



Oak Park Elementary School District 97

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TO: Members, Board of Education

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RE: School Calendar 2012-2013

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The calendar committee, which consists of representatives from the OPTA, OPESP, OPTAA, principals, central office administration and Board of Education met and developed the attached recommended calendar for the 2012-2013 school year. Some highlights of this calendar include:

- The start date of this calendar is in the same week as the current school year.
- Both Winter and Spring Break coincide with the OPRF calendar. It is very important to coordinate these two long breaks so that the students have the same weeks off.
- We have linked the November Institute Day to coincide with the November Election Day. Our schools are all polling places, this addresses concerns of security for our students. Our school doors are locked all other school days, yet on Election Day, doors are open, with many adults entering our schools. We have added a "not in attendance" day on the Wednesday before the Thanksgiving break.
- We continue to have 180 days in our calendar. Our usual end date falls in the first week of June; however, Veterans' Day falls on a weekend this year and the Friday prior to Easter falls during spring break. The last day of attendance is May 30 excluding any snow day use. This year the last day of attendance is June 1.

The calendar will be brought to the Board on February 14, 2012 for adoption.

Attachments: 2012-2013 Draft Calendar