



MPCS Parents-

June 16, 2023

As discussed in the Membership Meeting in May, the MPCS Board announced that active discussions were occurring to change the school week to a 4-day week. The School Board held open discussions for staff and parents during board meetings in May and June. Parents and staff were able to discuss and express their support and concerns regarding this change. Through much prayer, discussion and consideration, the School Board approved the transition to the 4-day school week. School will be Monday thru Thursday, unless Monday is a holiday or as the schedule reflects.

While this information has publically been disseminated, in an effort to maintain good communication, I also wanted to take an opportunity to provide the rationale and a few details of what this will look like next year. During our meetings many items of support and concern were brought forward and discussed.

The primary areas of concern were:

- Loss of student's instructional time, resulting in a learning deficiency.
- Lack of childcare arrangements.
- Potential noncompliance with number of days/ hours for required learning.
- Uncertainty in long term impact of students overall education.
- Uncertainty in set school year schedule.

These areas of concern will be mitigated by the following measures:

- School will start at 0815, instead of 0830. Over the course of a 36 week school year, this will add up to an additional 6 days of instruction time. The end time will remain the same.
- The school will more than meet the Home School state requirement for instructional hours.
- This change will take effect for the 2023-2024 school year and be reassessed prior to the start of the 2024-2025 school year. In May, the Membership meeting will be open to parents to discuss successes/ setbacks as a result of the schedule change. The School Board will also be discussing the status of this change routinely throughout the year.
- While the School Board brought 2 concerns of child care arrangements to the June meeting, there were no concerns brought to administration, since the Membership Meeting.



In addition, there were several areas of opportunity/ support discussed:

- Recruitment for new teachers.
- Retention and support for our current teachers and staff.
- Increased morale and productivity of students.
- Reduction in student absences.
- Fewer trips to town/ school, from long distances traveled.
- General cost savings of utilities, food expenses, building maintenance, etc.

As a result of a 4-day school week, MPCS will be postured to be more competitive in attracting new teachers and students. This change is also a significant incentive for retaining our current teachers and staff, as it will create more built in time for professional and personal development and course planning. The eternal mindset of our teachers and staff drive them to continue to pour Christ into the hearts and minds of all our children on a daily basis. Our teachers and staff also show a servant's heart for all that they do especially in light of how they are compensated for their time and expertise. This 4-day transition is an opportunity to afford the opportunity for our teachers to be filled so they can continue to pour into our children.

If there are any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach to out me, anyone on the board or staff.

Thank you for your continued support, commitment and desire to glorify Christ through your child's education. It is in Him, through Him and for Him we are able to move and have our being. Glory to God.

Michael Breese

MPCS Board President

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Breese", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.