

June 11, 2020

MEMO TO: All Buffalo Teachers  
Members, Council of Delegates

FROM: Philip Rumore, President, BTF

RE: 2020-2021 School Calendar

Attached below, please find two (2) proposed school calendars for the 2020-2021 school year. We just received clarifying information from the District.

Option "A" is an alternative calendar requiring our approval, as did previous calendars submitted for your approval, as it includes forty-three (43) consecutive weeks from the start to the end of the school year instead of forty-two (42) weeks. It, however, includes the mid-winter, February break as does the BOCES calendar. It mirrors the previously agreed to Memoranda of Understanding except for the holidays and Regents dates.

Option "B" is the calendar that does not require our approval as it conforms to our contract. It does not include the mid-winter, February break. The decision as to whether the BTF enters into an MOU allowing Option "A" will be made by the Council of Delegates via an online vote.

As you know, this year's spring break was altered by New York State; however, it was instituted at the end of the school year. i.e. the provisions in the M.O.U.'s intent were honored.

Please review the calendars and advise your Delegates of your position on the calendars. This can be done via electronic correspondence with them or by telephone.

The Council of Delegates will be notified via email in a separate correspondence on the voting procedures for approving or not approving the M.O.U. The Executive Committee has already recommended approval of the M.O.U.

Below is an overview of each calendar.

***Option A – Requires BTF Approval***

- Teachers begin on Tuesday, September 1, 2020 and will also work September 2 & 3, 2020. These are Professional Development days. September 4, 2020 is the day ("duty free") to set up classrooms. Students begin on September 8, 2020.
- Teachers work until June 25, 2021 due to the late administration of Regents exams. Last day of classes for elementary students is June 24, 2021. Last day of classes for high school students is after Regents exams are completed.

- Provides the February break that most suburban schools/BOCES will have.
- Total of 188 teacher days, as per contract.
- Teachers would get their first check (half check) on September 11, 2020.
- Last check (full) would be on July 2, 2021.
- This option would need a variance from the BTF because it violates the forty-two (42) consecutive weeks provision of our CBA. It has forty-three (43) weeks.
- Incorporates five (5) snow days.

***Option B – Does Not Require BTF Approval***

- Teachers begin on Tuesday, September 8, 2020 for Professional Development and have September 10, 2020 as the day (“duty free”) to set up classrooms. Students begin on Friday, September 11, 2020.
- Teachers work until June 25, 2021 due to the late administration of Regents exams. Last day of classes for elementary students is June 24, 2021. Last day of classes for high school students is after Regents exams are completed.
- Does NOT provide the February break that most suburban schools/BOCES will have.
- Total of 188 teacher days, as per contract.
- Teachers would get their first check (half check) on September 18, 2020.
- Last check (full) would be on July 2, 2021.
- This option complies with our contract and has forty-two (42) consecutive weeks.
- Incorporates six (6) snow days.

The only one that needs our approval is option “A”. As with our previous MOU’s, this will not set a precedent but will only be for the 2020-2021 school year.

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# 2020-2021 BUFFALO CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT CALENDAR (DRAFT A)

## JULY 2020

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### \*\*Teacher Days/Days Students are in Attendance

Month	Tchr.	PK-8*	H.S.*	Month	Tchr.	PK-8*	H.S.*
Sept	21	17	17	Feb	15	15	15
Oct	21	21	21	Mar	23	23	23
Nov	17	17	17	April	16	15	15
Dec	17	17	17	May	20	19	19
Jan	19	19	15	June	19	18	11
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>Totals:</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>83</b>

Total **Teacher** Days: **188**

Total **Actual Student** Days: PK-8= 181 HS= 170

**Credited Student** Days: **185** (incl. 4 Supt. Conf. Days)

### IMPORTANT DATES

#### July

3 Independence Day (central office also closed)

#### September

1-3 Sup't Conf. Days (Professional Development)

4 Teacher Set-up Day

7 Labor Day (central office also closed)

8 First Day of Classes

#### October

12 Indigenous Peoples' and Italian-Heritage Day (central Office also closed)

#### November

3 Election Day (central office also closed)

11 Veterans Day (central office also closed)

26, 27 Thanksgiving Recess (central office also closed)

#### December

24-31 Winter Recess

24, 25 Central Office Also Closed

#### January

1 New Year's Day (central office also closed)

18 M.L. King Jr. Day (central office also closed)

26-29 NYS Regents Exams (high school)

#### February

15 President's Day (central office also closed)

16-19 Mid-winter recess

#### April

2-9 Spring Recess

2, 5 Central Office Also Closed

21-22 NYS ELA Testing (grades 3-8)

28 Early Release Day

29 Sup't. Conf. Day

#### May

5-6 NYS Math Testing (grades 3-8)

12 Early Release Day

13 Sup't. Conf. Day

31 Memorial Day (central office also closed)

#### June

16-24 NYS Regents Exams (high school)

24 Last Day of Classes

25 Rating Day/Sup't. Conf. Day

  H.S. Regents Exams

  3-8 NYS Testing

  Schools Closed

  Central Office Also Closed

  Sup't. Conference Day

  Early Release Day

\*Per past practice, student attendance is not taken on Sup't. Conf. Days (4/29, 5/13) or H.S. Regents Exam Days (1/26-1/29; 6/16-6/24) for H.S.

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