



P. A. 96-640 amended Section 24-2 of the Illinois School Code to allow school activities to occur and be coded in the Public School Calendar on 5 legal school holidays: Martin Luther King (third Monday in January), Abraham Lincoln (February 12), Casimir Pulaski (first Monday in March), Christopher Columbus (second Monday in October), and Veterans' day (November 11). This action may occur provided that:

- 1) the person or persons honored by the holiday are recognized through instructional activities conducted on that day or, if the day is not used for student attendance, on the first school day preceding or following that day; and
- 2) the entity that chooses to exercise this authority first holds a public hearing about the proposal. The entity shall provide notice preceding the public hearing to both educators and parents. The notice shall set forth the time, date and place of the hearing, describe the proposal, and indicate that the entity will take testimony from educators and parents about the proposal.

The amended 2021-2022 school calendar and proposed 2022-2023 school calendar include student attendance on the following legal school holidays:

- Veteran's Day
- Abraham Lincoln Day
- Casimir Pulaski Day

Testimony from educators and parents can be sent to gherrmann@op97.org.