



# Oak Park Elementary School District 97

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To: Members, Board of Education

From: Dr. Ushma Shah, Superintendent

Re: Revised SY23-24 Calendar

Date: March 8, 2023

## Overview

The SY23-24 school calendar was approved by the District 97 Board of Education on May 24, 2022. The information that was included with the Board materials appears in Appendix A below.

In late February 2023 a question was raised regarding the possible need to consider having a non-attendance day on March 19, 2024, the day of the municipal election. Our Be Safe and Healthy district priority team reviewed this option and is recommending that we make this change in the SY23-24 calendar. The change eliminates the need for the voting public to enter school buildings while students are in session.

As our team began to review the calendar, it came to our attention that there were other errors on the approved SY23-24 calendar. The adjustments are outlined in the table below. A revised calendar is included in Appendix B.

This revised calendar has been reviewed and approved by the district’s Calendar Committee, Professional Learning Committee, Diversity Council as well as members of the district’s senior leadership team. Upon approval by the Board of Education, we will send the revised calendar to staff, included in the Friday Wrap-up and post on the website.

Revision	Sy23-24 Calendar Approved on May 24, 2022	Proposed Revision	Rationale
Non-attendance day during municipal election	April 29th	March 19th	The spring Institute Day has been shifted up to March 19th to align with the municipal election on that date and better support student safety on election days. April 29th will now be a student attendance day.
Overall number of student attendance days	180 days	178 days	The previous draft of the calendar contained 180 student attendance days, rather than the contractual 178. The addition of the Fall Institute Day (November 10 2023) and adjustment to the last day of school(formerly ended on June 5, 2023 and now ends on June 4, 2023) resolves this error.
Institute Days	3 Institute Days (August 21-22 and April 29)	4 Institute Days (Add November 10th to the other three days - August 21-22 and March 19)	The approved calendar identified 3 Institute Days, rather than the contractual 4 Institute Days. The Nov 10 date was selected as a fall date due to its alignment with Veterans Day.

Calculation of student attendance days in December	The number of student attendance days is listed as 13	The number of student attendance days is listed as 15	The previous draft of the calendar miscalculated the number of student attendance days in December, this has now been corrected.
Adjustment to the last day of school	June 5th	June 4th	The revised last day of school will now be June 4th.
Adjustment to emergency days	June 6th-12th	June 5th-11th	The adjustment of the last day of school means that the end-of-year emergency days will now be June 5th-11th.

Appendix A

SY24 [Draft Calendar Memo](#) to the Board of Education

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Appendix B  Draft FY24 Calendar - Updated 03.02.23.pdf