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STATE SUPERINTENDENT NANCY S. GRASMICK GRANTS AACPS' REQUEST FOR 5-DAY WAIVER OF SCHOOL YEAR FOR STUDENTS

Last day for students currently set for June 15

State school Superintendent Nancy S. Grasmick has granted Anne Arundel County Public Schools' request for a five-day calendar waiver for students, providing relief that will allow the school year for students to end on June 15 provided there are no more emergency closings.

AACPS built four emergency closing days into the 2009-2010 calendar, but used 10 because of inclement weather from mid-December through mid-February. In granting the request, Dr. Grasmick cited the system's previously announced addition of one day to the end of the school year and its intention to "concentrate instructional time to make up for the lost school days."

On February 23, the Maryland State Board of Education gave Dr. Grasmick authority to grant waivers of up to five days for school systems on a case-by-case basis. School systems were required to submit requests detailing their modification plans for dealing with the emergency closures.

"I am grateful to Dr. Grasmick for recognizing the need to give systems like ours relief from these most unusual circumstances," county school Superintendent Kevin M. Maxwell said. "We will do everything we can to make sure our students get the most out of every hour of class time that remains."

As it now stands, AACPS' Easter/Spring break will be unaffected, and schools will be closed for students from March 29 through April 5. All schools and system offices will be closed from April 1 through April 5.

In addition, Superintendent Kevin M. Maxwell has adjusted the length of the third and fourth marking periods. The third marking period will now end on April 16, and all students will be dismissed two hours early on that day. The fourth marking period will begin on April 19.

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