



# Montgomery County

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**HB 1090**

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**SPONSOR: Montgomery County Delegation**

**ASSIGNED TO: Ways and Means**

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### Montgomery County – Board of Education – Mandatory School Holidays MC 9-26

Beginning with the 2026-2027 school year, this bill would require the closure of Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) to student attendance on Diwali, Eid Al-Adha, Eid Al-Fitr; Lunar New Year, Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, and Juneteenth. The bill is consistent with the MCPS calendar for the 2025-2026 school year. Six of the listed days are non-instructional days on which neither teachers nor students attend school. The seventh day (Eid al Fitr) is currently a professional development day on which teachers attend school, but students do not. The school system's current practice reflects Montgomery County's long history of honoring diverse cultural and religious communities, while also respecting all the other factors that must be considered by the Montgomery County Board of Education when establishing the school calendar each year.

The County Executive and County Council believe it is appropriate to codify current MCPS practice to ensure consistency in future school years and respectfully requests that the Ways and Means Committee give this bill a favorable report.