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FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE

Thursday, April 2, 2020

REMOTELY – 2:00 PM

AGENDA

I. OPEN MEETING

II. BUSINESS ITEMS

- SY'21 Budget (2 versions)
- Template for RFPs for audit services
 - AAF Anstiss, Blum Shapiro, MFA, Walsh & Company
- SY'20 Calendar for May through June, 2020 (tentative) – Last day June for students June 22; last day for staff June 23 (tentative)

180 School Day Requirement: from <http://www.doe.mass.edu/sfs/emergencyplan/covid19.html>

In light of concerns about possible school closings for public health reasons, I have updated DESE's guidance about the requirement for 180 days of school to provide relief to districts. *(Note: The Department will continue to revisit this guidance if the situation warrants it.):*

1. All days lost to health, weather, or safety emergencies between the **first day of the school year and March 15** must be made up by rescheduling full school days to ensure a 180-day school year.
2. All days lost to health, weather, or safety emergencies between **March 16 and June 1** must be made up to ensure a 180-day school year or until the district has reached **its previously-scheduled 185th day**, whichever comes first. If all five snow days have been used prior to this point, the district is not required to schedule additional school days.
3. Districts will not be expected to make up any days lost to health, weather, or safety emergencies that occur **after June 1**.

This change means that if you have already canceled school for five days before March 15, you do not need to schedule additional make-up days for any days that school is closed after March 15. **The longest that any school district will be required to go is its scheduled 185th day. No schools will be required to be in session after June 30.** This policy applies to the current (2019-20) school year only. Anyone who feels that they have special circumstances should contact Associate Commissioner Helene Bettencourt at Helene.H.Bettencourt@mass.gov or 781-338-3120.

III. ADJOURN