



Richland-Bean Blossom

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VISION

Living, learning and leading
together to achieve 90, 90, 90.

MISSION

Our mission is to work in cooperation with the community and families to provide students with an education that promotes responsible citizenship and encourages problem solving and creativity.

Balanced Calendar Parent and Community Information

January 2012

Richland-Bean Blossom Community School Corporation is exploring the possibility of moving from a traditional calendar to a balanced calendar. Detailed below is information about balanced calendars and a sample calendar is attached. The balanced calendar would not go into effect until 2013-14 school year. A survey will be available on our website very soon to get your input. If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to email us at rbbcsc@rbbcsc.k12.in.us

What is a balanced calendar?

- A balanced calendar does not add more days to the school year. Students still attend 180 days throughout the year as mandated by Indiana law. The calendar attempts to break the instructional periods and the breaks into a more “balanced” configuration.
- The school year typically begins early August. Students attend school for 9 weeks and then have a week off in October for fall break. We would still have winter break of two weeks and then a week at spring break and an additional week at spring break that could be used for snow make-up days if needed. The summer break would be approximately 8 to 9 weeks.

What are the benefits?

- The shorter summer break would bridge the gap between the end of one school year and the beginning of the next. Many students who have just learned a new skill have trouble retaining that skill over a longer period of time. The shorter summer break helps reduce this possible loss.
- The break between nine (9) weeks could allow for voluntary remediation or enrichment for students.
- Moving to a balanced calendar would keep RBBSC in line with the vocational schedule at MCCSC which is considering these changes as well. Other area corporations are looking at options to make the move to a balanced calendar too.
- Studies have indicated that both student and teacher attendance and attitudes toward school and instruction are improved when using a balanced calendar.

Does this cost the school corporation more money?

- No. The cost of school is based on 180 days of instruction and that would not change.

Will moving to a balanced calendar affect my child’s extra-curricular activities?

- School activities will continue within the new schedule.

“Where Students Come First”

PROPOSED
2013-14 CALENDAR

2013					September					October											
August																					
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2013-14																					
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No Student Attendance																					
Staff Development-Delayed Start																					
Snow Day Make-up or Additional Spring Break																					