

**DU PAGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT 13**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Bloomington, Illinois**  
**Regular Meeting    November 25, 2019**

**FOR INFORMATION:**

**Subject:**     **Superintendent's Report**

Calendar Focus Group -

The calendar focus group met on Monday, November 18 to review the changes proposed for 2019-2020 as well as a draft of the 2020-2021 school year. These changes will be reflected on the December agenda for action once the focus group completes a final meeting on December 9. Among the changes are:

*2019-2020 Calendar*

Added Records Day (May 26) and Sorting & Ordering Day (May 8);

Parent Teacher Conferences in November counted as attendance days;

Removed early release day on January 15;

*2020-2021 Calendar*

Move the half day institute day to January 15;

May adjust sorting and ordering day to reflect Spring MAP testing results.

Other discussion points included aligning early release days to Lake Park's SMART days (also early release), moving Parent Teacher Conferences to October, some aesthetic changes to the appearance of the calendar grid sheet, some discussion on e-learning and excused days of attendance for days of cultural significance. I enjoyed the dialogue and participation of those in attendance!

Community Coffees –

I will be arranging for the three community coffees for Saturday morning dates in January, February, and March of 2020. Announcements of those dates will be made through the school e-newsletters, the District website and Facebook page. I will also forward them to the Village for use in residential e-news email blasts and the Village Almanac.

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**St. Louis Trip –**

Every two years the Westfield Band and Choir programs have been approved by the Board of Education to go to St. Louis. Fundraising takes place over that time and the trip is usually scheduled at the end of April. The focus for this trip includes providing students with performance experiences, audience attendance experiences, opportunities for travel and visiting tourist attractions, camaraderie amongst the music students and a reward for their hard work throughout the year. Each group will perform in a ranked music festival judged by three nationally known judges. While the exact performance venue has not yet been determined, the groups have been guaranteed to perform in an auditorium (as opposed to the usual gymnasium performances) which is an important experience for the students. More information will be shared as it becomes available and it will be brought to the Board of Education for approval by the next meeting in December.

**Board/Union Meeting –**

On Tuesday, November 19, the Board (represented by Cary Moreth and Matt Boebel) met with the Union (represented by Mariela Siegert and Justine Albig) to begin a dialogue on those items that were addressed as issues at the bargaining table, but were mutually determined to be better addressed at these meetings. Mr. Moreth and Mr. Boebel will share their thoughts on the meeting and what the projected outcomes from future meetings going forward.