



Oak Park Elementary School District 97

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To: Members, Board of Education
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Re: Proposed Calendar for 2018-19 School Year – Revised Recommendation

Date: February 14, 2017

The District 97 Calendar Committee, which is comprised of representatives from the Board of Education and the district's administration, faculty and staff, has completed its work on a proposed calendar for the 2018-19 school year. This proposed calendar complies with the number of student attendance days that are required by the Illinois School Code and the number of staff attendance days from the district's current collective bargaining agreements.

The Calendar Committee began by identifying priorities for the development of the 2018-2019 Calendar. Aligning with District 200's major breaks (Thanksgiving, winter and spring), clustering days of non-attendance whenever possible, creating a calendar that provides for the instructional needs of our students, and placing parent-teacher conferences mid-trimester were among the priorities used to develop the calendar.

After identifying priorities, the Committee reviewed Section 24-2 of the Illinois School Code that addresses holidays and District 97 Board of Education Policy 6:20 School Year Calendar and Day. A school board may hold school or teachers' institutes on some school holidays provided the person(s) honored by the holiday are recognized through instruction conducted on that day. The Calendar Committee is recommending that schools should be open on Casimir Pulaski Day, that schools close on President's Day instead of Lincoln's Birthday, and that schools remain open in honor of Veteran's Day. During the review of School Code, the Committee learned that School Code lists Good Friday as a holiday and does not allow for school to be in session on this day. The Board will need to hold a public hearing prior to approval of the final calendar in order to hold school on the aforementioned school holidays.

Below are several important aspects of the proposed calendar the committee would like to highlight for the board and general public.

- After receiving feedback from members of the OPTA, the Calendar Committee carefully reviewed the placement of parent teacher conferences in the initial 2018-2019 draft calendar. Initially, the second round of conferences was scheduled adjacent to the holiday honoring Dr. Martin Luther King (January 17 and 18). In the new draft, conferences are moved to January 31st and February 1st. This is the only change from the previous draft calendar that was presented to the Board in December and January. The Committee decided to move the conferences to a later date in response to concerns that MAP testing typically occurs during the first two weeks in January. Having conferences and MAP testing in the same week was a concern. Moving the conferences to the end of January met the Committee's desire to place them early enough in the trimester to allow for students to apply feedback provided at conferences.
- The major breaks (Thanksgiving, winter and spring) and federal holidays (Labor Day, Memorial Day, etc.) will continue to be in sync with District 200.
- District 200 and District 97's start and end to the school year are within two days of each other.

- The Illinois State Board of Education recommends that schools, which also serve as polling places, close on election days. Institute Days are scheduled on the two election days – Tuesday, November 6, 2018, and Tuesday, April 2, 2019.
- Similar to the 2017-2018 Calendar, students will start the 2018-19 school year on a Wednesday. The committee recommended extending this practice for a second year for the same reasons that were cited by the previous year's committee.
 - It will help younger children, especially those beginning kindergarten, with their transition into the start of the school year.
 - It will more closely align the first day of student attendance with District 200's first day of student attendance.
 - Staff will start the year with two Institute Days and will end the year with an Institute Day following the last day of student attendance.

The district's proposed calendar for the 2018-19 school year is being presented to the board tonight for discussion. A final draft will be brought back to the Board for action at the February 28, 2017 Board Meeting. The required public hearing will be scheduled prior to final action by the Board.

2018-2019 Draft Calendar Comparison District 200 and District 97

Holiday/Event	District 97	District 200
First day of school for students	08/22/2018	08/20/2018
Labor Day	09/03/2018	09/03/2018
Columbus Day	10/08/2018	10/08/2018
Thanksgiving Holiday(s)	11/21/2018, 11/22/2018, 11/23/2018	11/21/2018, 11/22/2018, 11/23/2018
Winter Break	12/24/2018-1/4/2019 (School reopens on Monday, January 7, 2019.)	12/24/2018-1/4/2019 (School reopens on Tuesday, January 8, 2019.)
Dr. Martin Luther King Day	1/21/2019	1/14/2019 (We believe there is an error in the D200 draft calendar.)
President's Day (observed instead of Lincoln's Birthday)	2/18/2019	2/18/2019
Spring Break	3/25/2019-3/29/2019	3/25/2019-3/29/2019
No School (Good Friday)	4/19/2019	4/19/2019
Memorial Day	5/27/2019	5/27/2019
Last Day of School	5/31/2019	5/30/2019

**Note: District 200 adopted a draft calendar for the 2018-2019 school year at their November 17, 2016 Meeting. The draft calendar includes "probable start and end of school dates for staff and students, and likely winter and spring breaks and legal holidays." No further details are available yet.*

Oak Park School District 97 School Calendar For 2018-2019

July							
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	Total
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	0
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	0
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	0
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	0
29	30	31					0
							0
Total							0

August							
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	Total
			1	2	3	4	0
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	0
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	0
19	TI	TI	(22	23	24	25	3
26	27	28	29	30	31		5
Attendance Total							8

September							
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	Total
						1	0
2	H	4	5	6	7	8	4
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	5
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	5
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	5
30							0
Attendance Total							19

October							
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	Total
	1	2	3	4	5	6	5
7	H	9	10	11	12	13	4
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	5
21	22	23	24	PT	PT	27	5
28	29	30	31				3
							0
Attendance Total							22

November							
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	Total
				1	2	3	2
4	5	TI	7	8	9	10	4
11	12	13	*14	15	16	17	5
18	19	20	X	H	X	24	2
25	26	27	28	29	30		5
							0
Total							18

December							
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	Total
						1	0
2	3	4	5	6	7	8	5
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	5
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	5
23	X	H	X	X	X	29	0
30	X						0
Total							15

January							
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	Total
		H	X	X	X	5	0
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	5
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	5
20	H	22	23	24	25	26	4
27	28	29	30	PT			4
							0
Total							18

February							
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	Total
					PT	2	1
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	5
10	11	12	13	14	TI	16	4
17	X	19	20	21	22	23	4
24	25	26	*27	28			4
							0
Total							18

March							
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	Total
					1	2	1
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	5
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	5
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	5
24	X	X	X	X	X	30	0
31							0
Total							16

April							
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	Total
	1	TI	3	4	5	6	4
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	5
14	15	16	17	18	H	20	4
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	5
28	29	30					2
Total							20

May							
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	Total
			1	2	3	4	3
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	5
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	5
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	5
26	H	28	29	30	31		4
Total							22

June							
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	Total
						1	0
2	TI	4	5	6	7	8	0
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	0
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	0
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	0
30							0
Total							0

Pupil Attendance Days (at least 176)	176
Approved Institute Days.....	6
Approved ALL Day Parent/Teacher Conference Days (Limit of 2 Days).....	0
5 Snow Days.....	5
Total (185 Days or more)	
(Including 5 Snow Days)	
Total	187

Legal School Holidays*	
Labor Day	9/3/2018
Columbus Day	10/8/2018
*Veteran's Day	11/11/2018
Thanksgiving Day	11/22/2018
Christmas Day	12/25/2018
New Year's Day	1/1/2019
Dr. M.L. King's Birthday	1/21/2019
Lincoln's Birthday	2/18/2019
(celebrating President's Day instead of Lincoln's Birthday)	
*Casimir Pulaski Day	3/4/2019
Good Friday	4/19/2019
Memorial Day	5/27/2019

Calendar Legend	
Legal School Holiday	H
Teacher Institutes	TI
Not in Attendance	X
Half-Day P/T Conference	PT
End of Grading Period	*
School Begins	(
School Ends)
Emergency Day	

Election Days*	
Fall Election Day	11/6/2018
Spring Election Day	4/2/2019