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Dear Mason Families,

I hope this letter finds you making plans for an amazing summer with family and friends. I am writing to provide you with ample notice about an important change in our school calendar that will introduce 20 one-hour late start days specifically dedicated to Teacher Professional Learning Communities (PLC). The 2023-24 District Calendar can be found below as well as on our website.

At Mason Consolidated Schools we believe in providing the best possible education for our students, and we firmly believe that quality instruction begins with highly skilled and continuously improving teachers. To achieve this goal, we have always emphasized the importance of ongoing professional development opportunities for our educators.

After careful consideration and collaboration with our teaching staff, administration, and school board, we have decided to incorporate 20 one-hour late start days into our school calendar. These late start days will provide an uninterrupted block of time for our teachers to engage in collaborative professional development and meaningful collaboration through PLCs.

The rationale behind this decision is based on the following key factors:

1. **Enhanced Collaboration:** Teacher PLCs are an invaluable platform for educators to collaborate, exchange ideas, share best practices, and develop strategies to enhance teaching and learning outcomes. By dedicating focused time to these collaborative efforts, we aim to foster a supportive and productive environment among our teaching staff, which will ultimately benefit our students.
2. **Personalized Learning:** These late start days will enable our teachers to engage in targeted professional development activities that address their specific instructional needs and interests. By tailoring their learning experiences, our teachers can develop their expertise in areas directly relevant to their classrooms, leading to improved teaching strategies and increased student engagement.
3. **Reflective Practice:** Continuous improvement is a fundamental principle in education, and the implementation of late start days will provide our teachers with essential time for reflection on their instructional practices. This reflection will empower our teachers to evaluate their teaching methods, explore new approaches, and refine their skills, resulting in increased effectiveness in the classroom.
4. **Research-Based Instruction:** The world of education is constantly evolving, with new research, strategies, and technologies emerging regularly. These late start days will offer our teachers the opportunity to stay current with the latest educational advancements, research findings, and evidence-based practices. By incorporating research-backed methods into their instruction, our teachers can provide a high-quality learning experience for your children.



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We understand that any changes to the school calendar can have an impact on your family's schedules and routines. However, we firmly believe that the benefits of implementing these one-hour late start days for teacher PLC outweigh any potential inconvenience. We are confident that the resulting improvements in instruction and student achievement will be worth the adjustment.

To facilitate this transition, principals will send reminders regarding the late start days well in advance. We encourage you to plan accordingly and make any necessary arrangements to ensure your child's safe arrival at school on these days. Families needing to utilize latchkey may contact Gini Drapkin at eriecommunitylatchkey@gmail.com

We value your ongoing support and partnership in providing the best education for your children. If you have any questions or concerns about the implementation of these late start days, please do not hesitate to contact our school office. We are committed to open communication and welcome your feedback.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in this matter. Together, we can create an exceptional learning environment for our students and foster a community that embraces continuous growth and development.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer!

Educationally yours,

Kelli A. Tuller

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Superintendent

MCS 2023 – 2024 District Calendar

	Students Days	Staff Days
August/September	* 19	20
Welcome Back Convocation – 8:00 – 9:30 a.m.	August 29	
EMEA Meeting -9:30-10:00 a.m.		
Building Level Meetings -10:00-11:00 a.m.		
Mentor/Mentee District Wide Meeting -12:30-2:00 p.m.		
*Staff PD- 9:30 – 3:15	August 30	
Districtwide Open House 4:00 – 6:00	August 30	
First Day with Students	September 5	
October	22	22
All Students 1 Hour Late Start	October 4	
All Students 1 Hour Late Start	October 11	
All Students Half Day AM- Parent- Teacher Conferences	October 17	
Parent-Teacher Conferences Central Elementary		
12:15 – 3 :15 & 4:00 – 7:00		
Parent-Teacher Conferences Middle School/High School		
11:30 – 2:30 & 3:00 – 6:00		
All Students 1 Hour Late Start	October 25	
November	*20	20
*No School –Staff PD 8:30 – 2:15	November 1	
End of 1 st Qtr. Middle & High School	November 3	
All Students 1 Hour Late Start	November 8	
All Students 1 Hour Late Start	November 15	
End of 1 st Trimester Central Elementary	November 17	
All Students / Staff Half Day AM	November 22	
Thanksgiving Recess (No School)	November 23-24	
All Students 1 Hour Late Start	November 29	
December	16	16
All Students 1 Hour Late Start	December 6	
All Students 1 Hour Late Start	December 13	
All Students 1 Hour Late Start	December 20	
All Students / Staff Half Day AM	December 22	
Winter Break Begins (No School)	December 25	

January	20	20
Classes Resume	January 3	
All Students 1 Hour Late Start	January 10	
Martin Luther King Jr. Day (No School)	January 15	
End of 2 nd Qtr. Middle & High School	January 19	
All Students 1 Hour Late Start	January 24	
All Students 1 Hour Late Start	January 31	
February	20	20
All Students 1 Hour Late Start	February 7	
All Students 1 Hour Late Start	February 14	
President's Day (No School)	February 19	
All Students 1 Hour Late Start	February 28	
March	16	16
End of 2 nd Trimester Central Elementary	March 1	
All Students 1 Hour Late Start	March 6	
All Students 1 Hour Late Start	March 13	
All Students 1 Hour Late Start	March 20	
End of 3 rd Qtr. Middle & High School	March 22	
Spring Recess Begins (No School)	March 25	
April	22	22
Classes Resume	April 1	
All Students 1 Hour Late Start	April 17	
All Students 1 Hour Late Start	April 24	
May	22	22
All Students / Staff Half Day AM	May 3	
All Students and Staff Half Day	May 24	
Memorial Day (No School)	May 27	
June	3	3
MSSH Commencement (Outside)	June 2	
MSSH Commencement Rain Date (Outside)	June 3	
Last Day with Students / Staff Half Day AM	June 5	
Total Days:	*180	182

*Professional development dates used as instructional days and hours for students