ADOPT REGULAR SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR FOR 2008-2009 SCHOOL YEAR

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Adopt the regular school year calendar for elementary and high schools for the year 2008-2009.

DESCRIPTION: This calendar indicates holidays, teacher institute days, professional development days, and days when schools are closed for extended periods of time.

The effect of this action would be to establish a regular school year and a summer school calendar.

The 2008-2009 calendar includes 170 pupil attendance days, 4 staff development days for school improvement planning, 2 parent-teacher conference days and 4 teacher institute days.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: Not applicable.

LSC REVIEW: LSC review is not applicable to this report.

FINANCIAL: No additional cost to the Chicago Board of Education.

GENERAL CONDITIONS: Not applicable.

Approved for Consideration:

Barbara Eason-Watkins
Chief Education Officer

Approved:

Arne Duncan
Chief Executive Officer

Approved as to legal form:

Patrick J. Rocks
General Counsel
### 2008 – 2009
#### REGULAR SCHOOLD CALENDAR
#### ELEMENTARY AND HIGH SCHOOLS

**CHICAGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS**
**ARNIE DUNCAN**
Chief Executive Officer

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**HOLIDAYS 2008-2009**
- Labor Day: September 1
- Columbus Day: October 13
- Veterans Day Observance: November 11
- Thanksgiving Holiday: November 27, 28, 29
- M.L. King's Birthday: January 19
- Lincoln's Birthday: February 12
- C. Pulaski's Birthday: March 2
- Memorial Day: May 25

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### LEGEND
- Salary is paid except as provided for by Budgetary Action
- *Holidays*
- PH Full Day Parent-Teacher Conference – High School
- PIE Full Day Parent-Teacher Conference – Elementary School
- Emergency Days – school in session if student days fall below 170 (summer school would begin and end later as necessary)

**BOLD** no classes for students, staff development days for School Improvement Planning

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### CLASSIC BEGIN
- Tuesday, September 2, 2008

### TEACHER INSTITUTE DAYS
- Wednesday, August 27, 2008; Thursday, August 28, 2008; Friday, August 29, 2008, and Thursday, June 11, 2009.
- Teachers are expected to report at the regular time.
- Institute days are non-attendance days for students and are days held or approved by the State Superintendent of Instruction for teacher in-service workshops or equivalent professional educational experiences such as educational gatherings, demonstrations of instructional materials, visits to other schools, institutions or facilities. Teacher Institute Days are fully principal directed.

### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS
- Friday, November 7, 2008, Friday, January 23, 2009 and Friday, March 27, 2009.
- These days are to report at the regular time. These are non-attendance days for students.
- Professional development days are half principal directed/ half teacher directed.

### STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAYS FOR SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLANNING

### PROGRESS REPORT DISTRIBUTION DAYS
- Elementary and High Schools will distribute Student Progress Reports during the 5th week of each marking period on Friday, October 3, 2008, Thursday, December 11, 2008, Friday, February 27, 2009, and Friday, May 8, 2009.

### REPORT CARD PICKUP/PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCE DAYS (PEPH)
- Elementary schools on Wednesday, November 12, 2008 and Wednesday, April 3, 2009. High schools on Friday, November 14, 2008 and Friday, April 3, 2009. The elementary school days are non-attendance days for students in elementary schools.

### WINTER VACATION
- Schools close at the end of the school day on Friday, December 19, 2008, and reopen on Monday, January 5, 2009.

### SPRING VACATION
- Schools close for students at the end of the school day Friday, April 3, 2009 and reopen on Monday, April 13, 2009.

### GRADUATION DATES
- Elementary graduation may not be held prior to the week of June 8, 2009. High school graduation may not be held prior to Friday, June 5, 2009.

### PRESCHOOL PRE-REGISTRATION AND KINDERGARTEN PRE-REGISTRATION
- The suggested dates are April 13, 2009 through April 17, 2009.

### SUMMER VACATION
- Schools close for students on Friday, June 12, 2009.

### SUMMER SCHOOL SESSION - GRADES 3-8 SUMMER PROGRAM
- Will operate for six weeks beginning Monday, June 15, 2009 and ending Friday, July 24, 2009.

### HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER PROGRAM
- Will operate for seven weeks and may start on June 15, June 22 or June 29, 2009 at the discretion of the high school and end on July 31, August 7 or August 14, 2009.