




## Human Resources

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Date: February 3, 2017  
To: The Board of Education  
From: Chris Gardea   
RE: Parent Teacher Conference – 180-Day Waiver

Resolutions to approve 180-day waivers for Walla Walla Public Schools will be presented at the February 7, 2017 board of education meeting.

In 2012 the State Board of Education implemented a waiver requirement to solidify the practice of using days included in the teachers' 180-day contract for parent-teacher conferences. This waiver requirement is their way of ensuring that all students continue to receive the appropriate number of instructional hours.

Walla Walla Public Schools' practice is to conduct parent teacher conferences on two full-days included in the 180-day school year. Using full-days for conferences provides more options for parents to participate in the conferences and allows for less half school days for students.

We appreciate your consideration.

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RESOLUTION #01-2017  
February 7, 2017

Request for Waiver from Minimum 180-Day School Year

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors recognizes that one characteristic of high performing schools is a "high level of family and community involvement," and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors recognizes the educational importance of having students accept ownership of and responsibility for their achievements towards meeting the standards, and

WHEREAS, the option of having a full-day to schedule parent/student/teacher conferences in addition to evening hours allows greater participation rates by parents, as well as making it possible for parents with more than one child to meet with each of their teachers on the same day, and

WHEREAS, teachers will be fulfilling their contractual responsibilities while meeting with students and parents during parent/student/teacher conference times, and

WHEREAS, the District shall make, and has made, available to all students the total annual instructional hours as required by RCW 28A.150.220.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of Walla Walla Public Schools, Walla Walla County, State of Washington hereby requests a renewal of its previous two-day waiver from the minimum 180-day school year requirement under RCW 28A.150.220 and WAC 180.18.050 solely for the purpose of parent teacher conferences for the 2014-2015, 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 school years resulting in a 178-day school year for all students.

WALLA WALLA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 140  
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Wade Smith, Secretary of the Board

Adopted at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors February 7, 2017



RESOLUTION #02-2017  
February 7, 2017

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WHEREAS, the option of having a full-day to schedule parent/student/teacher conferences in addition to evening hours allows greater participation rates by parents, as well as making it possible for parents with more than one child to meet with each of their teachers on the same day, and

WHEREAS, teachers will be fulfilling their contractual responsibilities while meeting with students and parents during parent/student/teacher conference times, and

WHEREAS, the District shall make available to all students the total annual instructional hours as required by RCW 28A.150.220.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of Walla Walla Public Schools, Walla Walla County, State of Washington hereby requests a renewal of its previous two-day waiver from the minimum 180-day school year requirement under RCW 28A.150.220 and WAC 180.18.050 solely for the purpose of parent teacher conferences for the 2017-2018, 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 school years resulting in a 178-day school year for all students.

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