

## Proposed 2016-17 Calendar

Board in favor of exploring idea of adopting "early start"

Superintendent Mark McDonald presented two versions of a possible school calendar for 2016-17 during the Nov. 2 meeting.

The first was a "traditional" calendar, which begins in late August, includes all school holidays and the first semester ends three weeks after winter break. The second calendar allows for the first semester to end prior to the winter break.

McDonald said that this "early start" calendar has

been shared with District 99's associated elementary districts, the Downers Grove Education Association, and the Support Staff Association for feedback and input.

Board members discussed the calendars and were in favor of exploring the idea of adopting the "early start" school year calendar for the 2016-17 school year.

North High parent Nihal Isaac spoke in favor of an "early start" calendar and the benefits to students. She said it would allow students to better enjoy the winter break without the pressure of studying for final exams.