



Oak Park Elementary School District 97

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MEMORANDUM

To: Dr. Albert Roberts, Superintendent
Members of the Board of Education
From: Steve Cummins, Director of Human Resources
Re: **2014-15 School Year Calendar Final Recommendations**
Date: February 5, 2014

The Calendar Committee has met on several dates and is recommending the following proposed calendar for the 2014-15 school year. Individuals representing the Board, Administration, and members from several bargaining groups provided input on the calendar committee. Community and instructional needs were both taken into account when determining student attendance dates.

A summary of the important elements within the final proposed 2014-15 calendar are as follows:

- The student start date will be Monday, August 25th. This is one week following the high school's student start date. There will be a full week of student attendance prior to the Labor Day holiday on Monday, September 1st.
- Winter and Spring Breaks have been coordinated to the D200 calendar as a result of joint conversations with associates from D200 (OPRFHS) and D90 (River Forest).
 - Winter Break – Monday 12/22/2014 through Friday 1/2/2015
 - Spring Break – Monday 3/30/2015 through Friday 4/3/2015
- Thanksgiving Break will occur Wednesday 11/26/2014 through Friday 11/28/2014
- The two teacher institute days during the school year have been scheduled on Fridays prior to a three-day weekend to afford families additional opportunities for travel.
- Trimester end dates have been adjusted to create greater balance in regards to the number of student attendance days within each trimester
- 2nd trimester conference dates have been scheduled in mid-February (as opposed to late January). This additional time affords greater opportunities for data to be shared from the winter MAP assessments at the time of conferences. Winter MAP testing occurs following winter break is sometimes not concluded until late January.
- Students will be in session on Casimir Pulaski Day holiday.
- The Veterans Day holiday will be observed by a non-attendance day on Monday, November 10th. Students will be in attendance on Tuesday, November 11th, the actual date of Veteran's Day. The committee recommends continuing the practice of not holding school on a Monday or Friday on weeks when the Veterans Day holiday falls in the middle of the week.
- The last day of school (absent of emergency days) will be June 2nd

The 2014-15 proposed calendar abides by the number of student and staff attendance days relative to IL School Code requirements and existing collective bargaining agreements.