This calendar is the result of two joint City/County Calendar Committee meetings in October and November. The committee is comprised of teachers, AEA leadership, parents, and school and central office administrators. Draft calendars have been shared with Parent Council, the Teacher Advisory Committee, the ACPS Strategic Cabinet and the ACPS Planning Cabinet.

A first draft of the calendar along with a survey was posted to the public in October. Survey participants were asked to rank their satisfaction with the proposed calendar on a scale of one to five with one indicating “very dissatisfied” and five indicating “very satisfied.” A total of 1,271 responses were received with 83.9% of respondents scoring their satisfaction with the calendar at a score of three or higher. In addition to the ranking scale, survey participants were invited to give open suggestions for improvements to the calendar. Nearly six hundred responses were received, with half-days, length and location of holiday breaks, and start and end dates of the semester being the most common subjects for feedback. Based on the feedback received by the calendar committee, one half-day was removed from the calendar and student holidays in October and November were combined to create one longer break instead of two shorter breaks. Survey results are attached. A link to the calendar development page can be found [here](https://www2.k12albemarle.org/acps/division/calendars/Pages/2018-19-Calendar-Development.aspx).

The 2018-2019 school calendar is very similar to the 2017-2018 calendar with a few changes:

* Two half-day professional development days have been added on January 18 and March 28.
* A full day professional development day has been added on January 2.
* October and November student holidays have been combined into a “fall break” at the beginning of November.
* Snow make-up days have been removed and days will be made up using banked time.

**Note: At a December 7 meeting of the Charlottesville School Board, that board received two calendar options. The first was the attached calendar developed by the joint calendar committee. The second calendar contains a winter break schedule that differs from ACPS. CPCS staff developed the second draft based on the results of a stakeholder survey administered after the joint calendar committee had met for their final scheduled meeting. ACPS staff were informed on December 11 that the CCPS board seemed to support the draft calendar with the modified winter break. The calendar submitted to the ACPS board differs from the city calendar in the following ways:**

* **CCPS is open for students on December 20 and 21. ACPS is closed on those days.**
* **CCPS is closed for students on January 3 and 4. ACPS is open on those days.**