
Public Hearing

— Observance of School Holidays —
January 27, 2022

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ON LEGAL HOLIDAYS

Section 24-2 of the School Code allows school activities to occur and be coded in the Public School Calendar on five legal school holidays (Martin Luther King (third Monday in January), Abraham Lincoln (Feb. 12), Casimir Pulaski, (first Monday in March), Christopher Columbus (second Monday in October), and Veterans Day (Nov. 11), provided that:

1. The person or persons honored by the holiday are recognized through instructional activities conducted on that day or, if the day is not used for student attendance, are recognized on the first school day preceding or following that day.
2. The entity **choosing to exercise this authority first holds a public hearing about the proposal**. The entity **shall provide notice preceding the public hearing to both educators and parents**. The notice shall set forth the time, date and place of the hearing, describe the proposal, and indicate that the entity will take testimony from educators and parents about the proposal.
3. Provided these requirements are met, the district has the flexibility to use the day as a holiday or for school activities as described in the proposal. If school activities are conducted on the legal school holiday, the entity codes the Public School Calendar as appropriate for the activities.

BETHALTO SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPOSAL

- Continue to hold school on Casimir Pulaski Day (*have not held school on this day for 20+ years in the Bethalto School District*)
- For the 2022-2023 school year, choose to hold school on Columbus Day due, primarily, to the addition of November 8th as a Holiday (Election Day) that can not be waived per this process.
- This proposal is being made after numerous meetings and conversations with our BEA and BESPAs Calendar committee and administrators. We are thankful for their time and cooperation as we always strive to work together to bring forward a calendar to our Board of Education.

Public Comment