

**AMEND BOARD REPORT 07-0822-ED10
APPROVE MODIFIED RESTRUCTURED SCHOOL DAYS AND SCHOOL CALENDAR
AT SELECTED ATTENDANCE CENTERS**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:

That the Board approve modified restructured school days and school calendar at selected attendance centers. With the modifications noted herein, these calendars will be different from the 2007-2008 regular and year-round school calendars approved in Board Reports 07-0523-ED19 and 07-0523-ED20.

This Board Report is being amended to include 18 schools under CATEGORY B that wish to adopt a revised school calendar to allow student attendance on a specific holiday with a corresponding non-attendance day on a separate day in the regular school calendar.

DESCRIPTION: The 55 schools listed on the attached under CATEGORY A wish to have additional Restructured Days added to their calendar. The school day is restructured so that the school may provide in-service training programs and other staff development activities for teachers without falling below the minimum hours of instruction required by the Board of Education and the Illinois School Code. These schools wish to restructure the length of the instructional school day to allow them to schedule various in-service and other staff development activities for their teachers. In order to do this while still providing the requisite number of instructional hours, the school has proposed that additional minutes be added to each day. The extra minutes that are accumulated by these schools allow one or more additional shortened school days to be scheduled, with the remaining time reserved for staff development activities.

On September 17, 2007 the Illinois State Board of Education approved the Board's application for a modification from state requirements set out in 105 ILCS 2-3.25g regarding legal school holidays. With this modification, the Board can permit schools to hold classes, hold parent-teacher conferences, conduct a teacher in-service or a teacher institute on Columbus Day, Lincoln's Birthday or Casimir Pulaski Day in exchange for the designation of an equivalent number of alternate non-attendance days during the school year. The 18 schools listed as CATEGORY B on the attached list wish to follow a calendar that allows student attendance on one or more of the following holidays: Lincoln's Birthday and Casimir Pulaski Day. Student attendance on any of these holidays will cause a non-attendance day on a separate day in the calendar that would otherwise be a student attendance day. The alternate non-attendance day(s) designated for each school are listed on the attachment.

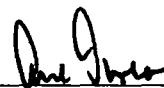
Board Rule 6-22 provides that the specific hours of operation of each attendance center may vary to reflect the scheduling needs of each school. All schools are required to maintain regular hours of operation that provide all students with a minimum of 300 minutes of instructional work per day. These schools have submitted calendars that have been thoroughly reviewed to ensure that students receive the minutes of instruction as required by Board Rule 6-22 and the Illinois School Code.

Approved for Consideration:



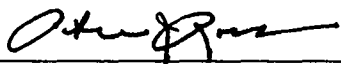
Barbara Eason-Watkins
Chief Educational Officer

Approved:



Arne Duncan
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CATEGORY A

Area 2 Inter-American	AMPS Alcott Ariel Audubon Brighton Park Budlong Burroughs Cassell Chavez Chicago Ag. Clissold Curie Dirksen Dore Franklin Gray Grimes Hale Hawthorne Jackson Jones Lincoln Mitchell Newberry Northside College Prep Norwood Park Ogden Payton Ravenswood Salazar Sawyer Sheridan Stone Sumner Volta Ward, James Young Zapata
Area 4 Chase Lafayette	
Area 10 Telpochalli	
Area 19 Foremean Kelyvn Park Mather North Grand Taft	
Area 23 Lindbloom Math & Science	
Area 25 B.E.S.T. Chicago Discovery Global Visions Greater Lawndale Infinity N.M.S.H. Al Raby World Language	

CATEGORY B

AMPS SCHOOL NAME	LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY (FEB. 12)	PULASKI DAY (MAR. 3)	REPLACEMENT NON-ATTENDANCE DAY
Burroughs	X	X	June 10, June 11
Dore	X		May 9
Earhart	X		Nov. 21
Franklin	X		Nov. 21
Galileo	X		Nov. 21
Gray	X		Nov. 21
Hawthorne	X		Nov. 21
James Ward	X		Nov. 21
Jones	X		Nov. 21
Mitchell	X		Nov. 21
Newberry	X		Nov. 21
Norwood Park	X		Nov. 21
Ogden	X	X	Nov. 20, Nov. 21
Sawyer	X		Feb. 15 (half day), April 4 (half day)
Sheridan	X		Nov. 21
Stone	X		Nov. 21
Sumner	X		Nov. 21
Volta	X		Nov. 21