

# Raymond School District

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To: Raymond School Board  
From: Tina H. McCoy  
Re: Last Day of School and Class of 2018 Graduation  
Date: March 30, 2018

As you know we have had six snow days for students and one postponed teacher workshop day this school year. In reviewing the school calendar in the context of the required instructional hours, I recommend June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018 as the last day of school in the District. Under this plan our schools will meet the required instructional hours while also allowing students to be released from school for the year at a time that does not unnecessarily prolong the school year for students. Hours would be as follows:

LRES – 945 hours required (1,023.5 under this proposed plan – 78.5 hour buffer)  
IHGMS – 990 hours required (1,028.84 under this proposed plan – 38.84 hour buffer)  
RHS – 990 hours required (1,034.3 under this proposed plan – 44.3 hour buffer)

I also recommend a graduation date of June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018. This will allow for 989.5 instructional hours for seniors, which exceeds the requirement of 960 instructional hours for this grade level (29.5 hour buffer). If this graduation date is approved, exam dates for seniors will be on May 31<sup>st</sup>, June 1<sup>st</sup>, June 4<sup>th</sup> and June 5<sup>th</sup>. Seniors will be expected to attend rehearsals and other special activities for the remainder of that week, but these activities would not count toward instructional time. Putting instructional hours aside, seniors will have five fewer school days than other high school students.

I realize that the possibility for significant inclement weather still exists at this time of this decision. However, this proposed schedule for seniors and a graduation date of 6/8/18 allows for an ample cushion of 29.5 hours, which I think is prudent and sufficient to allow for unexpected days off between now and the end of the school year.

Thank you for your consideration.

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