

Snow Days and Last Days for the 2020 – 2021 School Year

Board Policy:

It is one of the duties and within the power of the local school board to establish and maintain the school calendar. The superintendent holds the responsibility to make recommendations to the board for calendar adoption. School board policy 601.1 School Calendar reads as follows:

“The board may amend the official school calendar when the board considers the change to be in the best interests of the school district’s education program.”

Background:

Last year, the Belmond-Klemme School Board approved a calendar for this year that had the last day for students on May 27 with May 28 a teacher workday.

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May 2021						1
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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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May 23 Commencement
 May 27 Original Student Last Day
 May 28 Original Teacher Last Day
 May 31 Memorial Day

Belmond-Klemme Schools counts hours, rather than strictly counting days. This gives the Board some flexibility in how the missed days are made up. The Iowa Department of Education advises: “Making up these hours – especially if a district has had more than a couple of them – is sound educational practice.”

This year we called off school six days for inclement weather: January 15, February 4 & 5, February 16, February 22, and March 15. If we make up all the snow days, the students will have their last day of school in Monday, June 7, and check-out day for teachers will be on Tuesday, June 8.

Recommended Action:

I recommend the board move to adjust the school calendar for the current year so that the last day for students is Thursday, June 3, and the workday for teachers is Friday, June 4, 2021, conditional upon no further school cancellations for weather or other unforeseen circumstances. See the revised calendar below.

June 2021						
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13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

June 3 New Last Day for Students
 June 4 New Last Day for Teachers

 June 7 Tentative Student Last Day
 June 8 Tentative Teacher Last Day