



PUTNAM COUNTY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #535

Recommendation for the Board of Education

Meeting: February 17th, 2026

Item: 2026-2027 District Calendar

Recommendation: I recommend the Board of Education approve the District Calendar for the 2026-2027 school year. The calendar was developed to align with the requirements of the Illinois School Code. The calendar was also reviewed, discussed, and finalized by the District Calendar Committee, which is comprised of teachers, staff, and administrators from all four schools.

The Committee recommends that the Board of Education approve two calendars in anticipation of potential legislation that may designate November 3, 2026, as a holiday due to Election Day. If no legislation is enacted establishing Election Day as a holiday, the District will implement the calendar labeled “No Election Day Holiday.” If legislation is passed requiring schools to be closed on Election Day, the District will implement the calendar labeled “With Election Day Holiday.”

Changes from previous calendars are as follows:

- The first two days of school are changed from 2 PM dismissals to 1 PM dismissals, eliminating all 2 PM dismissals from the calendar. This change allows the schools to manage fewer daily schedules and help students develop routines.