

January 26, 2016

Greg Johnson, Superintendent  
Albany Area Independent School District 845  
301 Forest Av., P.O. Box 40  
Albany, MN 56307

Dear Superintendent Johnson,

Thank you for your letter of January 25, 2016 notifying MDE that to accommodate a construction/renovation project in excess of \$400,000 Albany Area Independent School District will start the 2016-2017 school year prior to Labor Day.

Minnesota Statutes, section 120A.40, paragraph (b) states that "A district may begin the school year on any day before Labor Day: (1) to accommodate a construction or remodeling project of \$400,000 or more affecting a district school facility..."

School districts meeting this requirement may begin the school year before Labor Day without Commissioner approval. We will update MDE's district control file to allow the earlier student enrollment dates to pass the MARSS edit.

Please contact me if you have any questions related to your school calendar.

Sincerely,



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