



Oak Park Elementary School District 97

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MEMORANDUM

To: Dr. Al Roberts, Superintendent
Members of the Board of Education
From: Joanne W. Schochat, J.D., *JWS*
Asst. Supt. H.R./General Counsel
Re: 2013-14 Proposed Calendar
Date: Feb. 12, 2013

Please find attached the revised calendar, in view of the discussion of the Board at the January 8 meeting, as well as review by administration and the Calendar Committee.

Some features of the proposed calendar:

- I have received no further information about the OPRF High School Calendar for 13-14. The proposed calendar for Oak park 97 aligns spring break and winter break to River Forest District 90.
- Note the following regarding this calendar:

It is recommended ...

- that Lincoln's Birthday, Tuesday, February 12, be moved to the day designated as President's Day, **Monday, February 17, 2014**.

The District has celebrated this February holiday as "President's Day" for the past several years, based on a waiver obtained from ISBE. Obtaining a special waiver for Lincoln's Birthday is no longer required, but a public hearing will need to be conducted to move the date from Feb. 12 to another date.

- that Pulaski Day be moved to **Wednesday, Nov. 27, 2013**.

Pulaski Day is one of the "Legal Holidays" identified in the School Code as well as a holiday expressly identified in each of the District's labor agreements. A holiday on Nov. 27 permits the day off before Thanksgiving for all students and employees. Also, it permits the District to use Monday, March 3 (the typical date for Pulaski Day) as a day for conducting ISATs, as well as avoiding

conducting ISAT testing immediately following the students' return to school after a holiday. To make this calendar move will require a public hearing.

Please look at the attached color-coded legend that corresponds to the proposed calendar.