

**DU PAGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT 13
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Bloomington, Illinois**

Regular Meeting May 20, 2019

FOR ACTION

Subject: Legal Holidays Used as a Student Attendance Day

Last fall and this spring, the calendar focus group discussed the use of legal school holidays as student attendance days in the event of emergency days being used for weather related events. The DuPage Regional Office of Education recommended asking for the waiver for all legal school holidays at once to avoid utilizing this process every time the District is considering their annual calendar structure. Earlier this evening, the required public hearing was convened to provide the community the opportunity to ask questions about using legal school holidays as student attendance days. The only requirement, other than the hearing, is that time during the student attendance day is devoted toward the subject of the legal school holiday. The best example of this is the way Veterans' Day in November is coordinated at all three buildings.

It is not the intent of the Superintendent or the calendar focus group to use all legal school holidays as student attendance days. Should a legal school holiday be considered for this use, the change in the school calendar would be well communicated to the entire community through multiple means.

Recommendation: The Board approve the waiver application for the use of legal school holidays as student attendance days, as presented.