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Dear Parents and/or Guardians:

In the school year 2019-2020, the Achievement Zone (AZ) will increase the number of days students spent learning in the classroom. Schools in the AZ will return five additional learning days to the calendar, conducting Release Days on October 10, February 14, and March 16.

These three Release Days will focus on Professional Learning Community refined practices, cluster-level themes, and local-school initiatives. They are in addition to the three district-sponsored professional development days.


This calendar adjustment will also support increased collaboration for teachers and families. The AZ school day will be adjusted to mirror the other schools in the South Learning Community, providing more consistency for families in the AZ. To support the extended learning required by the federal School Improvement Grant (SIG) in place at Banneker High School, the following bell schedule will be in place for the 2019-2020 school year.

School	Start time for students	Dismissal time for students
Banneker	8:00	3:40
McNair	9:00	4:10
Woodland	8:55	4:05
Bethune	7:30	2:10
Feldwood		
Heritage		
Love T Nolan		
Asa Hilliard	7:40	2:20
Brookview		
College Park		

Although we realize that adjusting the instructional calendar may raise concerns, the district is reducing the number of Release Days and streamlining the implementation throughout the learning community.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [whitaker1@fultonschools.org](mailto:whitaker1@fultonschools.org)

Sincerely,



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