

ADAMS-FRIENDSHIP AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Resolution: 1-17

Date: February 13, 2017

Subject: School Start Date Change

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin by state statute has indicated that public school districts in the State of Wisconsin cannot start school before September 1 pursuant to *Wis. Stat. sec. 118.045 Commencement of school term*; and

WHEREAS, the school board may commence a school term prior to September 1st if it submits a written request to the Department of Public Instruction asking for an earlier start date listing the extraordinary reasons for the earlier start date request; and

WHEREAS, local control over the start date will allow Adams-Friendship Area School District to align its school calendar with postsecondary institutions to better meet the needs of our students; and

WHEREAS, local control over the start date will allow Adams-Friendship Area School District staff to participate in professional development college coursework for license renewal as K12 schedules become more aligned with postsecondary schedules; and

WHEREAS, local control over the start date will allow the Adams-Friendship Area School District to adjust its calendar to allow for preparation, planting, and harvesting schedules during the local farming season to prevent the excessive absenteeism of students who work on family owned and operated farms in Adams County; and

WHEREAS, local control over the start date will allow the Adams-Friendship Area School District to better align its school calendar with the co-curricular schedule for students that begins in early August; and

WHEREAS, tourism has changed to where most tourists leave Wisconsin because regionally in other states public schools start in early to mid-August; and

WHEREAS, charter and voucher school districts have the flexibility to start prior to September 1st and still receive public funding from the State of Wisconsin.

WHEREAS, the State Superintendent is recommending in his 2017-2019 Biennial Budget to allow the Milwaukee Public School District to be provided an exception to this provision in the state law **to allow the district to maximize learning opportunities**; therefore, this opportunity should be granted for all school districts in the State of Wisconsin.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Adams-Friendship Area School District is officially requesting approval to commence the school term for the 2017-2018 school year and future years as established through local control and the authority of our board of education.

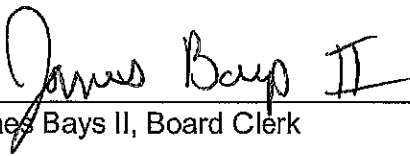
BE IT RESOLVED FURTHER that the Adams-Friendship Area School District will be better able to educate its school children because of this flexibility as greater outcomes are anticipated academically as well as preventing excessive absenteeism.

BE IT RESOLVED FURTHER that on February 13, 2017, the Adams-Friendship Area School District passed this resolution in order to establish local control for the school calendar by a 7-0 vote.

Dated this 13th day of February, 2017.



Richard Pease, Board President



James Bays II, Board Clerk



Rick Waski, District Administrator

Submitted by: James Bays II, AFASD Board Clerk

Action Taken: Approved 7-0, 2 members absent

Date: 2/13/17

Effective Time Period: Ongoing