

Office of the Superintendent of Schools
MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Rockville, Maryland

November 26, 2019

MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Board of Education

From: Jack R. Smith, Superintendent of Schools

Subject: Policy IDA, School Year Calendar and Benchmarking (PMC-10-22-19-02)

Question

During the discussion on Policy IDA, *School Year Calendar*, Mrs. O'Neill requested that staff benchmark MCPS' policy regarding being closed on Inauguration Day against other school systems in the Washington, DC, metropolitan area.

Response

The document entitled, Comparison of Inauguration Day Policies and Practices: Benchmarking of School Districts Adjacent to the District of Columbia (DC), was provided to the members of the Board of Education during the November 12, 2019, discussion of Policy IDA, *School Year Calendar*. Please reference the attached benchmarking document.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Stephanie P. Williams, associate general counsel, Office of the General Counsel, at 240-740-5600.

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Attachment

Copy to:

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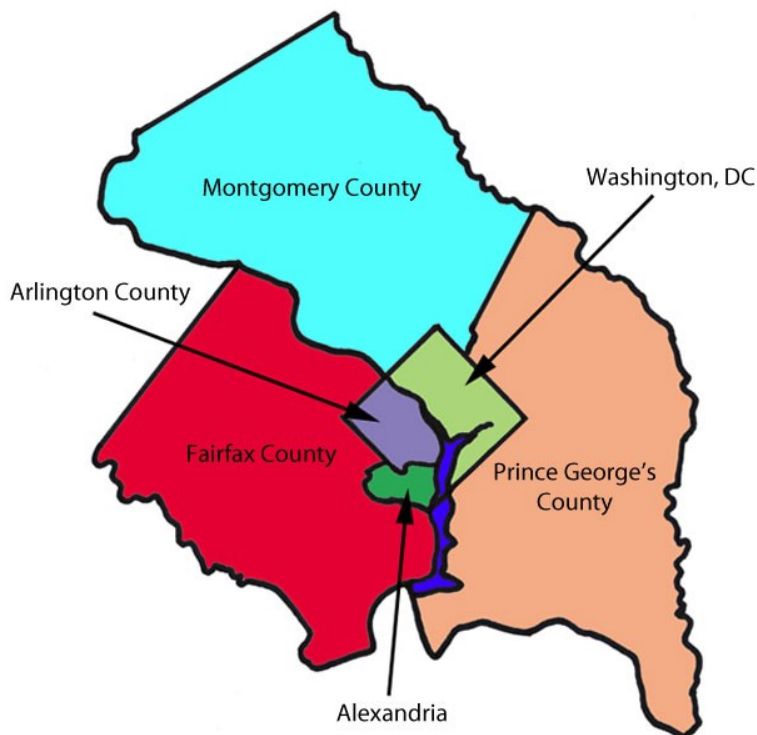
Comparison of Inauguration Day Policies and Practices: Benchmarking of School Districts Adjacent to the District of Columbia (DC)

School Districts Adjacent to DC:

- Arlington County, MD
- Alexandria, VA
- Prince Georges County, MD
- Montgomery County, MD

Nearby School District:

- Fairfax County, VA



Comparison School Districts	Is there a requirement in policy/guidance?	Closed for Inauguration?		
		2020-2021	2016-2017	2012-2013 (coincided with MLK Day)
District of Columbia Public Schools	Yes	Yes (required)	Yes	Yes
Adjacent				
Alexandria City Public Schools	No	No (proposed)	Yes	Yes
Arlington Public Schools	Yes	Yes (required)	Yes	Yes
Prince Georges County Public Schools	No	No (proposed)	Yes	Yes
Nearby				
Fairfax County Public Schools	No	No (approved 7/25/19)	Yes	Yes