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Inclement Weather Calendar Waiver Request

District:	Paragould School District
LEA Number:	2808000
Superintendent:	Nicholas Jankoviak
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Contact for Waiver:	Nicholas Jankoviak
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Contact Phone:	(870) 240-2291
Date Received by DESE:	02-13-2024

By submitting this waiver request, the Superintendent certifies that the following requirements have been met:

- The local board has approved the waiver request and revised calendar.
- The personnel policy committee (PPC) has approved the revised calendar.
- The revised calendar has been posted on the district's website.
- The calendar reflects 1,068 hours of in-person student instruction that will be provided during the 2023-2024 school year.

Further, the Superintendent certifies that the district will input into eSchool, eFinance, or APSCN, all data that affects the ADM of the public school district; and ensures compliance with the required minimum number of school instructional hours.

Topic:	Alternate School Calendar Submission Deadlines
Standards/Statutes/Rules:	Ark. Code Ann. § 6-10-106(g)(3) regarding calendar submission deadline
Duration Requested:	2023-2024 School Year
Schools, Grades or Classes the Waiver Will Apply To	K-12
PURPOSE OF THE WAIVER (Must check at least one)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Allow the district to transition to an alternate calendar requiring 1,068 hours of student instruction

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I am also requesting that the Division waive Ark. Code Ann. § 6-18-213(b), which requires that the official reporting period for attendance shall be quarterly with the actual number of days counted in each period to be no less than forty (40) nor more than fifty (50).

District plan to make up time or days for inclement weather

In a recent Commissioner's Memo released by the Arkansas Department of Education the state provided guidance regarding options for Districts to make up instructional time missed due to inclement weather. Districts currently on a traditional 178-day calendar may request to change to an alternate calendar, which requires 1,068 hours, the equivalent of 6 hours of instructional time for 178 days (6 hours per day x 178 days = 1068 hours of instruction).

It is important to note that 6 hours of instruction time each day is a minimum standard. Currently all K-12 schools across the Paragould School District provide a minimum of 6 hours and 15 minutes of instruction in the daily schedule. By switching from a traditional calendar to an alternate calendar the Paragould School District will be able to bank up to 7 days of instructional time (15 minutes per day x 174 days = 2610 minutes). A total of 2610 minutes / 360 minutes per day = just over 7 days. Our preschool program is open from 7:45 - 3:00 each day. This is also 15 minutes more than the 7 hours that are required in the ADE Rules Governing Arkansas Better Chance. Our intention is to provide a plan that parallels K-12 schools across the District.

As a result of inclement weather/road conditions the District was closed on January 15-18 (4 days). If the District transitions to an alternate calendar students will NOT be required to make up bad weather days as a result of banked instructional time. We have the ability to miss 3 additional days without having to add make up days to the end of the school calendar. The last day of the year remains May 24, 2024.

**PARAGOULD SCHOOL DISTRICT
PARAGOULD, ARKANSAS**

BOARD MEETING – February 12, 2024

Jeremy Hancock called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Administration Office. Other members present were Wendy McDowell, Josh Honeycutt, Kevin Gill, Kyle Jackson, and Teresa Hill.

Others present were: Dr. Nick Jankoviak, Superintendent; Matt McGowan, Assistant Superintendent; Pam Beach, Personnel Director; Angie Johnson, Superintendent's Secretary.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made by Josh Honeycutt and seconded by Kyle Jackson to approve the consent agenda items. Motion carried.

- Approval of Minutes
 - January 8, 2024-Regular Meeting
 - January 17, 2024-Special Meeting
- Financial Statements
- Payment of Bills
- Legal Transfer Requests

STUDENT ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

Mr. McGowan reviewed the High Impact Tutor Grant the district has received.

AMPLIFY TUTORING PROPOSAL

Motion was made by Kevin Gill and seconded by Teresa Hill to approve the contract for tutoring service through Amplify for \$108,000.00 for the 2023-2024 school year. Motion carried.

IMAGINE LEARNING TUTORING PROPOSAL

Motion was made by Teresa Hill and seconded by Kevin Gill to approve a contract for tutoring services through Imagine Learning for \$75,264.00 for the 2023-2024 school year. Motion carried.

CONSTRUCTION MANAGER AUTHORIZATION

Motion was made by Josh Honeycutt and seconded by Kevin Gill to enter into a Construction Management/General Construction contract with Nabholz Construction to serve as Construction Manager for future projects within the Paragould School District. Motion carried.

INCLEMENT WEATHER CALENDAR WAIVER

Motion was made by Kyle Jackson and seconded by Teresa Hill to approve the inclement weather calendar waiver request and revised calendar as presented. Motion carried.

ACT 1240 RESOLUTION

Motion was made by Josh Honeycutt and seconded by Teresa Hill to approve a resolution authorizing the District to request a waiver that will allow a start date no earlier than August 12 for each of the next five years. Motion carried.

VEHICLE PURCHASE

Motion was made by Josh Honeycutt and seconded Kyle Jackson by to change the total purchase price of 3 vehicles from Glen Said Ford, including the trade-in of current school property, from \$145,020.00 to \$137,789.00. Motion carried.

PERSONNEL

Motion was made by Josh Honeycutt and seconded by Teresa Hill to approve all personnel recommendations as listed. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Josh Honeycutt and seconded by Teresa Hill to adjourn. Motion carried.

(Board President)

(Board Secretary)

PPC Committee Meeting Minutes 1-30-2024

1. Pam Cox motioned to call the meeting to order at 3:33 pm
 - a. Daniel Davis seconded the motion
2. Pam Cox turned the meeting over to Dr. Jankoviak.
3. Dr. Jankoviak passed out a handout on inclement weather make-up day guidance from the Arkansas Department of Education Commissioner's Memo on January 25, 2024.
 - a. <https://adecm.ade.arkansas.gov/ViewApprovedMemo.aspx?Id=5567>
 - b. Options for our district:
 - i. We can add time and days to our traditional calendar.
 1. This means attending school 4 days of our make-up days scheduled on the calendar.
 - ii. Or, we switch to an alternate calendar where we go by hours instead of days
 1. We are already above the standard amount of daily time required so we can use the time we have banked to count towards our missed time.
 2. Standard amount of daily time is 360 minutes. We currently go 375 minutes.
 - a. 15 minutes X 174 days= 2610 minutes or 7.25 days
 3. With this amount of time banked, we would not have to make up any days.
 - c. The PPC committee voted to switch the Paragould School District Calendar to the alternate calendar of 1068 hours instead of the traditional calendar that we currently have of 178 days.
 - i. All in favor of adopting the alternate calendar for the remainder of the 2024 year-9, All opposed-0.
 - d. Questions were asked about the pre-K because their grant requires them to go 178 days regardless.
 - i. Video was played from Arkansas Deputy Commissioner, Stacy Smith that gave some insight that the 178 were being looked into for pre-K.
 - e. Video also mentioned that schools could still do a 178 day calendar and have those days banked for inclement weather because 1068 hours is the minimum required not the maximum and it gives the schools ability for flexibility.
 - f. DESE wants schools to continue to go the 178 days even when switching to the alternate so that the days are banked and the schools do not have to worry about make-up days for inclement weather.

4. Pam Cox motioned that the meeting be adjourned at 3:50 pm
 - a. Conner and Weber 2nd
 - b. 9 in favor, 0 opposed
 - c. Next meeting date will be February 21st, 3:30 pm in the central office conference room.

Members in Attendance for PPC meeting on 1.30.2024

1. Pam Cox-PHS
2. Chandler Weber-PJHS
3. Jeana Hayes-WWE
4. Madyson Scott-PPE
5. Sheena Moss-PPE
6. Melanie Beliew-S21C
7. Sarah Hay-Baldwin
8. Wayne Conner-OGE
9. Daniel Davis-OGMS
10. Nick Jankoviak-Superintendent

PSD 2023-2024 ALTERNATE CALENDAR

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May 2024						
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June 2024						
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August 7-10 Teacher PD/Non PD Days
August 14 First Day 1st Semester
September 4 Labor Day Holiday
September 14 P/T Conf. 4:00-7:00
September 15 Staff Professional Development 8:30-3:30 (PLC meetings)
October 13 End of 1st Quarter (43 Days)
November 6 Staff Professional Development 8:30-3:30 (PLC meetings)
November 20-24 Fall Break
December 20 End of 2nd Quarter (42 Days)
December 21 - January 3 Winter Break
January 4 First Day of 2nd Semester
January 15-18 No School Due To Inclement Weather
February 8 P/T Conf. 4:00-7:00
February 9 Staff Professional Development 8:30-3:30 (PLC meetings)
February 19 President's Day Holiday
March 8 End of 3rd Qtr. (41 Days)
March 18-22 Spring Break
March 29 No School
April 8 No School
May 27 Memorial Day Holiday
May 24 End of 4th Qtr. (48 Days)

****If needed, calendar will extend beyond May 27 until all make up days are completed.**

Notes	
The Arkansas Department of Education issued a waiver that allows Districts to transition their calendar from traditional to alternate. Alternate calendars require 1,068 hours. Through the waiver process Districts have been allowed to "bank" instructional time and substitute that time for inclement weather days. The Paragould School District exceeds the minimum standard of 6 hours of instruction each day and will take advantage of the waiver process. Transitioning to an alternate calendar ensures students will NOT be required to make up inclement weather days for up to 7 days.	
Quarters	
1st Quarter - Aug. 14 - Oct. 13 (43 days)	
2nd Quarter - Oct. 16 - Dec. 20 (42 days)	
3rd Quarter - Jan. 4 - March 8 (41 days)	
4th Quarter - March 11 - May 24 (48 days)	
Total Student Instructional Days = 174	
Total Instructional Hours (375 min. per day) = 1087.5 hours	
Make Up Days	
The first 7 make up days are included in the calendar.	
Day 8	May 28
Day 9	May 29
Day 10	May 30



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February 1, 2024

ABC Program Inclement Weather Days- Public School Programs

ADE Rules Governing Arkansas Better Chance (ABC) require 178 days of student interaction. If a program was unable to provide services **due to inclement weather** and can demonstrate an effort to make up days that parallels the school schedule for make-up, they may submit their plan below **only** for inclement weather days.

However, if a district is choosing to have a shortened yearly calendar that is not 178 days (4-day week or alternate calendar based on hours for less days) and it is **not** weather related then the ABC program must remain open for those previously scheduled days.

If an ABC site will be making changes to their approved 2023-2024 ABC Calendar to align with the school district for missed inclement weather days, this document will need to be completed to reflect the dates missed for each site due to inclement weather and the district's plan to make up the time or days missed for inclement weather.

ABC Agency: Paragould School District

ABC Agency Contact: Caleb Williams, Preschool Director

District/ABC Site Name	ABC Site Contact Name & phone #	Dates missed due to inclement weather only	District plan to make up time or days for inclement weather
Paragould School District / School of the 21st Century	Caleb Williams (870) 240-2281	January 15, 16, 17, and 18	K-12 schools across the Paragould School District have a minimum of 6 hours and 15 minutes built into the daily schedule. Our preschool program is open from 7:45 - 3:00 each day. This is also 15 minutes more than the 7 hours that are required in the ADE Rules Governing Arkansas Better Chance. Our intention is to provide a plan that parallels the school district schedule for make-up days. By switching to an alternate calendar the District is able to bank up to 7 days of instruction. We will use 4 of the 7 days for dates missed due to inclement weather. The last day of the year remains May 24, 2024.



Nick Jankoviak <njankoviak@paragouldschools.net>

Fwd: ABC Program Inclement Weather Days- Public School Programs

1 message

Caleb Williams <cwilliams@paragouldschools.net>
To: Nick Jankoviak <njankoviak@paragouldschools.net>

Thu, Feb 8, 2024 at 2:22 PM

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From: **Lori Bridges (OEC)** <Lori.Bridges@ade.arkansas.gov>

Date: Thu, Feb 8, 2024 at 1:40 PM

Subject: RE: ABC Program Inclement Weather Days- Public School Programs

To: Caleb Williams <cwilliams@paragouldschools.net>, Cynthia G. Engles (OEC) <Cynthia.Engles@ade.arkansas.gov>, Susan Underwood (OEC) <Susan.Underwood@ade.arkansas.gov>

Caleb,

Paragould SD's ABC Inclement Weather Plan to align with the district in utilizing accumulated minutes above the required 7 hours per day per ADE Rules Governing ABC is approved for the remainder of the 2023-2024 program year.

Lori Bridges | Director of Early Childhood Programs

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