

## **Prepared by Dr. Jeffrey Alstadt**

### **2026-2027 Public School Calendar**

Administration presents the 2026-2027 Public School Calendar for Board approval. Following the "First Reading" and subsequent discussions, the final draft incorporates key adjustments to ensure operational efficiency and community alignment. Additionally, this proposal includes the recommended dates for the PreSchool program for formal approval.

#### **Key Considerations & Data Analysis**

- The District surveyed stakeholders regarding Spring Break preferences (130 responses). While a "split break" received the highest percentage of votes (39.2%), adopting it would cause a misalignment with the High School. To ensure consistency for families, the Administration has set the break to mirror the High School's schedule: Friday, March 26 through Friday, April 2, 2027.
- The non-student attendance day has been moved to Election Day (November 3, 2026) to maintain alignment with the High School and other area districts. In the draft presented last month, this was previously coded as a holiday for Casimir Pulaski Day.
- The following dates are recommended for approval for the 2026–2027 PreK school year, contingent upon the district calendar remaining consistent with the current school year:
  - Second Wednesday of each month: Home Enrichment Days (Excluding August, December, and March).
  - Last Wednesday of each month: Family Engagement Days (Aligned with district School Improvement Days).
  - All of these dates fall on Wednesdays, which are already scheduled as half days or early dismissal days. Details regarding specific activities will be planned and communicated at a later date.
- The proposed calendar maintains the established philosophy for Thanksgiving and Winter Break, as well as current instructional start and dismissal times to preserve established family routines and transportation schedules.

Administration has reviewed these final changes with the Streator Education Association.

#### **Calendar Specifications**

- First Student Day: August 12, 2026
- Last Student Day: May 20, 2027
- Total Attendance Days: 176

**Recommendation:** That the Board of Education approve the 2026-2027 Public School Calendar and the recommended PreK non-attendance dates as presented.