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Approved 2017-18 School District Calendar

December 16, 2016

On December 14th the School Board for the Whitefish Bay School District approved the 2017-18 school District Calendar. Please know that any school calendar has some "good aspects" and some "not-so-good aspects" depending upon each person's point of view. We greatly appreciate the "enhancement work" done by this year's District Calendar Committee as this is not easy work.

The calendar committee will continue to balance the various "calendar desires" of our diverse stakeholder groups moving forward in our continued learning and work this spring. Designing a school calendar to further enhance student learning will be a main focus moving forward.

Some of this year's calendar "enhancements" include the following:

- A day off for students on the first day of Rosh Hashanah;
- Reduced time dedicated in spring for parent-teacher conferences, which allows a "midwinter break" on February 22nd and 23rd for students;
- A Reduced number of early release days;
- Maintained the identified benefits of the previous calendar which included having the Wednesday before Thanksgiving off and scheduled fall conference times.

Other aspects of the 17-18 Calendar - In 2017, September 1st is the Friday before Labor Day which provides an additional challenge since state laws does not allow public school districts to begin the school year prior to September 1st. To ensure a consistent and great start to the school year, students will begin on Tuesday, September 5th. Our desire was for the last day with students and staff to be June 8th. This end date ensures high school graduation, summer school and summer recreation programs are offered at their typical starting dates.

If you should have any questions regarding our 2017-18 school calendar please feel free to contact Maria Kucharski, the Director of Teaching and Learning Services, at 414-963-3872.