



THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF NORTH FOND DU LAC

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RE: Advocate for Repeal of School Start Date Restrictions

Dear Legislators and Department of Public Instruction,

The Board of Education of the School District of North Fond du Lac has empowered me to advocate the repeal of the September 1st start date for schools. I am requesting to have the State/Statute changed to allow schools to have a start date when each local school board deems appropriate.

The reasons the Board of Education of the School District of North Fond du Lac believe in the repeal of the September 1st start date include:

- Allow for additional days to prepare for assessments given in the spring
- Align better with post-secondary institutions
- Adjust calendar for non-instruction days during deer hunting/Thanksgiving week, spring breaks, be able to observe more national holidays and other high absentee dates throughout the year
- Align school calendar with co-curricular calendar (WIAA sports start in early August)
- Have the same flexibility the voucher schools have to best coordinate busing and transportation costs
- Finally, to allow for local control of what our community thinks is best for our students, families and communities.

Thank you for your consideration of allowing for more flexibility and our local leaders to best meet our students' needs.

Sincerely,

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