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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

On August 27, 2015, a Public Hearing will be held during the meeting of the Governing Board of SPEED SEJA 802 at 7:00 p.m. at the SPEED Central Office, 1125 Division Street, Chicago Heights, Illinois. The purpose of the Hearing is to receive testimony from educators, parents, and other members of the public concerning the proposal to permit the School District to use school holidays for the holding of school or school purposes including teacher institutes, parent teacher conferences, and school improvement.

SPEED District 802 is requesting a modification of 105 ILCS 5/24-2, which states that teachers shall not be required to work on legal school holidays. On the dates listed below the district will either: hold regular school with student attendance; hold a parent-teacher conference; hold a school improvement session; hold a teacher in-service; or conduct a teacher institute. Specifically, the district would like to modify the section to exclude the dates below from this provision:

- Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday
- Abraham Lincoln's Birthday
- Casimir Pulaski Day
- Columbus Day
- Veterans' Day

It would be the intent of SPEED District 802 to treat these days as commemorative holidays, during which time the faculty and administrators of the district would coordinate activities which would instruct students on the accomplishments of Dr. King, President Lincoln, General Pulaski, Christopher Columbus and all veterans of foreign wars. We feel that these types of activities would add an educational perspective to the meaning of these days for our students. If a parent-teacher conference, a teacher in-service or a teacher institute is scheduled on the actual holiday, the activities would be performed either the day before or the day after the holiday.