MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Regents
From: Board Office
Subject: Approval of School and Holiday Calendars for the Iowa School for the Deaf
Date: March 1, 2004

Recommended Action:

Approve the School and Holiday Calendars for the Iowa School for the Deaf for 2004-05.

Executive Summary:

Policy Manual requirement

- In accordance with the Board of Regents Policy Manual §6.12, the Board is asked to approve the school and holiday calendars for the Iowa School for the Deaf. The calendars are shown in Attachments A and B.

180 Instructional Days

- ISD proposes 180 days of instruction for academic year 2004-05 in compliance with state law.

Trimester system

- The school year is based upon a trimester system to match Lewis Central grading periods. Lewis Central is the public high school located very close to the ISD campus.

Teachers work 189 days

- Teachers will be contracted for 180 days of instruction plus nine additional inservice days which complies with state mandate.

Holiday calendar

- The holiday calendar is consistent with the policy of the Board of Regents, state law and applicable collective bargaining agreements.

- According to the AFSCME collective bargaining agreement, employees are entitled to nine holidays. As allowed by the AFSCME collective bargaining agreement, the superintendent has designated December 23 and December 30 as holidays in lieu of Veteran's Day and Martin Luther King's birthday.

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# 2004-2005 School Calendar

**August**
- August 13 **6**: New Teacher In Service: August 17-20, Faculty In Service
- August 18-20: Residential Staff In Service
- August 22: Students Return/Registration
- August 23: First School Day for Grades 1-12

**September**
- September 6: Labor Day
- September 9: Students Leave
- September 16: Students Return
- October 1-2: Homecoming

**October**
- October 22: Students Leave at 8:30

**November**
- November 1: End of First Trimester
- November 12: Students Leave at 8:30

**December**
- December 12: Students Leave
- December 25-26: Thanksgiving Holiday
- December 27-28: Students Return
- December 28-29: Students Leave

**January**
- January 2: Students Return
- January 2: Faculty In Service
- January 21: Students Leave

**February**
- February 24: End of Second Trimester
- February 27: Students Return

**March**
- March 24: Students Leave
- March 28: Students Return

**April**
- April 14: Students Leave
- April 17: Students Return

**May**
- May 4: High School Prom
- May 8: Students Return
- May 26: Athletic Awards Program
- May 28: End of Third Trimester
- May 27: Last Day of School
- May 27: Commencement
- May 28: Students Leave for the Summer
- May 30: Memorial Day
- May 31: June 1st: Faculty In Service

**June**
- June 1: Students Leave at 11:30 AM unless noted.

**Note:**
- The calendar includes important dates and holidays for the school year 2004-2005, including the start of school, holidays, and the end of the academic year. It also notes the days when students leave and return, as well as any special events or in-service days. The calendar is designed to help students, parents, and educators stay informed about the academic calendar and important dates throughout the school year.
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