

School District of Amery

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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 *Wisconsin Statutes Section 118.045 Commencement of the school term*; and

WHEREAS the school board may commence a school term prior to September 1 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 would allow for additional days of instruction for students prior to state and local assessments, and preparation for the ACT and Advanced Placement Test; and

WHEREAS local control over the start date would allow the School District of Amery to align its school calendar with post-secondary institutions to better meet the needs of our students; and

WHEREAS local control over the start date would allow the School District of Amery to better align its school calendar with the co-curricular schedule for students that begins in late July to early August; and

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

WHEREAS the State Superintendent is recommending in his 2017-19 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 School District of Amery will be better able to educate its school children and meet the needs of the district's families as a result of this flexibility.

BE IT RESOLVED FURTHER that on March 20, 2017, the School District of Amery passed this Resolution asking legislators to repeal *Wisconsin Statutes Section 118.045 Commencement of the school term* in order to re-establish local control for the school calendar by a vote of 5-0.

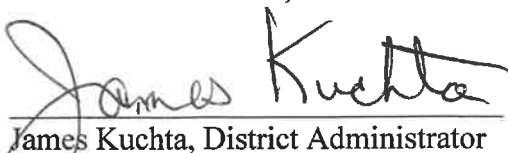
Dated this 20th day of March, 2017.



Darren Van Blaricom, Board President



Dale Johnson, Board Clerk



James Kuchta, District Administrator