



MEMORANDUM

TO: Greenfield-Central Board of School Trustees
FROM: Dr. Harold Olin
DATE: January 9, 2023
RE: School Calendar Drafts for the 2024-2025 School Year - First Reading

Two draft school calendars for the 2024-2025 school year have been provided for your review this month. (Please see the attachments for complete details.) These proposed calendars have been shared with our Classroom Teachers Association officers, and we plan to share them with the general public (school corporation website, corporation Facebook page, etc.) in an effort to receive community input that can be shared with you in a follow-up setting.

We moved away from the traditional/agrarian calendar to a balanced calendar concept more than a decade ago. In general, our community has supported this change since the onset. Both of these calendar options keep the general premise of a balanced calendar.

We would like to remind the board that the state of Indiana requires students to be in session for 180 days. And locally, we have negotiated four additional days for certified staff through the bargaining process. Both of the proposed calendars fulfill these two requirements.

You will notice that Option One has many similarities with the school calendar that was adopted for the 2023-24 school year. It maintains the two-week seasonal breaks in the fall, winter and spring. Therefore, it meets many of the goals we have sought to include in an ideal school calendar for much of the last decade.

Option Two has one obvious adjustment to the calendar you have become accustomed to seeing as a recommendation from me. This particular calendar provides students

with a one-week fall break and a full week off during the week of Thanksgiving. Consequently, students would end the school year before Memorial Day instead of three days after Memorial Day. All other days for students would be the same under both calendar options.

Over the course of the last few years, the other Hancock County School Corporations have moved away from the two-week fall break. Therefore, as we begin to look for more commonalities in school calendars and schedules for the future career center, it makes sense for G-C to consider ways that we can make the experience more seamless for our students who will be participating in classes at one of our neighboring schools for career and technical education (CTE) classes for a portion of the school day.

We will provide a summary of the feedback we receive from both staff members and community members at the February 13th meeting. If members of the board have any questions this evening, the administrative team is prepared to provide additional information related to the draft school calendar options.

Recommendation: No action is required.