

## Mid-Valley/Fox Valley Career Area Calendar Guidelines

**Strategic Focus** - To facilitate quality instruction among the Mid-Valley Area School Districts, administration and unions will attempt to align school calendars to facilitate shared instructional programs into instructional weeks of no less than 4 days using the following guidelines:

- The first day of school will be the second Wednesday prior to Labor Day.
- It is suggested that there will be no student attendance during Thanksgiving week.
- Winter Break should commence on a Monday and run for 2 weeks. Whenever New Year's Day falls on Sunday, the next day is observed as the federal holiday and should be a non-attendance day.
- The spring county-wide institute day will be scheduled for the Friday preceding Casimir Pulaski's Birthday, in coordination with the regional offices of Kane and DuPage Counties.
- A five-day Spring Break shall be held according to week 39 of the IHSA calendar. However, if week 39 of the IHSA calendar coincides with the spring Consolidated Election, Spring Break will be delayed one week. When Good Friday occurs during the week of Spring Break, the Monday following Spring Break will be used as a teacher attendance or non-attendance day.
- Teacher attendance days, Institute or School Improvement days shall be assigned as follows:
  - o The Monday and Tuesday prior to the first day of school in August
  - o The Friday prior to Columbus Day in October
- Student Non-Attendance Day which may be used for Teacher work days, Parent Teacher Conference Days, Institute or School Improvement Days shall be possibilities as follows:
  - o The Friday Prior to Martin Luther King Day in January
  - o The Friday prior to spring break
  - o The first Friday in November
  - o Good Friday (If this falls on the day before spring break or during spring break, then the Monday after Easter will be a student non-attendance day.)