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May 2019 Calendar change

May 10 will be Early Release

May 3 will be Full Day

Dear Parents and Friends of the School District of West De Pere,

Happy Holidays to all of you as we are approaching another beautiful family time of the year. I truly wish the very best holiday season to all of you and a prosperous New Year. The purpose of this short note is to communicate to families a small change in our 2018-2019 school calendar.

We have been gifted the opportunity to schedule a speaking engagement by Frank Shankwitz, Creator and Founding CEO of the national Make-A-Wish Foundation®. On May 10, 2019, Frank will be visiting West De Pere HS to address our Board of Education, administrative team, faculty, and staff to share his life story and encourage all of us to be “everyday heroes.”

This is a tremendous opportunity for us. Frank has presented to groups around the world; most recently, he’s addressed audiences at the United Nations in New York, NY, Harvard University, and Ohio State University. In 2016, *Forbes Magazine* named Frank the #1 Keynote Speaker in the United States. We’re excited to have Frank address the district, but his visit requires us to make one small change to our academic calendar.

To accommodate Frank’s schedule, we’ve moved our early release day from May 3, 2019 to May 10, 2019. Please note:

- **FULL DAY: May 3, 2019** will now be a full day of school
- **EARLY RELEASE: May 10, 2019** will now be our early release day

The Board approved this calendar change at their monthly meeting on December 19, 2018, and I wanted to communicate to you as soon as possible; as to allow ample time to adjust your work or weekly routine toward the end of this school year.

Please know that your understanding and flexibility with this change is very much appreciated, and we look forward to Frank’s visit.

Sincerely,

John R. Zegers
Superintendent

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