



## A Message from Superintendent Hoernemann

Dear Avon Families,

On Monday evening (5/12/14) the ACSC Board accepted our recommendation to revise the 2014-15 School Calendar. Included in the new calendar are five delay start days. Additionally, the full day of professional development that is typically held in late August has been moved to Election Day (November 4) which should allow students to work the polls and staff to be able to vote more easily. Since four of our schools will serve as polling sites, it will also allow for security of our students. We will also reevaluate this change next year.

We appreciated the input received from parents, students and staff about possibly tweaking the snow make-up day plan. Ultimately, the majority believed it was best to leave the calendar as is (with two make up days built in on Dr. King's Holiday and Presidents' Day and any additional snow days would be added at the end of the school year). It is important to note that all of our schools hold appropriate observances of these holidays whether or not school is in session.

For those of you who really plan ahead, the Board also adopted the 2015-16 School Calendar. It mimics the 2014-15 calendar. Given the savings in substitute teacher costs due to improved adult attendance, much improved student attendance and our collaboration with other school districts (Harris Academy-alternative school at Brownsburg; Area 31 Career and Technical Education Program at Ben Davis; and our new ALPHA program with Brownsburg and Plainfield which will replace Sanders School)—we believe it is best to remain on the balanced calendar.

The 2014-15 calendar can be found on the ACSC website ([www.avon-schools.org](http://www.avon-schools.org)).

Together, we will continue to strive to ensure that Avon's children receive an excellent educational experience.

Sincerely,

Margaret E. Hoernemann, Ph.D.  
Superintendent

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