

Brown Deer School District Resolution on School Start Date Change

Whereas, pursuant to **Wis. Stat. sec. 118.045 Commencement of school term** public school districts in the State of Wisconsin cannot start school before September 1; and

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

Whereas, the School District of Brown Deer proudly serves one of the most diverse student populations in the State of Wisconsin with over 70% students of color, rising poverty, with increasing academic and socio-emotional needs of students and families; and

Whereas, local control over the start date would allow the School Board to make instructional decisions that best meet the equitable needs of ALL of our diverse students to provide flexible hours and minutes to minimize summer learning loss, accelerate learning for Advanced Placement, ACT, engage in University coursework, and local business Internships, Co-Ops, and Apprenticeships; and

Whereas, local control over the start date would ensure students are engaged in their school communities as productive citizens in addition to those participating in athletics and co-curricular activities which begin in early August; and

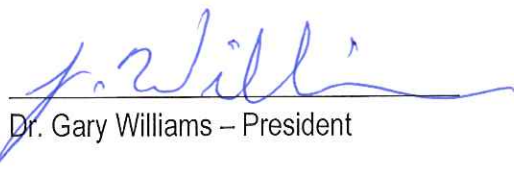
Whereas, charter, private, and voucher school districts have the flexibility to start prior to September 1 and receive public funding from the State of Wisconsin;

Now therefore, be it resolved, that the School District of Brown Deer is officially requesting approval to commence the school term for the 2017-2018 school year the week of August 28, 2017, to establish local control in determining the School Instructional Calendar; and

Be it further resolved, that the School District of Brown Deer will better serve the educational needs of all students and families because of this flexibility providing more opportunity to eliminate the achievement gap and accelerate learning for ALL; and

Be it further resolved, that on February 28, 2017, the School District of Brown Deer Board of Education passes this Resolution in order to establish and maintain local control for the School Instructional Calendar by a 7 to 0 vote.

Dated this 28th day of February, 2017.


Dr. Gary Williams – President

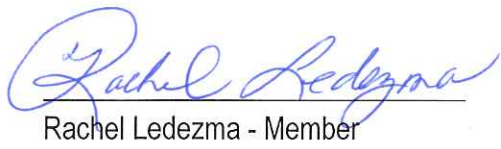

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