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Caledonia Community Schools

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Dear Caledonia Friends and Families,

We are pleased to announce Caledonia Community Schools, collectively with all Kent County schools, successfully acquired a waiver to start school prior to Labor Day for future years.

In 2017-2018 Caledonia Community Schools will begin school one week prior to Labor Day with the first day of school being on Monday, August 28th.

In 2018-2019 Caledonia Community Schools will plan to join the rest of Kent County Schools and begin school two weeks prior to Labor Day with the first day of School being August 20th.

Michigan public schools are required by law to start school after Labor Day weekend. Last year we were required to add 4 instructional days to the school calendar requiring us to shorten our Christmas break.

Over the course of the year, Kent County school district leaders met to review all options that would best serve our students moving forward. After careful consideration, we chose to apply for, and received, a waiver from the Michigan Department of Education allowing us to start two weeks prior to Labor Day.

We believe the early start will allow us to maximize learning, coordinate with county educational programs, maintain two weeks for Christmas Break, adhere to a Kent County common calendar, and still end school in early June.

Caledonia Community Schools will phase in the new start date with a two year transition plan (shown above) that will accommodate previously scheduled events and better align to our current construction project timelines.

We hope this early notification brings value to your planning for family vacations and starting your next school year.

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Randy Rodriguez
Superintendent

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District Calendar 2017-2018

Date	Description
August 23	District Staff Meeting
August 28	First Day of School
September 1 - 4	Labor Day Break
September 27	(1/2) Half Day for Students
October 31	(1/2) Half Day for Students
November 10	(1/2) Half Day for Students
November 22-24	Thanksgiving Break
December 25 – January 5	Christmas Break
January 24	(1/2) Half Day for Students
February 13	(1/2) Half Day for Students
February 23**	**Mid-Winter Break
March 9	(1/2) Half Day for Students
March 30 - April 6	Spring Break
May 25 - 28	Memorial Day Break
June 7	Last Day of School
**Snow Day Make-up	

(1/2) Day Schedule		
Building	Start Time	Dismissal Time
Caledonia High School	7:45 am	11:00 am
Duncan Lake MS	7:40 am	10:50 am
Kraft Meadows MS	7:40 am	10:50 am
Caledonia Elementary	8:45 am	12:00 pm
Dutton Elementary	8:45 am	12:00 pm
Emmons Lake Elementary	8:45 am	12:00 pm
Kettle Lake Elementary	8:40 am	11:55 am
Paris Ridge Elementary	8:45 am	12:00 pm
ECC Early Childhood Y-5's	8:35 am	11:50 am