



## MEMORANDUM

To: Dr. Albert Roberts, Superintendent  
Members of the Board of Education

From: Steve Cummins, Director of Human Resources

Re: **Calendar Committee Report and Recommendations to the Board**

Date: January 23, 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 proposed 2014-15 calendar are as follows:

- The student start date will be Monday, August 25<sup>th</sup>. 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 1<sup>st</sup>.
- 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
- Trimester end dates have been adjusted to create greater balance in regards to the number of student attendance days within each trimester
- 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 10<sup>th</sup>. Students will be in attendance on Tuesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, 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 2<sup>nd</sup>

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.

As the District continues its analysis of the impact of temperature at the start of the school year it is important to note that the 2015-16 school year may be an opportune time to consider moving back the starting date by a week. Labor Day in the 2015-16 school year will fall on a later date (Monday, September 7<sup>th</sup> 2015) making it possible to start school later and still have a full week of student attendance prior to the holiday.