



A Message from the Superintendent

Good afternoon Polk County Public Schools family,

Many of you have inquired about Hurricane Irma makeup days. I'm happy to share that earlier today, my senior staff and I finalized a solution.

In consultation with the Polk Education Association, we have decided that the six remaining early release days in the 2017-18 school year will be extended to full instructional days.

The remaining early dismissal days are: Oct. 11, 2017; Nov. 15, 2017; Jan. 24, 2018; Feb. 7, 2018; March 14, 2018; and May 16, 2018.

By extending the early release days, we will ensure that our district meets state-mandated instructional time requirements without extending the school year. Additionally, it means our employees — many of whom sacrificed time with their families to work in our shelter sites or make repairs after the storm — do not have to lose time with their loved ones during the holidays.

The district calendar will be updated to reflect these changes.

I thank you again for everything you did during our response to Hurricane Irma, and everything you do for our students.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jacqueline M. Bryd".

Jacqueline M. Bryd
Superintendent
Polk County Public Schools