

MONROE COUNTY COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
Regular Meeting, January 22, 2013

FOR ACTION: Calendars for the 2013-2014, 2014-2015, and 2015-2016 school years.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Board approve the calendars for the 2013-2014, 2014-2015, and 2015-2016 school years.

Background Information:

In previous years, development of the calendar has been included in the discussion procedure with the Monroe County Education Association (MCEA). Teachers and administrators made up the Discussion Council. However, recent changes in Indiana statute have opened the discussion to a larger group. This year a broad based committee comprised of school administrators, teachers, parents, and students studied various options and arrived at the recommendation presented this evening. This committee has worked diligently to provide the calendars that best meet all needs and allow for students, staff and parents to be able to plan more long term.

The creation of a school calendar is never easy as there are many differing opinions of what makes a calendar ideal. Some parents have expressed a preference to start school later (after Labor Day is often mentioned) while others like ending the school year by Memorial Day weekend. Some educators and parents have asked that the year begin earlier so that first semester can end before Winter Break. Some have asked that we avoid having school on Election Day because of safety concerns. Some want a balanced calendar consisting of a longer school year with shorter, more frequent breaks. These preferences, as well as many others, were considered as the final recommendation was developed.

Again, please accept this recommendation to approve calendars 2013-2016 as presented.