



Illinois State Board of Education

March 22, 2020

Dear District Superintendent,

The Illinois Association of Regional School Superintendents and the Illinois State Board of Education are writing to inform you that the Regional Offices of Education (ROE) and Intermediate Service Centers (ISC) will provide support in submitting districts' end-of-the-year, final calendars for FY 2020. Each district has responded to this COVID-19 crisis in a different way responsive to its community's needs. Therefore, we imagine each district will have unique occurrences that will require special attention.

ISBE has communicated that no calendar revisions need to be made at this time. Please keep accurate records, but do not worry about calendar coding at this time. ROEs/ISCs and school districts will address calendars collaboratively in June.

Each ROE/ISC will support districts through a "workshop" format (in-person or virtual) in June to submit final calendars to accurately reflect the decisions made to keep students and staff safe during the COVID-19 crisis. This way, calendars only need to be submitted once and calendar submissions do not need to be a focus at this time. By doing this collaboratively, we can ensure that calendars are done completely and accurately at a later date without any need for further revision.

Since we have gotten a few questions about upcoming spring breaks, we would also like to assure districts that you have full autonomy to schedule your spring break at the time that best meets your community's needs.

The Illinois State Board of Education is committed to calendar flexibility, given these unprecedented circumstances.

Sincerely,

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