

**INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 625
Saint Paul, Minnesota
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
360 Colborne & Online at <https://spps.eduvision.tv/LiveEvents>
360 Colborne Street
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55102**

**November 29, 2021
5:30 PM**

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- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. ROLL CALL**
- III. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF THE MAIN AGENDA**
- IV. 2021-22 CALENDAR UPDATE**
- V. ENVISION SPPS: Our plan for well-rounded programs**
- VI. ADJOURNMENT**

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2021 - 2022 Calendar Update

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Rationale

This change is being made in an effort to acknowledge the stress and challenges both families and staff are facing due to the pandemic. The district wants to give students, school staff and their families a longer break.³ We also encourage everyone to use this time to get vaccinated or get your booster shot if you are eligible.

MDE Key Terms

E-Learning	Digital Learning	Online Learning
An unscheduled day A day in which a school offers full access to online instruction provided by students' individual teachers <u>due to inclement weather</u>. *Limit of 5 per year State Statute 120A.414	Pre-scheduled days Learning facilitated by technology that offers students an element of control over the time, place, path, or pace of their learning and includes blended and online learning. State Statute 124D.095	Full days online A form of digital learning that is delivered by an approved online learning provider under state statute. SPPS has become an approved online provider State Statute 124D.095
Potential Use		
Snow or other inclement weather days	Election Day, K-8 Schools grades 6-8, and as needed	SPPS K-12 Online School

Recommendation

1. Exchange December 20th (student contact day) with April 15th (professional development day)
 - ✓ December 20th will become:
 - A professional development day for staff (asynchronous and highly encouraged)
 - A non-school day for all students
 - ✓ April 15th will become a digital learning day in accordance with [State Statute 124D.095](#) and MDE's definition of a pre-scheduled instructional day
2. Declare December 21st a non-school day for all students and school staff

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Recommendation

December 2021 - Current calendar

20 - Regular school day	21 - Regular school day	22 - Winter Break	23 - Winter Break	24 - Winter Break
27 - Winter Break	28 - Winter Break	29 - Winter Break	30 - Winter Break	31 - Winter Break

April 15 - Professional
Development Day

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December 2021 - Proposed calendar

20 - Professional Development Day	21 - No school day for students and school staff	22 - Winter Break	23 - Winter Break	24 - Winter Break
27 - Winter Break	28 - Winter Break	29 - Winter Break	30 - Winter Break	31 - Winter Break

April 15 - Digital
Learning Day (K-12)

Next steps

- In December, we will conduct a pulse survey for SPPS families and staff to gather information on the following:
 - ✓ Ask about the impact of transitioning from an in-person day to a digital learning day
 - ✓ If implemented, ask about a preferred number of days between February and June 2022
 - ✓ Ask about a day of week preference (e.g. Monday or Friday)
- District administration will solicit feedback from various groups (e.g. SPPA, SPFE, etc.) and reach out to our partners to discuss expanded opportunities for school-age childcare and enrichment programs on identified days

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Motion

Adopt this recommended change to the 2021-2022 School Year calendar to reflect the following:

- December 20, 2021 will become a professional development day for school staff (students do not report) ⁸
- December 21, 2021 will become a non-school day for all students and school staff
- April 15, 2022 will become a Digital Learning day for all students (school staff report)