

Committee of the Whole Meeting
Monday, December 15, 2025 6:45 PM

Vernon Hills High School Library
145 Lakeview Pkwy.
Vernon Hills, IL 60061

Agenda

1. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance / Roll Call
2. Review Agenda
3. Invitation for Public Comment (3-minute time limit)
4. For Discussion
 - 4.A. **D128 2027-28 District Calendar Review**
Speaker(s): Tom Koulentes
5. Adjournment

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D128 Draft 2027-28 School Year Calendar Board of Education Presentation



Dr. Thomas J. Kourentes
Assistant Superintendent for Teaching & Learning



D128 Calendar Committee

Each year the district assembles the D128 Calendar committee to create and recommend a school calendar for the Board of Education to review and approve.

The Calendar Committee is composed of students, staff, parents/guardians, and a Board of Education representative.

D128 Calendar Committee Members:

Students: Andrew Troub, Roohee Patil, Ava Graditor, Annika Talaty, Ashva Ramesh, Olivia Bush

Parents: Megan Huber, Lauren Katzman, Jennifer Bucciero, Maureen Collier

Staff: Jana Kohn, Bo Warmbold, Greg Stilling, Jennifer Goettsche, Vickie Foster, Briant Kelly, Christina Steiner, Craig Schmidt, Sarah Greenswag, Deb Beagle, Andrew Russell, Dustin Helvie, Jen Uliks, Kelly Debruler, Larry Varn, Marc Schaffer, Sara Gunther, Shannon Garcia, Nora McKiernan, John Woods, Justin Cooper

BoE Rep: Nina Austin



Calendar Creation Process

The District 128 calendar is created through the following process:

1. D128 Calendar Committee reviews the [D128 Creation Guidelines and Implementation Procedures](#)
2. The D128 Calendar Committee meets in the fall to discuss calendar options, determine what additional information is needed, and determine if the administration of a school community survey is necessary.
3. The Calendar Committee reviews information and designs a draft calendar.
4. The D128 Board of Education reviews the draft calendar and ultimately votes to approve or reject.
5. Following Board of Education approval, the calendar is shared with the Regional Office of Education and our local foundational (feeder) districts.

School Calendar Survey

School Calendar Survey – This year a survey was sent to all D128 students, staff, and parents/guardians seeking their input regarding their priorities for the school district calendar. Nearly 1000 responses were received and all data was reviewed by the Calendar Committee.

School Community Calendar Priorities– the survey data revealed the following priorities for the calendar:

Top Priorities

School should start no earlier than the 2nd week of August.

1st Semester Finals should be before Winter Break.

Middle Priorities

The District calendar should align with the feeder districts.

Non-attendance days should be granted for religious holidays.

The entire week of Thanksgiving should be a vacation week.

Lowest Priorities

The school year should end before Memorial Day.

Both semesters should be equally balanced.

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- 1st Semester Finals before Winter Break
- Greater alignment with feeders
- Remains an Operational Calendar (highlights Religious Guidance)
- 2nd semester finals are after Memorial Day weekend
- Graduation 2028 considerations

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- **Deep Dive:** Calendar Committee spent considerable time studying this issue.
- **All or None:** Determined that District needed to recognize all religious holidays or none.
- **Challenges of Recognizing All:** Rotating holidays and the large number of religions celebrated in our community prevents recognition of all.
- **Good Friday:** Religious holiday recognized by state. Schedule during Spring Break when possible.
- **Religious Guidance:** District will develop new calendars to better communicate days with religious guidance.

Questions?



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