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Date: November 18, 2025
To: Dr. Ed Condon
From: Dr. Christine Trendel
RE: Proposed District 90 Public School Calendar 2026-2027

Overview of Calendar Draft Process

The proposed 2026–2027 District 90 Public School Calendar was developed through the District’s annual collaborative process involving the D90 Calendar Committee, as well as community and staff surveys. The Calendar Committee works diligently to develop a recommendation that balances the diverse needs of all stakeholder groups. This includes:

- Alignment of key dates with the OPRF D200 calendar
- Adherence to ISBE requirements
- Compliance with the RFEA collective bargaining agreement
- Preservation of continuity of instruction for students and families
- Consideration of the professional needs of staff

In addition, the proposed calendar generally aligns with past practices in District 90, supporting consistency and predictability for the community.

Community Input

To gather community input, the D90 Calendar Committee distributed surveys to parents and staff via email over a ten-day period that included two weekends. The surveys were shared multiple times through District-wide communications and individual school newsletters.

The surveys sought input on two main topics:

1. Start Date Preference: Opinions regarding the preferred start of the school year in relation to D200’s calendar, including whether respondents had high school-aged children attending D200.
2. Election Day Impact: Feedback on how to address Tuesday, November 3, 2026, which is designated as a state holiday for local elections and is recommended as a non-attendance day for students.

Resources for Review

- 2026-2027 Important Dates (below)
- 2026-2027 Calendar Response Summaries (below)
- 2026-2027 Proposed Calendar: List View
- 2026-2027 Proposed Calendar: Full Calendar View
- 2026-2027 Proposed Calendar: ISBE Calendar View

Important Dates for 2026-2027

Student Start Date: Wednesday, August 19, 2026

Student End Date: Friday, June 4, 2027 (not including 5 emergency days)

Emergency Days (if needed): June 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11, 2026

Legal Holidays

- Monday, September 7, 2026: Labor Day
- Monday, October 12, 2026: Indigenous Peoples' Day / Columbus Day
- Thursday, November 25, 2026: Thanksgiving Day
- Monday, January 18, 2027: MLK, Jr. Birthday
- Monday, February 15, 2027: Presidents' Day
- Monday, May 31, 2027: Memorial Day

Non-Attendance Days

- Monday, September 21, 2026 (Yom Kippur; aligned with D200 and D97)
- Tuesday, November 3, 2026 * (Local election, State Holiday, aligned with D200 and D97)
- Friday, November 14, 2026 (After conferences)
- Wednesday, November 24 and Friday, November 26, 2026 (Thanksgiving break)
- Friday, March 26, 2027 (Good Friday, aligned with D200 and D97)

Winter Break: December 21, 2026 – January 1, 2027 (aligned with D200 and D97)

Spring Break: March 29 – April 2, 2027 (aligned with D200 and D97)

Institute Days

- Friday, August 14, 2026
- Monday, August 17, 2026
- Tuesday, August 18, 2026
- Tuesday, February 16, 2027

In- Service Half Days

- Friday, October 30, 2026
- Thursday, January 28, 2027
- Friday, April 23, 2027
- Friday, May 28, 2027

Parent Teacher Conferences

- Wednesday evening, November 11, 2026 **
- Thursday daytime and evening, November 12, 2026
- Thursday evening, February 25, 2027
- Friday daytime, February 26, 2027

**Change for 2026-2027 due to local elections*

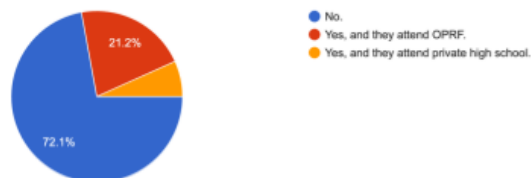
***Fall Parent/Teacher Conferences are one week later due to a non attendance day on 11/3/26.*

Community Survey Results- 208 Responses

Respondents: 53% from RMS, 49% from Lincoln, and 27% from Willard

Do you currently and/or will you have a high school aged student(s) in 2026-2027?

208 responses



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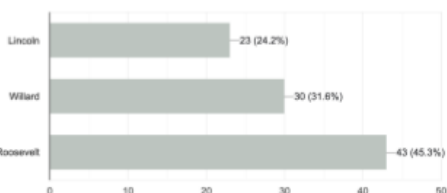
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Staff Survey Results- 95 respondents

Which school is your main place of work?

95 responses



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