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## MEMORANDUM

To:

Dr. Carol Kelley, Superintendent

District 97 Board of Education

From:

Steve Cummins, Senior Director of Human Resources

Re:

2016-17 School Year Final Calendar Committee Recommendations

Date: February 3, 2015

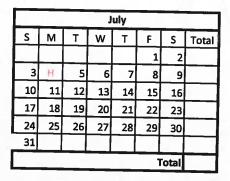
The Calendar Committee is recommending final approval of the 2016-17 school year calendar, with no changes from the 2016-17 calendar previously presented to the Board. Individuals representing the Board, Administration, and members from several bargaining groups provided input at several meetings on the calendar committee. Community and instructional needs were both taken into account in the final 2016-17 recommendation. The calendar abides by the number of student and staff attendance days relative to IL School Code requirements and collective bargaining agreements.

A summary of the important elements within the 2016-17 calendar are as follows:

- The student start date will begin on a Monday August 29, 2016. The District 97 student start date is the Monday following the week students begin at OPRFHS District 200.
- Winter and Spring Breaks continue to coordinate to the OPRFHS District 200 calendar.
- Thanksgiving Break will continue to occur Wednesday through Friday. The Wednesday before Thanksgiving continues to be a non-attendance day for both students and staff.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> trimester conference dates continue to be scheduled in mid-February. This affords opportunities for data to be shared from the winter MAP assessments at the time of conferences. Winter MAP testing, which occurs following winter break, is sometimes not concluded until late January.
- Students will not be in attendance on two election days occur during the 2016-17 school year. This follows the State of Illinois recommendation that schools chosen to be polling places to either close for the day or hold a teachers' institute with students not in attendance.
  - November 8, 2016 General Election
  - April 4, 2017 Consolidated Election
- Students will be in attendance on the Veterans Day and Casmir Pulaski Day holidays. The timing of the November 8, 2016 general election impacted the committee's recommendation to have students in session on Veterans Day, which occurs on the Friday of the same week.
- The last day of school (absent of emergency days) will be on a Wednesday June 7, 2017. This allows for several additional days during the week should emergency days be utilized for extreme weather (without going into a new a calendar week).

The Calendar Committee now turns it attention to formulating a tentative 2017-18 calendar recommendation. Topics such as implementing a mid-week start date for District 97 students during the same week of students beginning at OPRFHS will be studied.

## Oak Park School District 97 School Calendar For 2016-2017 (FINAL)



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	Labor Day
6	Columbus Day
	Thanksgiving Day
	Christmas Day
	New Year's Day
)	M.L. King's Birthday President's Day
	Memorial Day
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Legal School Holidays

9/5/2016 10/10/2016 11/24/2016 12/25/2016 1/1/2017

1/16/2017 2/20/2017 5/29/2017

Calendar Legend		
Legal School Holiday	H	
Not in Attendance	X	
Half-Day P/T Conf End of Grading Period	PT *	
School begins School ends	( )	
Emergency Day	$\boxtimes$	

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