

228 BOE,

I am recommending a slight amendment to the 2024-25 school calendar based on feedback I received from the GEA and administration. I am recommending we build in two Emergency Days within the existing calendar rather than make all 5 be at the end of the school year. This is the same model United Township uses. The purpose is to allow up to 2 days to be made up before AP testing and before Memorial Day if necessary. The proactive communication with stakeholders would allow them to better plan versus amending the calendar during the school year itself when they may already have made plans.

On an unrelated matter, but something I wanted to bring to your attention for the 2025-26 school year would be the recently implemented Bill regarding 4-H and the State Fair participation when school is in session. Nothing to do today, but something to consider when creating the 2025-26 calendar and beyond.



Good Morning!

During the 2023 Illinois State Fair, [Public Act 103-0560](#) was signed by the Governor and went into effect on January 1, 2024.

**WHAT IT MEANS:**

This act provides that a student absent from school shall be considered as being in attendance if the reason for such absence is to participate in scheduled FFA and/or 4-H programs as part of organized competitions or exhibitions. By being a member of the FFA, an intra-curricular student organization, the absence is designated as a school directed activity. These events may be related to Supervised Career Development Experiences or other work-based learning experiences.

**ASSIGNMENTS:**

The student and parent/guardian are responsible for obtaining, completing and submitting assignments that are missed during the activity.