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Pattonville board approves 2-year calendar

The Pattonville Board of Education on Nov. 22 approved calendars for the next two school years. The calendars for the 2006-07 and 2007-08 school years were drafted by Pattonville's Calendar Committee, which included a board member, parents, students, teachers and support staff. The committee focused on improving student achievement and making considerations for parent child-care needs when developing the calendar. The committee also worked to ensure that parents and staff had a voice in developing the calendar by disseminating draft calendars and gathering comments and feedback on the documents.

Highlights of the new two-year calendar are:

- Elementary trimesters are more balanced;
- Middle school semesters were changed to follow the high school schedule;
- No changes were made to the high school schedule;
- Graduation dates are listed, and an alternate date is listed because the calendar would need to be adjusted at the end of the year if the district used more than four emergency days in any year (three emergency days are built into the calendar); and
- One day for state teachers' meetings in 2007-08 will be granted.

Important dates for the new calendars are as follows:

2006-07 School Year

- Aug. 16 - First day of school
- Dec. 22-Jan. 1 - Winter break
- March 19-23 - Spring break
- May 29 - Last day of school

2007-08 School Year

- Aug. 15 - First day of school
- Dec. 22-Jan. 1 - Winter break
- March 17-21 - Spring break
- May 27 - Last day of school

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