

February 25, 2003

**AMEND THE 2002-2003 REGULAR AND YEAR-ROUND SCHOOL CALENDARS TO
PROVIDE RESTRUCTURED SCHOOL DAYS FOR SELECTED ATTENDANCE CENTERS**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:

Amend the 2002 – 2003 regular and year-round school calendars to provide restructured days for the attached 15 schools. The school day is restructured so that the school may provide inservice training programs and other staff development activities for teachers without falling below the minimum hours of instruction required by the Board of Education and the Illinois School Code.

DESCRIPTION: The 15 schools wish to restructure the length of their instructional school day to allow it to schedule various inservice and other staff development activities for its teachers. In order to do this while still providing the requisite numbers of instruction hours, the school has proposed that additional minutes be added to each school day. Once the extra minutes have accumulated, a shortened school day will be scheduled with the remaining time reserved for staff development activities.

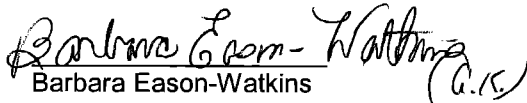
Board Rule 6-22 provides that the specific hours of operation of each attendance center may vary to reflect the scheduling needs of each school. All schools are simply required to maintain regular hours of operation that provide all students with a minimum of 300 minutes of instructional work per day. Board Rule 6-22. These schools proposed restructured calendars have been thoroughly reviewed to ensure that students receive the minutes of instruction as required by Board Rule 6-22 and the Illinois School Code.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: Not applicable.

LSC REVIEW: Not required

FINANCIAL: No additional cost is involved.

Approved for consideration:


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The following schools have chosen to restructure their school day beginning the second semester of the 2002 – 2003 school year. Additional minutes of instructional time are added to the school day so as to accumulate enough time to shorten the instructional time on the days staff development activities are scheduled.

Area Two

LeMoyné
Nettelhorst

Area Three

Lovett

Area Four

Lloyd

Area Six

Schneider

Area Seven

Goldblatt

Area Eight

Hammond

Area Nine

South Loop

Area Twelve

Daley

Area Fourteen

Yale

Harvard

Area Seventeen

South Chicago

Area Twenty

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