



Prospect Heights School District 23
Board Memorandum
Action Item

Date: April 10, 2025

Title: Calendar Updates

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The District 23 Joint Calendar Committee met on March 19, 2025 and there are no recommendations to modify the 2024-25 School Calendar. (The Board will recall that we took action last month on the last day of school for Early Childhood.)

In reviewing the 2025-2026 Calendar, there were three specific recommendations:

1) Yom Kippur holiday

In our DRAFT calendar adopted in November, we had identified Rosh Hashanah (9/23) as a day of non-attendance. After feedback from PHEA, it was requested that Yom Kippur, Thursday, October 2nd be provided as the day of non-attendance in recognition of that holiday being of more significance for our Jewish families and staff. Therefore, the recommended calendar now shows 10/2/25 as a day of non-attendance.

2) October Teacher Institute Day

After selecting Thursday, 10/2 as a day of non-attendance, the committee discussed options for Friday, 10/3. It was agreed that we could move the previously scheduled Teacher Institute Day from Monday, 10/13 to Friday, 10/3 to provide families with an extended weekend rather than two disrupted short weeks. Our professional development needs can be met by this change and we are also able to reschedule our Wellness Fair for staff to this day as well.

3) Increased communication of changes

These changes, as well as the changes to our January Institute Days, prompted the committee to recommend an increase in our communications surrounding the calendar for next year. In addition to our standard processes, Dr. Angelaccio and Mr. Alms will collaborate to develop specific, targeted communications about the modifications in next year's calendar from previous years'. This is intended to support families and staff in their planning for the upcoming school year and reduce frustrations/confusion.

Recommendation: Approve the REVISED 2025-26 School Calendar for posting and publication.