



2026-2027 SCHOOL CALENDAR OVERVIEW AND PUBLIC HEARING

January 13, 2026

- Crete-Monee Education Association
- Association of Crete-Monee Employees
- Dr. Ghantel Perkins, Assistant Superintendent, Office of Teaching and Learning
- Dr. Kara Coglianese, Superintendent

CALENDAR COMMITTEE		CMEA, ACME, ADMINISTRATORS	
Margaret Caraher - ELC/CSK	Carolyn Rudolf - Specialists	Christine Quinlan - CMEA	Kokona Chrisos - CMMS
Andrea Flanagan - Balmoral	Kristen Shreffler - CMMS	Peter Woodard - ACME	Derrick Watson - CMHS Bridges
Jody Olson - Crete	Lisa Werner - CMHS	Joan Short - ACME	Robert Genardo - OTL
Lisa Teslow - Monee	Lyndia McCarthy - CMHS Bridges		Ghantel Perkins - OTL

2025-2026 CALENDAR COMMITTEE MEETINGS

December 4, 2025
4:15 pm to 5:30 pm - In-Person

December 8, 2025
4:00 pm to 4:30 pm - Virtual

January 7, 2025
4:00 pm to 4:30 pm - Virtual

CMEA AGREEMENT

ARTICLE VI - PROFESSIONAL COMMITTEES AND

ARTICLE VIII - ASSOCIATION AND TEACHERS RIGHTS

6.1 The Board agrees to the establishment of Professional Association Committees for the following areas: teacher evaluation (including PERA and SB 7), health and medical insurance, employee handbook, school climate/student discipline and the annual school calendar. Association members of any Professional Association Committee will be selected by the Association. Professional Association Committee(s) will be empowered to make recommendations in the above mentioned areas to the Board or its designee.

8.3 The Superintendent or his/her designee shall meet with the representatives of the Association to seek their suggestions for a calendar to be subsequently recommended to the Board for approval. Such schedule shall not include more than one hundred eighty-five (185) teacher employment days. The Board acknowledges the existence of its policy to delete from its calendar the unused emergency days at the end of the school term.

8.4 The Association President shall be provided with a copy of the draft High School Schedule by July 15 of each year. A committee of no more than five teachers, serving without pay, may thereafter meet with the Administration to discuss the schedule prior to July 31 of each year. During that period, the committee of teachers may make recommendations regarding the schedule but shall not have any decision-making authority with regard to the schedule.

OVERVIEW

- Flexible Days – Not in Session (Five Holidays) Reason Types
- Feedback (Staff-Snow Day; Parents Number of School Improvement Days, Consistency, Parent Comments)
- Efficiency Plan - Chromebooks- Snow Days
- Wednesday/Records Day (Design A/B Schedule)
- Still Balancing Trimesters and Quarters
- Final Construction/Improvements Concerns
- New Hire Orientation Days - Three Days
- ELC Creates a Separate Calendar for ELC Only
- August 17, 2026 – Grades 1 through 9 Only
- August 19, 2026 – Grades K and 10, 11, and 12
- Professional Development in April as a Full School Improvement Day
- CM High School Finals Complete Before Winter Recess; MYP (IB)
- CMMS 8th-Grade Ceremony and CMHS Graduation and ACT Dates – Added to the Final Calendar

STATE HOLIDAYS

- Independence Day
- Labor Day
- **Indigenous Peoples' Day**
- **Veterans Day**
- Thanksgiving Day
- Christmas Day

- New Year's Day
- **Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday**
- **Lincoln's Birthday/Presidents Day**
- **Pulaski Day**
- End Memorial Day

- **Non-attendance days unless a public hearing is held and a waiver is granted.**
- Public Hearing – Tuesday, January 13, 2026 at the Board of Education Committee of the Whole meeting.
- 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.

EARLY DISMISSAL DAYS

- Early Dismissal Days

Combination of School Improvement and Record Days

HOLIDAY WAIVER PUBLIC HEARING INFORMATION

- The purpose of the holiday waiver is to provide the district with flexibility in the event of an emergency closure or a weather-related disruption when E-Learning is unavailable.
- **The holiday waiver does not automatically remove the five holidays noted. It simply gives the district the option to use them as attendance days if needed, helping protect the end-of-year calendar and avoid extending the school year.**
- Under the waiver, the district may hold school, teacher institutes, conferences, or staff development on certain designated holidays if needed, while still honoring those days through instruction and learning experiences.
- The proposed 2026–27 calendar and use of the holiday waiver were developed in collaboration with the District Calendar Committee, which includes representation from teachers, administrators, support staff, and district leadership.
- The committee met multiple times to review instructional, operational, and student-impact considerations before making this recommendation to the Board of Education. Again, this flexibility ensures the district can maintain instructional time when an emergency closure occurs and an e-learning day cannot be used.
- **As in the past, all five holidays mentioned are currently scheduled as non-attendance days on the proposed 2026–27 calendar.**

HOLIDAY WAIVER PUBLIC HEARING INFORMATION

Notifications dated December 29, 2025:

- Crete-Monee Education Association (CMEA)
- Association of Crete-Monee Employees (ACME)
- Published in the Daily Southtown Will County Edition
- [Chicago Tribune Affidavit](#)
- Posted on the CM201-U Website

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by The Board of Education of Crete-Monee School District 201-U, in the county of Will, State of Illinois, that a Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, January 13, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. at 1500 South Sangamon Street, Crete, Illinois 60417 before the Board of Education's Committee of the Whole Meeting. Any person desiring to comment publicly may do so in two ways: orally during the Public Hearing, or by submitting written comments before the Public Hearing via public comment@cm201u.org. Written comments MUST BE submitted by 5:30 pm on Friday, January 9, 2026.

The purpose of said public hearing is to receive public comment on the proposed school calendar holiday waiver to hold school or schedule teachers' institutes, parent-teacher conferences, or staff development on the third Monday in January (the Birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.); February 12 (the Birthday of President Abraham Lincoln); the first Monday in March (known as Casimir Pulaski's birthday); the second Monday in October (Columbus Day); and November 11 (Veterans' Day), provided that: 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.

The Board of Education will begin its monthly meeting immediately following the Public Hearing.

Dated December 29, 2025

Jamie Zite-Stumbris

Crete-Monee SD 201-U Board of Education Secretary

PROPOSED 2026-2027 CALENDAR

PENDING

The final calendar will be presented for CM 201-U Board of Education approval on approval Tuesday, January 20, 2026.

After the Tuesday, January 13, 2026 Public Hearing , if necessary, a notation will be added to the calendar regarding five holidays and/or flexible days.



CRETE-MONEE SCHOOL DISTRICT 201-U 2026-2027 CALENDAR - GRADES K THROUGH 12

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JANUARY 7, 2025
PENDING BOE APPROVAL

PROPOSED 2026-2027 SCHOOL CALENDAR LINK

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