BOARD MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Regents, State of Iowa
FROM: Marcia Brunson
DATE: April 20, 2005
SUBJ: Approval of School Calendar for the Iowa Braille and Sight Saving School

Recommended Action:

Approve the School Calendar for the Iowa Braille and Sight Saving School for the period of July 1, 2005, through June 30, 2006.

Executive Summary:

Policy Manual Requirement

• In accordance with the Board of Regents Policy Manual §6.12, the Board is asked to approve the school calendar for the Iowa Braille and Sight Saving School. The calendar is attached to this memorandum.

Instructional Days

• The School proposes to begin its instructional year on August 17, 2005, and conclude the school year on May 31, 2006. Total instructional days for students equal the state mandated 180 days. Most faculty are contracted for 189 days primarily covering the standard school year.

• The calendar also reflects the programming provided during the summer months.

Holidays

• The calendar contains the required number of holidays as mandated by state law, Board of Regents policy, and the applicable collective bargaining agreements.

Coordination with local community school

• The proposed calendar is aligned as much as possible with the Vinton/Shellsburg Community School District, which cooperates with IBSSS to provide mainstream classroom experiences for IBSSS students.
## Iowa Braille School Calendar

### July 2005 - June 2006

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<th>Month</th>
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| **July** | 4. Holiday - Independence Day  
17-19: Summer Seminar  
20: Summer Family Weekend  
28: Summer Family Weekend  
**August** | 9. Summer Institute - Denver  
16-17: Summer Institute - Boise  
19-20: Summer Institute - Dubuque  
10: New Employees  
17: Employee Workshop  
18: Employee Workshop  
19: Faculty 12:30  
22: First Day of Classes  
29: School Person Day  
**September** | 5. Holiday / Labor Day  
3: Labor Day  
**October** | 6. Faculty Work Day  
6: Fall Festival  
7: Fall Festival  
8: Fall Festival  
9: Fall Festival  
10: Faculty Weekend  
**November** | 20: Holiday - Thanksgiving  
23: Holiday - Thanksgiving  
**December** | 23: 1st Bursing  
26: Holiday - Christmas  
**January** | 2: Holiday - New Year's Day  
16: 2nd Bursing  
23: 3rd Bursing  
**February** | 1: 1st Quarter - 44 days  
**March** | 1: 2nd Quarter - 44 days  
**April** | 1: 3rd Quarter - 44 days  

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#### Notes
- Saturday, June 1: Summer Family Weekend.
- Sunday, June 2: 1st Bursing.
- Monday, June 3: 2nd Bursing.
- Tuesday, June 4: 3rd Bursing.
- Wednesday, June 5: 4th Bursing.
- Thursday, June 6: 5th Bursing.
- Friday, June 7: 6th Bursing.
- Saturday, June 8: 7th Bursing.
- Sunday, June 9: 8th Bursing.
- Monday, June 10: 9th Bursing.
- Tuesday, June 11: 10th Bursing.
- Wednesday, June 12: 11th Bursing.
- Thursday, June 13: 12th Bursing.
- Friday, June 14: 13th Bursing.
- Saturday, June 15: 14th Bursing.
- Sunday, June 16: 15th Bursing.
- Monday, June 17: 16th Bursing.
- Tuesday, June 18: 17th Bursing.
- Wednesday, June 19: 18th Bursing.
- Thursday, June 20: 19th Bursing.
- Friday, June 21: 20th Bursing.
- Saturday, June 22: 21st Bursing.
- Sunday, June 23: 22nd Bursing.
- Monday, June 24: 23rd Bursing.
- Tuesday, June 25: 24th Bursing.
- Wednesday, June 26: 25th Bursing.
- Thursday, June 27: 26th Bursing.
- Friday, June 28: 27th Bursing.
- Saturday, June 29: 28th Bursing.
- Sunday, June 30: 29th Bursing.
- Monday, June 31: 30th Bursing.

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2005 - 2006 School Calendar Details

1. Student Calendar - Quarter and Semester Dates

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<td>October 28, 2005</td>
<td>End of First Quarter</td>
<td>47 Days</td>
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<td>January 13, 2006</td>
<td>End of Second Quarter</td>
<td>46 Days</td>
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<td>March 24, 2006</td>
<td>End of First Semester</td>
<td>93 Days</td>
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<td>May 26, 2006</td>
<td>End of Third Quarter</td>
<td>44 Days</td>
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<td>End of Fourth Quarter</td>
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<td>End of Second Semester</td>
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2. Standard Teacher Calendar

Standard Teacher contracts consist of 189 faculty contract days between August 17, 2005 and May 31, 2006. (190 faculty contract days for new faculty). The nine extra faculty contract days, in addition to instructional days, (10 extra faculty contact days for new faculty) are listed below.

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<td>May 27, 2006</td>
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<td>Thanksgiving Day</td>
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<td>January 2, 2006</td>
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<td>Dr. Martin Luther King’s Birthday</td>
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<td>May 29, 2006</td>
<td>Memorial Day</td>
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Two additional unscheduled days are accrued as vacation.

This calendar follows as nearly as practical, the Vinton/Shellsburg Community School District Calendar.

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