

School Board Meeting Agenda Item

Topic: Year-Round School Calendar
Presenter(s): Bob Jaszczak, Superintendent

Nature of Action Requested

Board Action
Board Information X

Background Information

While Minnesota's school calendar typically follows a traditional fall-to-spring schedule with a summer break, some districts in Minnesota offer year-round school calendars, distributing breaks more evenly throughout the year.

- **Traditional Calendar:**

Most Minnesota schools follow a traditional calendar with a summer break, typically running from August or early September until the end of May or early June.

- **Year-Round Calendars:**

Some districts offer year-round calendars, which aim to distribute breaks more evenly throughout the year, potentially leading to improved academic outcomes and reduced learning loss.

- **Minnesota Statute:**

Minnesota law requires a minimum of 165 days of instruction for grades 1-11, unless a four-day week schedule is approved by the commissioner.

- **Examples of Year-Round Districts:**

While a comprehensive list is difficult to obtain, some districts known to offer year-round calendars include Lakeville Public School District.

- **Benefits of Year-Round Calendars:**

Year-round calendars may promote more continuous learning, reduce learning loss during breaks, and potentially lead to increased opportunities for learning through intersession classes.

- **Research on Year-Round Education:**

Research on year-round education suggests that it can have positive effects on academic outcomes and reduce learning loss.