

Algonac Community Schools – Community Update

According to the Michigan's State Aid Act, all schools in Michigan must schedule and hold 180 days of school and 1,098 hours of instruction to receive full funding.

Many of you are aware that the district, along with most districts in the state, missed an unusual amount of school this winter due to inclement weather. For Algonac Community Schools the number of days missed was 10. The state forgives 6 days automatically, and also offers a waiver for an additional 3 days. ACS was granted the waiver, so in essence we have 9 out of the 10 days covered. So, the question is where do we add the required day?

After many discussions and careful consideration, we have decided on what I believe is the best option. In the original calendar, we have the Monday after Easter (April 22nd) as a day off. We will be making that day a regularly scheduled school day. The only other viable option would be to add a day at the end of the school year. However, since we currently end the school year on a Friday (June 14), this would require us to come back the next week for one day. Based on the feedback we have received from staff, parents and students, it was determined that attending on Easter Monday would be the preferred option.

Legislation is currently pending at the state level that would allow for an additional two days of forgiveness. If this should happen, we will adjust the calendar back to the original calendar that was posted at the beginning of the school year.

I realize that this may cause some families to change plans. I truly appreciate the patience and understanding regarding the schedule adjustment. I will keep you posted on how things progress at the state level regarding the possible forgiveness of additional days.

CALENDAR CHANGE:

Monday, April 22, 2019, is now a regularly scheduled school day.

Thanks again for your support,

Al Latosz