



2026-2027 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Board of Education Committee of the Whole
February 10, 2026

- Crete-Monee Education Association
- Association of Crete-Monee Employees
- Dr. Ghantel Perkins, Assistant Superintendent, Office of Teaching and Learning
- Dr. Kara Coglianese, Superintendent

CALENDAR COMMITTEE		CMEA, ACME, ADMINISTRATORS	
Margaret Caraher - ELC/CSK	Carolyn Rudolf - Specialists	Christine Quinlan - CMEA	Kokona Chrisos - CMMS
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Lisa Teslow - Monee	Lyndia McCarthy - CMHS Bridges		Ghantel Perkins - OTL

2025-2026 CALENDAR COMMITTEE MEETINGS

December 4, 2025

4:15 pm to 5:30 pm - In-Person

December 8, 2025

4:00 pm to 4:30 pm - Virtual

January 7, 2026

4:00 pm to 4:30 pm - Virtual

January 26, 2026

4:00 pm to 4:30 pm - Virtual

CMEA AGREEMENT

ARTICLE VI - PROFESSIONAL COMMITTEES AND ARTICLE VIII - ASSOCIATION AND TEACHERS RIGHTS

6.1 The Board agrees to the establishment of Professional Association Committees for the following areas: teacher evaluation (including PERA and SB 7), health and medical insurance, employee handbook, school climate/student discipline and the annual school calendar. Association members of any Professional Association Committee will be selected by the Association. Professional Association Committee(s) will be empowered to make recommendations in the above mentioned areas to the Board or its designee.

8.3 The Superintendent or his/her designee shall meet with the representatives of the Association to seek their suggestions for a calendar to be subsequently recommended to the Board for approval. Such schedule shall not include more than one hundred eighty-five (185) teacher employment days. The Board acknowledges the existence of its policy to delete from its calendar the unused emergency days at the end of the school term.

8.4 The Association President shall be provided with a copy of the draft High School Schedule by July 15 of each year. A committee of no more than five teachers, serving without pay, may thereafter meet with the Administration to discuss the schedule prior to July 31 of each year. During that period, the committee of teachers may make recommendations regarding the schedule but shall not have any decision-making authority with regard to the schedule.

OVERVIEW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flexible Days - Not in Session (Five Holidays) Reason Types • Feedback (Staff-Snow Day; Parents Number of School Improvement Days, Consistency, Parent Comments) • Efficiency Plan - Chromebooks- Snow Days • Wednesday/Records Day (Design A/B Schedule) • Still Balancing Trimesters and Quarters • Final Construction/Improvements Concerns • New Hire Orientation Days – Three Days • ELC Creates a Separate Calendar for ELC Only • August 17, 2026 – Grades 1 through 9 Only • August 19, 2026 – Grades K and 10, 11, and 12 • Professional Development in April as a Full School Improvement Day • CM High School Finals Complete Before Winter Recess; MYP (IB) • CMMS 8th-Grade Ceremony and CMHS Graduation and ACT Dates – Added to the Final Calendar 		
STATE HOLIDAYS	<table border="1" data-bbox="257 537 1837 781"> <tr> <td data-bbox="257 537 1032 781"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Independence Day • Labor Day • Indigenous Peoples' Day • Veterans Day • Thanksgiving Day • Christmas Day </td><td data-bbox="1032 537 1837 781"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Year's Day • Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday • Lincoln's Birthday/Presidents Day • Pulaski Day • End Prior Memorial Day </td></tr> </table>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Independence Day • Labor Day • Indigenous Peoples' Day • Veterans Day • Thanksgiving Day • Christmas Day 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Year's Day • Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday • Lincoln's Birthday/Presidents Day • Pulaski Day • End Prior Memorial Day
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ISBE PENDING HOLIDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the event that the 2026 Midterm Election Day (November 3, 2026) is designated as a legal school holiday by the state of Illinois, the school year will be extended by 1 day and the calendar will be updated. 		
EARLY DISMISSAL DAYS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Combination of School Improvement and Record Days 		

HOLIDAY WAIVER STAFF SURVEY

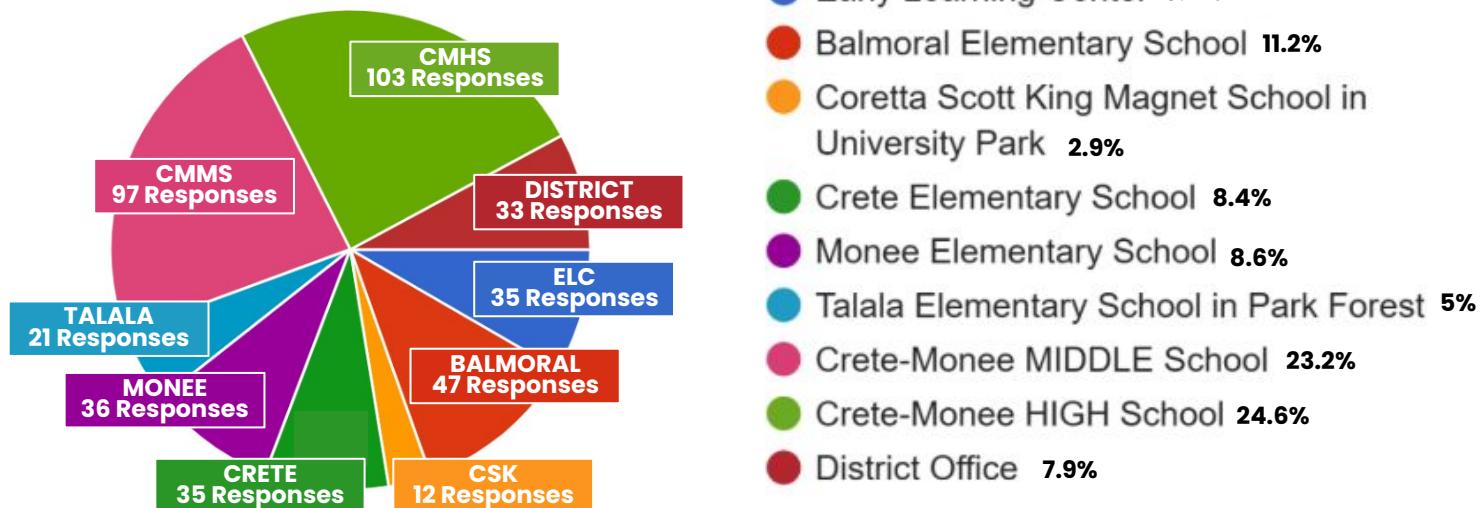
- The purpose of the holiday waiver was to provide the district with flexibility in the event of an emergency closure or a weather-related disruption when E-Learning is unavailable.
- The holiday waiver does not automatically remove holidays. It simply gives the district the option to use them as attendance days if needed, helping protect the end-of-year calendar and avoid extending the school year.

- **Survey Sent to ALL Staff:** Wednesday, January 14, 2026
- **Responses Due:** Friday, January 16, 2026 by 4:00 pm
- **Three Survey Questions:**
 - Work Location
 - Union (if applicable)
 - “If a full-day closure occurs and an E-Learning Day can't be implemented, I would prefer to:
 - ✓ use emergency days in June and EXTEND THE SCHOOL YEAR.
 - ✓ attend school on a flex holiday to AVOID EXTENDING THE SCHOOL YEAR with at least 30 days notice.
 - ✓ I don't have a preference.

HOLIDAY WAIVER STAFF SURVEY RESULTS

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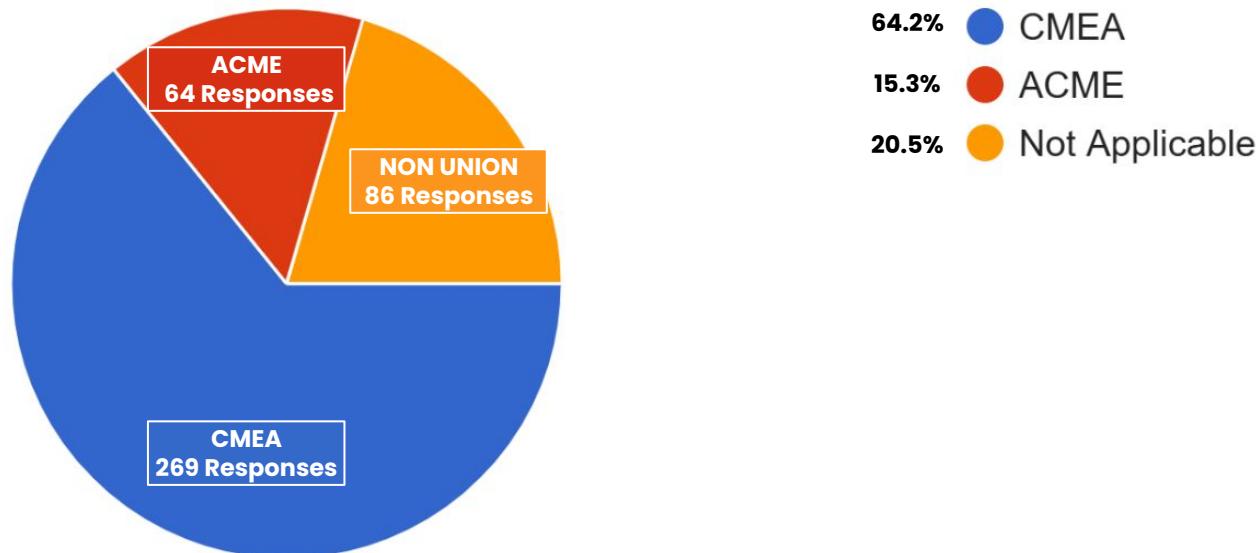
419 responses



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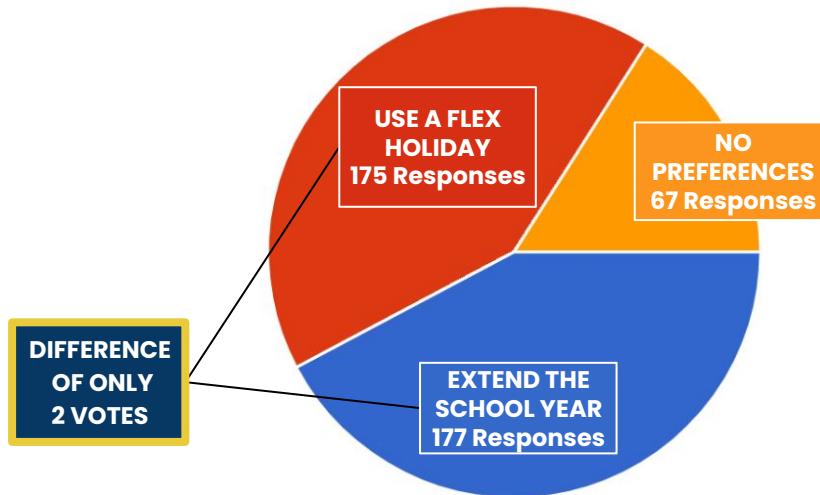
If applicable, indicate the union you are a part of.

419 responses



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If a full-day closure occurs and an E-Learning Day can't be implemented, I would prefer to:
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- 42.2%** ● use emergency days in June and EXTEND THE SCHOOL YEAR.
- 41.8%** ● attend school on a flex holiday to AVOID EXTENDING THE SCHOOL YEAR with at least 30 days notice.
- 16%** ● I don't have a preference.

PROPOSED 2026-2027 CALENDAR

The committee met multiple times to review instructional, operational, and student-impact considerations before making this recommendation to the CM 201-U Board of Education.

PENDING

The final calendar will be presented for CM 201-U Board of Education approval on approval Tuesday, February 17, 2026.



PROPOSED 2026-2027 SCHOOL CALENDAR LINK

THANK YOU
QUESTIONS?



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