

To: Chip McGee, Superintendent
From: Sarah Marandos, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, & Assessment
Date: July 9, 2020
Re: Professional Development August 2020

After much discussion, we propose to add three additional days for teacher professional development to the start of the 2020-2021 school year.

Historically, we have had three days to prepare for school opening with staff (including one required by the collective bargaining agreement). Due to the COVID-19 crisis, it is necessary to provide teachers with additional training in health & safety protocols, operational changes, the consistent and effective use of technology, and social-emotional learning (SEL).

Request:

- Currently, the approved Pelham School District calendar has teacher workshop days on August 27th, 28th and 31st.
- We are requesting to add September 1st, 2nd, and 3rd.
- Friday, September 4 and Monday, September 7th are used for the Labor Day Holiday.
- The first day of school for students would be Tuesday, September 8th.

Note: This does not add additional school days on to the end of the year for students or teachers.