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## **OSSD REMOVES THANKSGIVING BREAK WEATHER MAKE UP DAYS**

**OCEAN SPRINGS, MS (OSSD)** -- Ocean Springs School District has elected to remove the weather make up days previously scheduled for the Monday and Tuesday of Thanksgiving week. **OSSD will now observe a full week of vacation November 23-27, 2020.**

OSSD initially elected to use our published weather make up days due to the state imposed contractual requirement of having certified personnel work 187 days during the school year. While we understand the importance of instructional time in the classroom, we also understand the expressed needs of our employees and the necessity of a full break at Thanksgiving during such an incredibly stressful year for our students and educators.

The OSSD Board of Trustees voted to grant ***Emergency Administrative Leave*** to certified and classified staff for November 22 and 23rd using policies [GBRIB](#) and [GCR1](#) and in accordance with applicable state statutes 25-3-92 and 37-7-307.

Please note that OSSD is **only** electing to address the two school days impacted by Hurricane Sally, and this does not change our policy regarding weather make up days in the future. More information on policy [AFC](#) can be found by clicking [here](#).

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