional development/goal setting day in the summer. Teachers will meet with building administrators to develop and work on professional goals. This day, prior to the beginning of the school year, will help teachers meet the needs of their students.
2. A second Parent Teacher Conference Day for middle school families. (November 1, 2010) Teachers and families found it very difficult to schedule all the parent teacher conferences into one day. A second day will ensure families and teachers will have the time to meet to discuss the beginning of the year and transition to the middle school. On this day, elementary and high school students will be attending school, the middle school students will NOT be attending.
3. A day between semesters for the high school teachers. (January 28, 2011) For high school teachers that teach semester courses, the mid year change is almost as intense as the beginning of the school year. Teachers are confronted with new students, new courses, while closing grades for the first half of the year. The day between semesters will help teachers meet the needs of students. On this day, elementary students and middle school students will be attending school; high school students will NOT be attending school.


Two other items of note:

**April vacation:** Thank you to all those who completed the April vacation survey. Approximately 54% were in favor of the change with 46% against. The close tally of the survey, combined with the timeline of the calendar approval process, caused a change of this magnitude to be tabled for further discussion. The traditional April vacation remains.

**C-Time:** Collaboration time for teachers increases student learning. A pilot of four C-time (collaboration) mornings has been placed in the calendar. The school will be open for students whose parents/guardians need the morning supervision, but the formal school day will begin 55 minutes later. There will be alternative educational activities planned for the students that need to attend from the beginning of the day. More information will be forthcoming on the full C-time program.

I hope this letter is helpful. Please feel encouraged to email me with any questions about the calendar. Your insight is appreciated.

Sincerely,

  
Steven M. Chamberlin  
Superintendent of Schools

## Hopkinton Secondary School 2010-2011 Calendar

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