



**Mt. Pleasant Public Schools**  
**720 N. Kinney Avenue**  
**Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858**



**Balanced Calendar School Choice**  
**Information for Parents**

Dear Mt. Pleasant Public Schools Families:

Thank you, once again, for your support of the 2016 Bond Issue, which has allowed Mt. Pleasant Public Schools to make substantial upgrades and improvements. We are excited about the many building projects that have been completed in our schools, including everything from secure building office entrances at each of our schools to new age appropriate playgrounds!

We are now excited to provide families with the ability to **choose** a “Balanced Calendar” approach to the school year!

**Here is a very simplified example of a Balanced Calendar schedule. Each calendar option will continue to offer the required 180 days of instruction to our students.**

August	<b>Balanced Calendar</b> Begins Early August	<b>Traditional Calendar</b> Begins Mid-Late August
October	Fall Break (2 Weeks: Enrichment Intersession Available)	In Session
November	Full Week Break at Thanksgiving	In Session
December	Two Week Holiday~Winter Break	Two Week Holiday Break
February	Winter Break (1 Week: Enrichment Intersession Available)	In Session
March	Break w/CMU (1 Week: Enrichment Intersession Available)	In Session
March	Spring Break Week (No Enrichment)	Spring Break Week
June	Balanced Calendar Ends- Mid to Late June	Ends 1st or 2nd Week of June
July	Full Month Break (No Enrichment)	Full Month Break

Not to be confused with “Year Round School,” the “**Balanced Calendar**” option *balances* out the Traditional Calendar by providing students and teachers breaks throughout the school year. The **Balanced Calendar** option allows students to participate in optional “**Enrichment Intersessions**” during the breaks, ultimately leading to less learning loss as compared to the Traditional Calendar. What is **Enrichment Intersessions**? They consist of themed learning weeks that enhance learning by offering hands on activities such as STEM and Maker Space, increased outdoor play, cooperative learning, and field trips.

Enrichment Intersessions would be available to families for about \$10.00 per day, and scholarships will be readily available. The “**Balanced Calendar**” option provides families with the same main breaks that the Traditional Calendar offers, such as a two week Holiday Break in late December, as well as Spring Break the last week of March/first week of April.

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Our district will offer the Balanced Calendar “school within a school” approach at Pullen and McGuire Elementary for the 2019-2020 school year.

<b>Building</b>	<b>Calendar Options</b>	<b>Balanced Calendar Options at Pullen and McGuire</b>
Pullen	DK-2nd Grades <b>Traditional Calendar &amp; Balanced Calendar</b>	<i>Balanced Calendar Option</i> available for K-2nd grade at Pullen. Current Pullen families may <i>choose</i> the Balanced option.
McGuire	3rd - 5th Grades <b>Traditional Calendar &amp; Balanced Calendar</b>	<i>Balanced Calendar Option</i> for 3rd-5th grade at McGuire. Current McGuire families may <i>choose</i> the Balanced option.
Vowles	DK - 2nd Grades <b>Traditional Calendar</b>	Vowles students may “choice” to Pullen for the “Balanced” option for K- 2nd grade.
Ganiard	DK - 2nd Grades <b>Traditional Calendar</b>	Ganiard students may “choice” to Pullen for the “Balanced” option for K to 2nd grade.
Fancher	3rd - 5th Grades <b>Traditional Calendar</b>	Fancher students may “choice to McGuire” for the “Balanced” option for 3rd- 5th grade.

**On Wednesday, April 3, 2019, there will be an informational meeting and Open House at:**

**Pullen Elementary~ 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.**

**McGuire Elementary~ 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.**

\*Refreshments will be provided.

For more information about the Balanced Calendar, or to complete the Balanced Calendar School Choice Application, please visit [mtpleasantschools.net](http://mtpleasantschools.net), or call any of the following MPPS Building Principals:

**Pullen**  
**Diane Falsetta**  
**775.2270**

**McGuire**  
**Susan Renaud**  
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**Fancher**  
**Katie Rinke**  
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**Vowles**  
**Kim Bishop**  
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**Marcy Stout**  
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Sincerely,

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***CHOICE APPLICATIONS for the Balanced Calendar option are due APRIL 5th, 2019***