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To: School District Superintendents, School Board Presidents,
Special Education Cooperative Directors, Nonpublic School Administrators
Director of Technology Center of DuPage, Director of ROE Alternative Services

From: Dr. Darlene J. Ruscitti
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Date: August 23, 2010

Re: **Calendar Recommendations for DuPage County Schools**

Previous calendar recommendations have been reviewed by this office. Based on that documentation, I am including the following recommendations for the 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 school calendars for school districts in DuPage County. These recommendations are as follows:

Recommended 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 Calendar for DuPage County Schools

The Illinois State Board of Education requires that the **Official School Calendar** be submitted electronically, via IWAS. The Proposed Calendar for the 2011-12 SY must be submitted by June 15, 2011.

Recommendations 2011-2012 SY	Recommendations 2012-2013 SY
The school year should begin with one or two teacher institute days preceding the first student attendance day.	The school year should begin with one or two teacher institute days preceding the first student attendance day.
The first pupil attendance day for an early start date should be Monday, August 15, 2011 and Wednesday August 31, 2011 for a late start date.	The first pupil attendance day for an early start date should be Monday, August 13, 2012 and Wednesday August 29, 2012 for a late start date.
The spring countywide institute day will be scheduled March 2, 2012, the Friday preceding Casimir Pulaski’s Birthday.	The spring countywide institute day will be scheduled March 1, 2013, the Friday preceding Casimir Pulaski’s Birthday.
The day after Thanksgiving should be a day of non-attendance.	The day after Thanksgiving should be a day of non-attendance.
The Winter Holiday Break should begin Monday, December 19, 2011 with students returning on Monday, January 2, 2012 (10 days).	The Winter Holiday Break should begin Monday, December 24, 2012 with students returning on Monday, January 7, 2013 (10 days).
Spring vacation should consist of five (5) days commencing Monday, March 26, 2012, with students returning on Monday, April 2, 2012.	Spring vacation should consist of five (5) days commencing Monday, March 25, 2013, with students returning on Monday, April 1, 2013.

Note: As the guidelines state, “Whether an Institute Day, Inservice Day, or pupil attendance day, the first day of the minimum 185-day school year must be specified as the date school begins.” This calendar does not suggest dates of half-day inservices/parent teacher conferences, full-day P/T conference, or school improvement days since those are scheduled at the discretion of the local district.

Please feel free to contact our office if we can be of assistance to you. Our staff is eager to support your efforts in this all important area. Please direct any questions to Gail White at 630-407-5774.

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