

Resolution on School Start Date Repeal

WHEREAS, pursuant to **Wis. Stat. § 118.045 Commencement of school term**, the state of Wisconsin provides that public school districts cannot start school prior to September 1; and

WHEREAS, local control over the school start date will allow for additional days of instruction prior to and following administration of local, state, and national assessments; and

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

WHEREAS, local control over the school start date will allow the Wausau School District to better align its calendar with area private schools thereby reducing transportation costs borne by the District; and

WHEREAS, local control over the school start date will allow the Wausau School District to include inclement weather make-up days within the school year calendar thereby reducing the probability of extending the school year into the second week of June; and

WHEREAS, local control over the school start date will allow the Wausau School District adequate time to transition from the close of the regular school year to the beginning of its summer learning program which involves thousands of students; and

WHEREAS, charter and voucher schools have the flexibility to start school prior to September 1 without jeopardizing receipt of public funding from the state of Wisconsin; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wausau Board of Education recommends to the State Legislature and Governor that **Wis. Stat. § 118.045 Commencement of school term** be repealed and that local control return to boards of education to determine school start dates.

Adopted this 13th day of February 2017.

Approved:

Attest:

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