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MEMO

Date: 12/18/23

To: Dr. Ed Condon

From: Dr. Alison Hawley

RE: District 90 Public School Calendar 2024-2025

At the November 20, 2023, Board of Education meeting, the District 90 Calendar Committee presented its initial draft recommendation of the Public School Calendar for the 2024-25 school year for Board review and discussion. After careful review and consideration, the Board of Education requested that Rosh Hashanah be added to the calendar since Yom Kippur would be observed on a weekend in the Fall of 2024.

As requested, the District 90 Calendar Committee revised the Public School Calendar to observe Rosh Hashanah on October 3, 2024, and developed two additional options for Board consideration. As part of the revision process, the D90 Calendar Committee also sent out a second survey to D90 staff to gather additional feedback related to the potential shift of the start and end dates for the school year.

The three Public School Calendar 2024-25 options for Board consideration are as follows:

Option #1: The calendar as presented at the November 20, 2023, Board of Education meeting.

Option #2: Includes the addition of Rosh Hashanah, as well as a new start date for staff on Friday, August 16th, reflecting the staff preference to retain Friday, June 6, 2025, as the last day of school. The student start date would shift from Thursday, August 22, 2024, to Wednesday, August 21, 2024.

Option #3: Includes the addition of Rosh Hashanah and the reduction of one student attendance day to retain the original recommendation to start the school year on Monday, August 19, 2024, and end on Friday, June 6, 2025. River Forest students currently attend three additional school days (179) beyond the Illinois State Board of Education requirement for student attendance (176).



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As a reminder, the proposed calendars reflect the Illinois State Board of Education requirements for student attendance, emergency days, parent teacher conferences, and professional development days. District 90 also consults with District 97 and District 200 to ensure our calendars align to the greatest extent possible. Both District 97 and District 200 will also have Rosh Hashanah listed as a non-attendance day on their 2024-25 Public School Calendars.

Attached please find the complete copy of the second D90 Staff Calendar Survey requesting additional feedback related to the start and end date for the 2024-25 school year, and three Illinois State Board of Education Public School Calendar templates outlining the three options listed above.