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TO: Members, Board of Education

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RE: School Calendar 2011-2012

DATE: December 6, 2011

The calendar committee consisting of representatives from the OPTA, OPESP, OPTAA, Principals, Central Office Administration and a Board Member met and developed the attached recommended calendar for the 2011-2012 school year. Some highlights of this calendar are:

- Both Winter and Spring Break coincide with the calendar of OPRF. It is very important to coordinate these two long breaks so that the students have the same weeks off.
- We have added a “not in attendance” day on December 23rd. We felt that the lateness of the beginning of winter break might impact families who will be traveling; this would give one additional day prior to the beginning of the holiday.
- The start date of this calendar is in the same week as the current year.
- We have moved the Institute Day that has occurred in January to the beginning of the school year. There will be two Institute Days, August 22nd and 23rd and the students will begin on Wednesday, August 24th. We need to set the focus for the year and to have meaningful staff development on the new Language Arts curriculum; these two days will give us that opportunity.
- We have linked the Veterans’ Day observance and the November Institute Day to coincide with the November Election Day. Our schools are all polling places, this addresses concerns of security for our students. Our school doors are locked all other school days, yet on Election Day, doors are open, with many adults entering our schools. We have added a “not in attendance” day on the Wednesday before the Thanksgiving break.
- We will continue to have a “not in attendance” day coinciding with the Friday prior to Easter.
- We continue to have 180 days in our calendar. The two added “not in attendance” days impact the last day of attendance which will be June 5. This year the last day of attendance is June 3.

The calendar will be brought to the Board on January 11, 2011 for adoption.

Attachments: 2011-2012 Draft Calendar