

MONROE COUNTY COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
Regular Meeting, March 4, 2008

FOR ACTION: Approve School Calendar for the 2010-2011 School Year

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board approve a school calendar for the 2010-2011 school year.

Background Information

In October 2005, the Board approved calendars for the 2006-2007, 2007-2008 and 2008-2009 school years. At a Discussion Council meeting early in the 2006-2007 school year, MCEA representatives indicated that many teachers had expressed a desire to make minor changes in the calendars for the 2007-2008 and 2008-2009 school years. This topic was discussed at a subsequent work session with the Board. At that time, Board members said they were willing to consider proposed changes but preferred not to change the 2007-2008 calendar. Board members further indicated that they were not opposed to considering changes to the 2008-2009 calendar and agreed that it is a good plan to adopt a calendar for the 2009-2010 school year thereby continuing with a three-year calendar. Changes to the 2008-2009 school year calendar and a calendar for the 2009-2010 school year were approved on February 6, 2007.

The draft school calendar for 2010-2011 has been discussed with the MCEA and principals. It follows the same format of calendars for the 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 school years. Although it is impossible to develop a calendar that will resolve all concerns, following are some positive features of the calendar proposed for 2010-2011:

- a. Beginning and Ending dates for school year correspond with the current calendar
- b. More closely balances the number of student days per semester (89 and 91)
- c. Moves vacation day from October to May (Primary Day) – adding a day to 2nd semester and closing schools to accommodate Primary voting traffic/parking
- d. Final exams end before the winter break
- e. Adds Teacher Records Day/Professional Staff Day at beginning of 2nd semester
- f. Moves Professional Staff Day to Presidents' Day – no school for students
- g. Final exams end before Memorial Day break
- h. Jump start on working with at-risk student population before annual testing period
- i. Additional time in identifying student needs and/or accommodations before annual testing period
- j. Earlier completion of the school year allows students to enroll in programs at Ivy Tech and I.U.
- k. More flexibility in MCCSC summer school programming