

# GUIDELINES FOR A UNIFORM CALENDAR COMMITTEE

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Summary to date

12.2.13

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## Recommendations

- Extend implementation to the 16-17 or 17-18 school year.
  - Based on experience of two regions implementation takes two to three years
- Will need to review the impact on
  - Teacher contracts that include specific requirement, dates or timeframes that are impacted by a regional uniform calendar
  - Transportation contracts that may specify particular dates
    - Refer to the RESC Alliance feasibility study of Implementing Regional Transportation and Regional School Calendars dated December 2011; updated data regarding transportation may be needed

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- Will need to assure that Vocational-Technical system schools are part of the regional calendars
- Will need to assure that other schools of choice are part of the regional calendars

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- No recommendations regarding the end of school date
  - State law dictates no later than June 30
  - Inclement weather impacts the end of school
  - Individual district policies regarding the actual number of school (student and teacher) days may impact the end date of any given year
- Cultural and religious observances drive individual town calendars based on community need; regions and districts will need flexibility

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## Recommendations

- Important to give an individual school district flexibility due to unanticipated circumstances such as construction delays or serious maintenance issues
- Request that the CSDE consider digital opportunities for their need to have a consistent professional development message across the state; these could be recorded and then used on a regional basis on a common day allowing for flexibility across the state region by region

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## Guidelines for RESCs

- 180 days, 2 PD Days, Start Date, 3 Vacations
  - Start Date to be the last Wednesday of August with a three day +/- window
  - 3 vacations:
    - At least one week during the period between July 1 and the last week of August
      - Addresses the charge of the committee to have one of three vacations during the summer
    - At least 5 days during the 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> week of December and can be extended to coincide with New Year's Day
    - At least 5 days during the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> week of April
    - Additional recommended guideline:
      - Within a region discuss a February break and work toward common agreement

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- 180 days, 2 PD Days, Start Date, 3 Vacations
  - Election Day to be a Professional Development Day with no students attending school
  - Within a region have one other common Professional Development Day that does not interfere with statewide student assessments
  - Work toward common agreement on student or non-student days for Holidays such as Veterans' Day, Columbus Day, Martin Luther King Day and other single day holidays