



To: Oak Park Elementary School District 97 Board of Education
Dr. Carol Kelley, Superintendent

From: Gina Herrmann, Senior Director of Human Resources

Cc: Felicia Turner-Starks, Associate Superintendent of Education

Date: July 14, 2020

Re: 2020-2021 Calendar

On June 16, 2020, Governor Pritzker approved Senate Bill 1863 that designates November 3, 2020 as a state holiday. Further clarification from the Illinois State Board of Education and West 40 states that this date may not be student attendance day or a teacher institute day. We originally had November 3 noted as a teacher institute day. Therefore, we are recommending that the November 3, 2020 teacher institute day be moved to Friday, August 21 to allow for 3 institute days prior to the start of the 2020-2021 school year. This will allow the district to best prepare for the 2020-2021 school year and the unique challenges we face due to COVID-19.