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DATE: February 20, 2017

ACTION ITEM

SUBJECT	Request for Approval of Pre-Labor Day Opening for 2017-2018
RATIONALE	<p>Section §22.1-79.1 of the Code of Virginia prohibits the opening of public schools prior to Labor Day unless a school division qualifies for a waiver under the definition of good cause. The Code defines good cause as severe weather, energy shortages, power failure, or other emergency situations. In order to qualify for a waiver, a school division must have closed an average of eight days per year during any five of the last ten years and the wavier must be approved by the local school board.</p> <p>Based on school closing data since the 2007-2008 school year, Allegheny County Public Schools have been closed an average of 12.8 days for good cause. Since the division does qualify for the Pre-Labor Day Opening Waiver for 2017-2018, it is my recommendation that the board approve the wavier at the February 20, 2017 school board meeting.</p> <p>A copy of the year-by-year calculation is included for your review. Please let me know if you need additional information.</p>
ESTIMATED COSTS	0.00
BUDGET CATEGORY	Instruction
LEGAL REFERENCE	Section §22.1-79.1 of the Code of Virginia
STAFF CONTACTS	Mary Jane Mutispaugh
SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION	Recommended

School Year	Days Missed
2007-08	5
2008-09	10
2009-10	14
2010-11	8
2011-12	4
2012-13	12
2013-14	16
2014-15	12
2015-16	7
2016-17	2

$10 + 14 + 12 + 16 + 12 = 64$ $64 \div 5 = 12.8$
