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**DATE:** December 14, 2017  
**TO:** Avoca Board of Education  
**FROM:** Kevin Jauch, Ed.D.  
**RE:** 2018-2019 School Calendar

Student education and learning is of course the overall priority when planning how the school calendar falls, but the district has a lot of constraints that must be accounted for. One of our highest priorities in planning the calendar is to align our winter and spring breaks with New Trier High School, so families can be together during those times.

Avoca's school year, and subsequently our teacher contract, includes 178 student attendance days. That is slightly higher than the other township elementary school districts. Illinois State requires that we have 4 teacher institute days each school year. We also have 2 "contract days," which are similar to institute days from a professional development and planning standpoint, but are not required by the state. From beginning to end, our teachers are required to work 184 days per school year.

The later we start school in August, the later we end in June and vice versa. We know how much children are mentally "available" for learning on those days at the end of and preceding their summer vacation, and the majority of learning spaces in our schools are not air conditioned, so we try to balance the calendar accordingly. We plan for potential snow days that could extend the school year in the spring.

Summer school also impacts our calendar. Our 8th grade students often take summer school at New Trier High School, so we must make sure they are out in time. We share summer school programs and facilities with Wilmette District 39, so we also must make sure that we consider that. We feel that it is important to have our students and families present at Avoca West's Meet the Teacher & School Supply Drop-off Day and Marie Murphy's 6th grade Orientation & Parent Coffee, so we try to avoid having those events occur on a Friday.

Out of respect for our community, we take off Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur and Good Friday. Often one of the Jewish holidays falls on a weekend, and sometimes Good Friday falls during spring break. For 2018-2019, all three fall on a school day.

As I have done previously, I consulted with parents, the teachers' union, the administrative team and the Board of Education before finalizing this calendar. I had spoken previously about shifting Parent/Teacher conferences from a Wednesday and Thursday to a Thursday and Friday. There was not a lot of support for this change, so I do not recommend it. Certified staff return to work on Friday, August 24. That was the latest we could start and still have at least one day buffer for an emergency closing. The final school day is Thursday, June 13. Please see the calendar included with this memo.

## 2018-2019 CALENDAR

<b><u>2018</u></b>	<b>August</b>	23	Thursday	New Staff Orientation (Student Non-Attendance Day)	
		24	Friday	Teacher Contract Day (Student Non-Attendance Day)	
		27	Monday	Teacher Institute Day (Student Non-Attendance Day)	
		28	Tuesday	First Day of Student Attendance (Grades 1-8)	
		29	Wednesday	Kindergarten Partial Day (9:30-10:30 a.m.)	
		30	Thursday	Kindergarten Partial Day (9:30-10:30 a.m.)	
		31	Friday	Kindergarten Full-Day	
		<b>September</b>	3	Monday	Labor Day- HOLIDAY (No School)
			10	Monday	Rosh Hashanah- HOLIDAY (No School)
			11	Tuesday	Avoca Community Preschool First Day
			19	Wednesday	Yom Kippur-HOLIDAY (No School)
		<b>October</b>	8	Monday	Columbus Day – HOLIDAY (No School)
			24	Wednesday	Half-Day Student Attendance Parent/Teacher Conference (3-7:00 p.m.) <i>Release times: Kindergarten: 11:15 a.m.; Grades 1-5: 11:45 a.m.; Grades 6-8: 11:00 a.m.</i>
			25	Thursday	Half-Day Student Attendance Parent/Teacher Conference (3-7:00 p.m.) <i>Release times: Kindergarten: 11:15 a.m.; Grades 1-5: 11:45 a.m.; Grades 6-8: 11:00 a.m.</i>
			26	Friday	Teacher Institute Day (Student Non-Attendance Day)
			19	Monday	Teacher Contract Day (Student Non-Attendance Day)
		<b>November</b>	20	Tuesday	Teacher Institute Day (Student Non-Attendance Day)
			21	Wednesday	Pre-Thanksgiving- HOLIDAY (No School)
			22	Thursday	Thanksgiving- HOLIDAY (No School)
			23	Friday	Post-Thanksgiving- HOLIDAY (No School)
			<b>December</b>	22	Saturday
	<b><u>2019</u></b>	<b>January</b>	7	Monday	School Resumes
			21	Monday	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day- HOLIDAY (No School)
		<b>February</b>	18	Monday	Presidents' Day- HOLIDAY (No School)
		<b>March</b>	20	Wednesday	Half-Day Student Attendance Parent/Teacher Conference (3-7:00 p.m.) <i>Release times: Kindergarten: 11:15 a.m.; Grades 1-5: 11:45 a.m.; Grades 6-8: 11:00 a.m.</i>
			21	Thursday	Half-Day Student Attendance Parent/Teacher Conference (3-7:00 p.m.) <i>Release times: Kindergarten: 11:15 a.m.; Grades 1-5: 11:45 a.m.; Grades 6-8: 11:00 a.m.</i>
			22	Friday	Teacher Institute Day (Student Non-Attendance Day)
			24	Saturday	Spring Break Begins (No School)
		<b>April</b>	1	Monday	School Resumes
			19	Friday	Good Friday- HOLIDAY (No School)
		<b>May</b>	27	Monday	Memorial Day-HOLIDAY (No School)
<b>June</b>		13	Thursday	Last Full Day of Student Attendance*	
		20	Thursday	School Term Ends	

\*School term days beginning Friday, June 14 through Thursday, June 20, 2019 are reserved emergency closing make-up days.

**2018-2019 Proposed Public School Calendar for Avoca SD 37, Draft, as of 11/28/2017**

Codes: X = attendance day; XHI, XHPT, XID, XDS, XHS, XHSW, XHIH, XHPH, XHSH = half attendance day; XH = holiday attendance waiver; FPT, FPTH, WFPT = full day parent teacher conference; FI, WFI, FII = teacher inservice; PI, TI, TII = parent/teacher institute; ED = emergency day; XED = proposed emergency day; HOL = holiday; NIA = not in attendance

**Total Days of Attendance:** 183 **Regular Day:** 8:00AM - 3:20PM **Instruct. Day Lgth:**

6 Hrs. 0 Mins.

July 2018							August 2018							September 2018						
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
25	26	27	28	29	30	1	30	31	1	2	3	4	5	27	28	29	30	31	1	2
2	3	4 HOL	5	6	7	8	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	3 HOL	4 X	5 X	6 X	7 X	8	9
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	10 NIA	11 X	12 X	13 X	14 X	15	16
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	20	21	22	23	24 NIA	25	26	17 X	18 X	19 NIA	20 X	21 X	22	23
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	27 TI	28 X	29 X	30 X	31 X	1	2	24 X	25 X	26 X	27 X	28 X	29	30
30	31	1	2	3	4	5	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

July Atnd: 0      Accum: 0      Aug Atnd: 4      Accum: 4      Sept Atnd: 17      Accum: 21

October 2018							November 2018							December 2018						
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	29	30	31	1 X	2 X	3	4	26	27	28	29	30	1	2
1 X	2 X	3 X	4 X	5 X	6	7	5 X	6 X	7 X	8 X	9 X	10	11 HOL	3 X	4 X	5 X	6 X	7 X	8	9
8 HOL	9 X	10 X	11 X	12 X	13	14	12 X	13 X	14 X	15 X	16 X	17	18	10 X	11 X	12 X	13 X	14 X	15	16
15 X	16 X	17 X	18 X	19 X	20	21	19 NIA	20 TI	21 NIA	22 HOL	23 NIA	24	25	17 X	18 X	19 X	20 X	21 X	22	23
22 X	23 X	24 XHPT	25 XHPT	26 TI	27	28	26 X	27 X	28 X	29 X	30 X	1	2	24 NIA	25 HOL	26 NIA	27 NIA	28 NIA	29	30
29 X	30 X	31 X	1	2	3	4	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	31 NIA	1	2	3	4	5	6

Oct Atnd: 21      Accum: 42      Nov Atnd: 17      Accum: 59      Dec Atnd: 15      Accum: 74

January 2019							February 2019							March 2019						
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
31	1 HOL	2 NIA	3 NIA	4 NIA	5	6	28	29	30	31	1 X	2	3	25	26	27	28	1 X	2	3
7 X	8 X	9 X	10 X	11 X	12	13	4 X	5 X	6 X	7 X	8 X	9	10	4 X	5 X	6 X	7 X	8 X	9	10
14 X	15 X	16 X	17 X	18 X	19	20	11 X	12 X	13 X	14 X	15 X	16	17	11 X	12 X	13 X	14 X	15 X	16	17
21 HOL	22 X	23 X	24 X	25 X	26	27	18 NIA	19 X	20 X	21 X	22 X	23	24	18 X	19 X	20 XHPT	21 XHPT	22 TI	23	24
28 X	29 X	30 X	31 X	1	2	3	25 X	26 X	27 X	28 X	1	2	3	25 NIA	26 NIA	27 NIA	28 NIA	29 NIA	30	31
4	5	6	7	8	9	10	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Jan Atnd: 18      Accum: 92      Feb Atnd: 19      Accum: 111      Mar Atnd: 15      Accum: 126

April 2019							May 2019							June 2019						
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
25	26	27	28	29	30	31	29	30	1 X	2 X	3 X	4	5	27	28	29	30	31	1	2
1 X	2 X	3 X	4 X	5 X	6	7	6 X	7 X	8 X	9 X	10 X	11	12	3 X	4 X	5 X	6 X	7 X	8	9
8 X	9 X	10 X	11 X	12 X	13	14	13 X	14 X	15 X	16 X	17 X	18	19	10 X	11 X	12 X	13 X	14 XED	15	16
15 X	16 X	17 X	18 X	19 NIA	20	21	20 X	21 X	22 X	23 X	24 X	25	26	17 XED	18 XED	19 XED	20 XED	21	22	23
22 X	23 X	24 X	25 X	26 X	27	28	27 HOL	28 X	29 X	30 X	31 X	1	2	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
29 X	30 X	1	2	3	4	5	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Apr Atnd: 21      Accum: 147      May Atnd: 22      Accum: 169      June Atnd: 14      Accum: 183

**2018-2019 Avoca SD 37 as of 11/28/2017**

**Calendar Legend - Totals for the Year**

Calendar Code	Code Description	No. of Days	Totals
X	Pupil Attendance Day	174	
XHPT	Half-Day Parent/Teacher Conference	4	
XED	Emergency Day-Proposed	5	
			Total Attendance Days: 183
TI	Teacher Institute/Workshop	4	
			Total Calendar Days: 187
HOL	Holiday	9	
NIA	Not in Attendance	21	

**PT /In-Service/School Improv./Act of God/Interrupted Days/Delayed Start-Explanations**

School Begin Date:  School End Date:

Regular Day:  Instruct. Day Lgth:

Cal. Date	Cal. Code	Code Descr.	Student Attend.	Activity Time	Brief Explanation for Activity or School Closing
10/24/2018	XHPT	Half-Day Parent/Teacher Conference	8:00AM 11:30AM	11:30AM 3:20PM	1/2 Day Student Attendance
10/25/2018	XHPT	Half-Day Parent/Teacher Conference	8:00AM 11:30AM	11:30AM 3:20PM	1/2 Day Student Attendance
03/20/2019	XHPT	Half-Day Parent/Teacher Conference	8:00AM 11:30AM	11:30AM 3:20PM	1/2 Day Student Attendance
03/21/2019	XHPT	Half-Day Parent/Teacher Conference	8:00AM 11:30AM	11:30AM 3:20PM	1/2 Day Student Attendance