



May 28, 2019

Dear Parents,

In the effort to continuously enhance the classical education offered to scholars at Frederick Classical Charter School, it is necessary to provide our staff with comprehensive professional development related to our curriculum, pedagogy, and practices. The staff work calendar provides limited opportunity for this training and collaboration. In response to this challenge, we plan to adjust the 2019-2020 school calendar by adding early dismissal days for FCCS students. These days will occur approximately twice per month, usually on Fridays.

We value the input of all stakeholders when we propose significant changes to the school. We invite you to take a brief survey related to the addition of early dismissal days. Please follow this link to complete the survey by June 1, 2019.

tinyurl.com/FCCScalendar

Here are answers to some questions you may have about this change:

- Staff training, including collaboration with subject matter experts, will ensure a common understanding of classical education at FCCS and emphasize instructional best practices to meet the needs of all scholars.
- FCCS will continue to follow the FCPS student calendar for other days off, early dismissal, and late arrival. This change will introduce **additional** early dismissal days for students at FCCS.
- It is anticipated that the school day will remain unchanged:
 - Regular start time for students will continue to be 8:30am.
 - Regular end time for students will continue to be 3:15pm.
 - Students will dismiss at 1:15pm on 2-hour early dismissal days.
- The FCCS Leadership Team developed this recommendation, which is supported by FCPS. A similar approach is currently the practice of other local charter schools.
- FCCS will continue to meet the Maryland requirement for the amount of time school is in session.
- The proposed schedule would add 19 two-hour early dismissal days for FCCS students next year.
- The final school calendar for FCCS students is expected to be announced by July 2019.

If you have any questions about this proposal or survey, please contact the Board of Trustees at bot@frederickclassicalcharterschool.org.

Sincerely,
Dr. Camille Bell
The Board of Trustees