



To: Dr. Michael Favor
Superintendent

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Executive Director of Student Services

Re: Proposed 2026-2027 Intermediate School District 917 School Year Calendar

Date: February 6, 2026

The calendar committee convened on Tuesday, February 2, 2026 to develop the proposed 2026-2027 Intermediate School District 917 School Year Calendar. The committee was composed of a member of the school board, administrators, and representatives from Locals 3904 and 4242.

The committee considered a number of priorities in the development of the calendar including:

- Member district calendars, including legislative action allowing start dates before Labor Day
- No contractual limits regarding the number of student days
- Statutory requirements for student attendance hours considering allowances for inclement weather
- Contractual requirement for licensed staff to work 185 days with 1.5 of these days, or 12 hours, spent in evening activities
- Accommodating dominant religious holidays outside of Christianity

Considering the outlined priorities, the recommended calendar for approval includes the following:

- A start prior to Labor Day in alignment with the majority of member districts
- A spring break aligned to the majority of member districts
- 172 student contact days
- Alignment with required days for licensed staff (185 days) and education support professionals (178 days)

Moving forward the administrative team will work to identify the 12 hours spent in evening activities for their sites/programs focused on community involvement. Further, options will be provided as alternatives to returning on Monday, June 7, 2027 for a half day should staff want to take advantage of that opportunity.