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MEMO

Date: 9/14/2020
To: Dr. Ed Condon, *Superintendent*
From: Dr. Alison Hawley, *Director of Curriculum and Instruction*
RE: Recommendation to Revise the Public School Calendar for the 2020-21 School Year

Background

At the Wednesday, August 5, 2020 Special Board of Education meeting, The Oak Park and River Forest High School Board of Education approved a measure to shift the dates for Winter Break to Thursday, December 24, 2020 – Friday, January 8, 2021. The previous District 200 Public School Calendar had scheduled the Winter Break from Monday, December, 21, 2020 – Friday, January 1, 2021, and was created in partnership with District 90 and Oak Park Elementary 97 to align.

Overview

In response to the alteration of the the D200 Public School Calendar, the District 90 Calendar Committee, comprised of administrators, teachers, a River Forest Education Association co-president, and parent representatives convened to review the changes. The D90 Calendar Committee drafted one survey for the community and one survey for D90 staff to gather input related to maintaining the district's previously approved calendar or adjust it to maintain alignment with D200.

The results of the surveys are as follows:

Community survey: 620 responses
Align calendar to D200: 62.58% (388 respondents)
Maintain current calendar: 37.42% (232 respondents)

D90 staff survey: 147 responses
Align calendar to D200: 51.41% (73 respondents)
Maintain current calendar: 48.59% (69 respondents)

Based on the results of the surveys, the D90 Calendar Committee recommends that District 90 adjust its Public School Calendar to align its winter break with D200. The adjustment would include the following changes:

- Revised winter break for students: Thursday, December 24, 2020 – Friday, January 8, 2021.
- Revised winter break for D90 staff : Thursday, December 24, 2020 – Wednesday, January 6, 2021.
- Staff returns on Thursday, January 7th and Friday, January 8th for two full Remote Learning Planning days.
- Casimir Pulaski Day will become a student attendance day.
- Last day of student and staff attendance: Friday, June 11, 2021

Please find attached a copy of the community results from the D90 Calendar Survey, a copy of the staff results from the D90 Calendar Survey, and an illustration of how the D90 calendar would change if it is amended to reflect District 200.