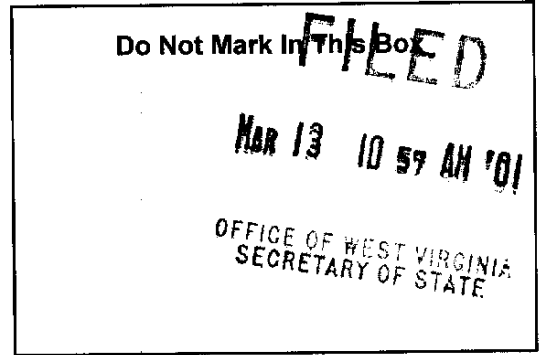


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Form #5



NOTICE OF AGENCY ADOPTION OF A PROCEDURAL OR INTERPRETIVE RULE
OR A LEGISLATIVE RULE EXEMPT FROM LEGISLATIVE REVIEW

AGENCY: West Virginia Board of Education TITLE NUMBER: 126

CITE AUTHORITY: W.Va. Constitution, Article XII, §2, W.Va. Code §18-2-5 and §18-2-15

RULE TYPE: PROCEDURAL _____ INTERPRETIVE _____

EXEMPT LEGISLATIVE RULE X
CITE STATUTE(S) GRANTING EXEMPTION FROM LEGISLATIVE REVIEW
W.Va. Code §§29A-3B-1, et seq.; W.Va. Board of Education
v. Hechler, 180 W.Va. 451; 376 S.E.2d 839 (1988).

AMENDMENT TO AN EXISTING RULE: YES XX NO _____

IF YES, SERIES NUMBER OF RULE BEING AMENDED: 73

TITLE OF RULE BEING AMENDED: Year-Round Education Programs (3234)

IF NO, SERIES NUMBER OF NEW RULE BEING PROPOSED: _____

TITLE OF RULE BEING PROPOSED: _____

THE ABOVE RULE IS HEREBY ADOPTED AND FILED WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE. THE
EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS RULE IS April 12, 2001

William J. Luff, Jr.
Associate State Superintendent of Schools

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**TITLE 126
LEGISLATIVE RULE**

**WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF EDUCATION
SERIES 73
YEAR-ROUND EDUCATION PROGRAMS (3234)**

§126-73-1. General.

1.1. Scope. This policy provides the opportunity for school(s) or school districts to receive approval to establish, operate and maintain year-round education programs in West Virginia.

1.2. Authority. West Virginia Constitution, Article XII, §2; West Virginia Code §§ 18-2-5 and 18-5-15

1.3. Filing Date. 3/13/01

1.4. Effective Date. 4/12/01

1.5. Replaced Policy. This is a revision of the policy that became effective 6/14/92.

§126-73-2. Purpose.

2.1. The purpose of this policy is to provide more flexibility to local school districts to create programs and formats that will best meet the educational needs of students by providing the opportunity for schools and school districts to conduct year-round education.

§126-73-3. Application.

3.1. In order to operate a year-round school, a county board of education must submit a proposal to the West Virginia Board of Education requesting permission to establish, operate and maintain a year-round education program to be conducted in a school(s) or county school district.

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3.2. A county board of education requesting permission to establish, operate and maintain a year-round education program in a school(s) or school district shall submit a school calendar designating the instructional days, employment term and the year-round education format.

3.3. Approval may be granted for a period of no more than three years and may be renewed.

3.4. This policy does not require the establishment of year-round education, therefore, proposals will be submitted and reviewed on a school by school or county school district by county school district basis.

§126-73-4. Proposals.

4.1. A proposal to establish, operate and maintain a year-round education program must be approved by the county superintendent and the county board of education prior to being submitted to the West Virginia Board of Education.

4.2. Proposals must include a rationale for the establishment of the year-round education program and illustrate how student learning will be enhanced in a year-round education program. The rationale and enhanced learning must be supported by research and documentation.

4.3. Personnel, professional and service, employed at the school or schools which will have year-round education programs must be allowed to consider employment at the school or schools.

4.4. Schools operating on a year-round education schedule will be designated schools for all children within the school attendance area and will be available to students outside the attendance area according to county policy.

4.5. Parents within the year-round education school attendance area may have the option of transferring their child or children to another school as per county policy.

4.6. In addition to a school calendar, counties will submit additional fiscal and other data as required by the State Superintendent of Schools.

4.7. Proposals being presented to the West Virginia Board of Education by a school or school district must be submitted prior to January 1 of the first year for which approval to operate a year-round education calendar is sought. Proposals for renewal must be submitted prior to January 1 of the last school year for which approval was received.

FISCAL NOTE WORKSHEET (Submit 4 Copies)

NO. _____ DRAFT NO. _____ BILL NO. _____ RESOLUTION NO. _____

SUBJECT Policy 3234 Year-Round Education Program FUND _____

SOURCE OF REVENUE: GENERAL FUND SPECIAL OTHER (SPECIFY) _____

COST OF ESTIMATE BASED ON: AN ORIGINAL ESTIMATE BUDGET BILL OTHER (SPECIFY) _____

COME ESTIMATE BASED ON: AN ORIGINAL ESTIMATE BUDGET BILL OTHER (SPECIFY) _____

SHOW OVER-ALL EFFECT IN ITEMS 1 AND 2 & GIVE EXPLANATION OF BREAKDOWN BY FISCAL YEAR INCLUDING LONG-RANGE EFFECT

EFFECT OF PROPOSAL	ANNUAL		FISCAL YEAR		
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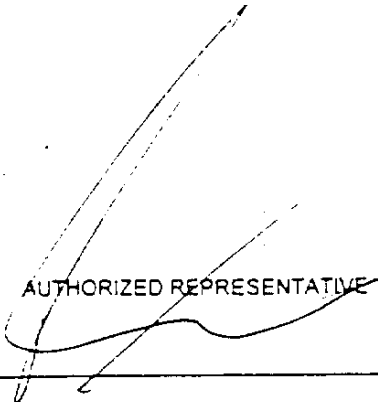
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AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

January 3, 2001

West Virginia Department of Education



POLICY 3234

**YEAR-ROUND EDUCATION PROGRAM
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

COMMENT PERIOD ENDS: FEBRUARY 16, 2001 ADOPTED: March 13, 2001

Policy 3234 provides for the operation of year-round schools. The policy was first effective in June 1992.

The revisions proposed allow the State Board to approve the operation of a year-round school for a period of up to three years. The policy currently provides for approval for a period of only one year.

RESPONSE FORM

Policy 3234: Year-Round Education Programs

Directions: Please use this form to comment on proposed Policy 3234: Year-Round Education Programs.

Individual/Organization: _____

Address: _____

Comments on Policy 3234: Year-Round Education Programs

§126-10-2. Purpose.

§126-10-3. Application.

§126-10-4. Proposals.

RETURN BY FEBRUARY 16, 2001 TO:

**William J. Luff, Jr.
Associate State Superintendent
West Virginia Department of Education
Capitol Complex, Building 6, Room 360
1900 Kanawha Boulevard East
Charleston, West Virginia 25305-0330**

POLICY 3234: YEAR-ROUND EDUCATION PROGRAMS

COMMENT LOG

2001

Date	Individual/ Organization	Comments
1/31/01	James Fauber	§126-10-2 Purpose: Adjust opening & closing day of school to accommodate attaining 180 school days. Leave the remainder alone. No year round school!!
2/7/01	Sandra Echols	§126-10-2 Purpose, 126-10-3 Application, 126-10-4 Proposals: I am totally against year round schools. Education is not enhanced or improved with it. Florida is now going away from YRS. Schools are not properly maintained or equipped with air conditioning, thus making everyone miserable. WV will see <u>MORE</u> teachers moving out of state with year round school, maybe even parents. If you go ahead with 126CSR73-3.3, one year should be the limit granted.
2/7/01	Mrs. Roseann Costello, Oak Glen High School	§126-10-2 Purpose: I am personally opposed to the year-round school calendar for the following reasons: 1) Hancock County is just beginning to implement the mandated School-to-Work initiatives. Summer field experience may well be necessary for our students. 2) Many high school students need the summer months to hold down jobs to either supplement family income or save for their education. 3) School buildings are not air conditioned to make education an environmentally tolerable task during the hot summer months. This would be a huge financial burden to air condition all of your school buildings. 4) Teachers in West Virginia often use summer months for second jobs to supplement their low salaries. 5) Teachers use summer months to take enrichment classes or travel that enhances their educational expertise. 6) Morale: Teachers and students alike look forward to the summer months to refresh and renew themselves for another demanding academic year. 7) Teachers would struggle to get students "back on track" after a series of vacations rather than <u>just once</u> after the summer break.

2/7/01	Kelley Ann Hobbs Hess	<p>§126-10-2 Purpose: I am against full year school.</p> <p>§126-10-3 Application: I am a student in vocational school and have five children in school in WV.</p> <p>§126-10-4 Proposal: The kids and I both enjoy having a full summer off. I do not wish to have my children riding buses and sitting in class during the hot summer months.</p>
2/7/01	Patsy Prater	<p>§126-10-2 Purpose: I am not for year round school.</p> <p>§126-10-3 Application: I am a school bus driver. I do not feel my 4 elementary school children can learn in a building that is not air conditioned at 85 to 90 degrees or ride on a bus at these temps day after day. Until the State of WV can air condition all schools and buses year round school is out of the question. After all does the State Senate or Legislature work when the AC is not working. I think not.</p>
2/8/01	Troy Elementary	<p>§126-10-2 Purpose: Of our four parents on committee and staff, all are opposed citing schools that went to year-round on probation after seven years. Research shows no gains.</p>
2/9/01	Steve Knighton	<p>§126-10-2 Purpose: The three year application gives ample time to provide comparative data and to assess the effect of this calendar.</p> <p>§126-10-3 Application: I have been granted permission in the past (Dr. Marockie) to administer the SAT-9 at a different time to accommodate our three week intersession.</p> <p>§126-10-4 Proposals: We are generally in school more days prior to the Statewide testing window than the traditional calendar students. However, on our 45/15 day modified calendar, we were being faced with being away from school for weeks prior to testing. Could we have a little latitude in administering the state testing program? We had Karen Nicholson's support the last time. She and two staff helped us proctor the test.</p>
2/13/01	Gordon Anderson	<p>§126-10-2 Purpose: The additional cost of air conditioning in the older schools would be too big of a financial burden on the counties. The additional stress of vacation planning on parents would not be fair to them. Let's fix what is wrong now and don't create another problem that will need fixed later.</p>
2/13/01	Lenora Kelley	<p>§126-10-2 Purpose: <u>I am very much against it</u>, as it gets very hot in the summer and there is only one school in the whole county with air condition. None of our buses have air</p>

		<p>condition. §126-10-4 Proposals: Leave the way the school are now.</p>
2/15/01	Mrs. Carl Huffman	<p>§126-10-2 Purpose: We at Woodrow Wilson find that students and teachers need a vacation and time for rest and family. Whereas several students don't want to attend school no matter what the calendar. A year-round program would only make those belligerent and parents furious as businesses allow time off only during the summer for travel and togetherness. Many schedule trips and activities in advance and summer sports programs are planned also. Schools would need to be air conditioned. Businesses would have to adjust their schedules and shifts to accommodate the schools</p>
2/16/01	Jane Bittle	<p>General: I very strongly disagree with operating year-round school. I think it would be detrimental not beneficial to students, parents and school personnel. My children are in elementary school but we keep them pretty focused on their at-school education throughout the current year. They are children, they need the extended play and rest time that the long, summer break gives them. Yes, come June, we relax a little. We as parents need that too. That is not to say we stop learning. We vacation. We go to the library. We visit museums. We stay up late and catch lightning bugs. We play in the creek. These are all learning activities. Why would anybody want to stifle such experiences with mandatory year-round school?!</p> <p>§126-10-2 Purpose: I believe some local school districts need <u>less</u> flexibility. If they are not managed well, there is abuse of power. The wants and needs of the parents and personnel should dictate whether something like year-round schooling is adopted. Some local school boards make decisions with little consideration of the community needs.</p> <p>§126-10-3 Application: Give schools the option to continue their current September-June calendar even if their district (county) wants to adopt the year-round schedule.</p> <p>When school boards are saying they have no money and need more money now, what will they do when the schools need upgraded air conditioning systems. When those systems have to run much longer than they currently do, won't the utility costs escalate substantially?</p> <p>§126-10-4 Proposals: While I thank you for including the option to transfer students, I hope you do not accept this policy. I do not want my children to attend year-round school. They</p>

		<p>are learning and growing extremely well on their current schedule. I will exercise every option to allow them that freedom.</p>
2/16/01	Theron Bittle	<p>§126-10-2 Purpose: I do not want schools to be operating on a year-round basis. There are many reasons and I will list them for you.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Children need to be with their parents doing activities that can only be done in the summer months. 2. What will happen when the public pools have to close because most of their business will be limited to one month a year instead of about 3 1/2 months. 3. What about the lost income that would not go into the economy if the teachers are not going to have the summer to work on various summer jobs. 4. What about the lost income that is put into the economy from kids in high school who work summer jobs. No one will want to hire them for just one month. It is too expensive to train them and just have them work 30 days. 5. Babysitters in the summer are not that easy to find but having school year-round will make it even harder to find a baby sitter for just one month at a time. 6. Vacation plans would be much more difficult with an average office of employees trying to schedule a summer vacation with only 4 weeks to work with.
2/16/01	James S. Rucker	<p>§126-10-2 Purpose: Several school districts has had to have state intervention due to unable to run their own schools. They do not need this.</p> <p>§126-10-4 Proposals: The school districts will mishandle the money and create confusion among the children and parents. Year around school is not a good idea.</p>
2/20/01	Marlene Dulaney, Student	<p>§126-10-2 Purpose: Year-round schooling would be a very bad idea. More kids will miss school because they won't get their 3 month vacation.</p> <p>§126-10-3 Application: The county doesn't have enough money.</p> <p>§126-10-4 Proposals: School in the summer time would also be bad because there are not air conditioners in our school and our school is too cheap to buy them.</p> <p>Mr. William Luff, I am writing in response to the proposed policy on year-round education program; I understand that, compared to some other countries, that the United States seems</p>

		<p>to be far behind in academics. That may be an advantage to all year school. Also, may be easier concerning daycare for younger school age children in the summer months.</p> <p>In that aspect, children and adults need summertime vacation. There are slower schedules, leisure time, and fun time to become well rounded human beings with family values.</p> <p>If only there was a way for all adults to have summers off with their children.</p> <p>I will continue to dream on.</p>
2/20/01	Patricia Naylor	<p>§126-10-2 Purpose: I do not feel that the purpose of better meeting educational requirements will be achieved with changing the school calendar. With more breaks in the year there will be more days wasted by adjusting back into the school routine. More days and time wasted by students forgetting their locker combinations, passing out books, students not ready to work and wanting to compare their breaks, and other factors. It is easy to see how the first week and the last week of school is not productive but rather settling in or finishing up and watching movies for the remainder of the week. The plan to put three of these transitional periods into the schedule will not improve the students time-on-task days of the school year. Another factor to consider is that one of the goals of school is help students to become responsible and productive citizens. For high school juniors and seniors, while this is not affiliated with school, they receive the opportunity to have summer jobs which give them a sample of the working world. These summer job positions do not interfere with school. With a year-round program many students would still have summer jobs but after school and on weekends, and this situation definitely interferes with school, homework, and overall learning.</p>

JAMES E. FAUBER

337 MC ELDOWNEY AVENUE
NEW MARTINSVILLE, WEST VIRGINIA 26155

ADJUST OPENING & CLOSING
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James E. Fauber

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NOTICE OF A COMMENT PERIOD ON A PROPOSED RULE

AGENCY: West Virginia Board of Education TITLE NUMBER: 126

RULE TYPE: Legislative; CITE AUTHORITY: W. Va. Constitution, Article XII, §2, W. Va.

Code §18-2-5 and §18-5-15

AMENDMENT TO AN EXISTING RULE: YES X NO

IF YES, SERIES NUMBER OF RULE BEING AMENDED: 73

TITLE OF RULE BEING AMENDED: Year-Round Education Programs (3234)

IF NO, SERIES NUMBER OF NEW RULE BEING PROPOSED: 73

TITLE OF RULE BEING PROPOSED: YEAR-ROUND EDUCATION PROGRAMS
(3234)

IN LIEU OF A PUBLIC HEARING, A COMMENT PERIOD HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED DURING WHICH ANY INTERESTED PERSON MAY SEND COMMENTS CONCERNING THESE PROPOSED RULES. THIS COMMENT PERIOD WILL END ON February 16, 2001 AT 4:45 p.m. ONLY WRITTEN COMMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED AND ARE TO BE MAILED TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:

Mr. William J. Luff, Jr.

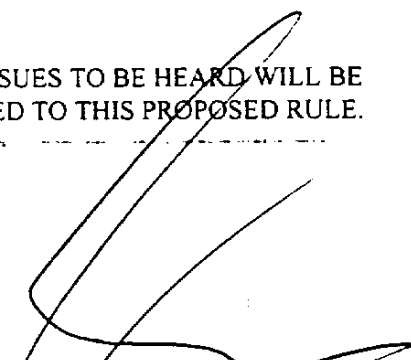
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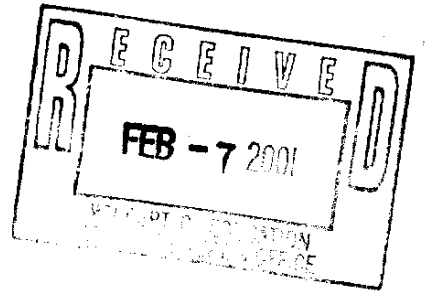
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THE ISSUES TO BE HEARD WILL BE LIMITED TO THIS PROPOSED RULE.


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Associate State Superintendent of Schools

ATTACH A **BRIEF** SUMMARY OF YOUR PROPOSAL

RESPONSE FORM



Policy 3234: Year-Round Education Programs

Directions: Please use this form to comment on proposed Policy 3234: Year-Round Education Programs.

Individual/Organization: SANDRA S. ECHOLS

Address: WOODROW WILSON HIGH SCHOOL

400 STANFORD ROAD - BECKLEY, WV 25801
- RALEIGH CO. SCHOOLS -

Comments on Policy 3234: Year-Round Education Programs

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§126-10-3. Application.

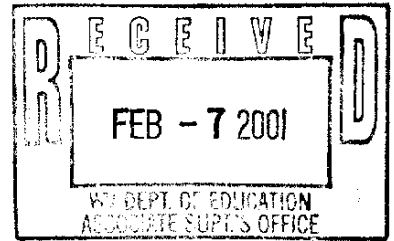
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If you go ahead w/ 126CSR 73 - 3.3 - ONE YEAR should be the limit granted.



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Individual/Organization: Mrs. Roseann Costello, Counselor

Address: Oak Glen High School

R.D.1 New Cumberland, WV 26047

Comments on Policy 3234: Year-Round Education Programs

§126-10-2. Purpose. Opposed: for the following reasons -
see attached sheet

§126-10-3. Application.

§126-10-4. Proposals.

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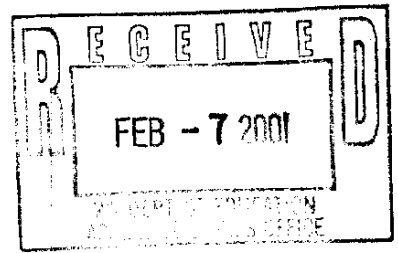
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WV Dept. of Education
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Roseann Costello,
School Counselor



RESPONSE FORM

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Individual/Organization: Patsy PRATER

Address: RD #1, Box 463, Ross Rd.
New Cumberland, WV. 26047

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§126-10-2. Purpose.

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§126-10-3. Application.

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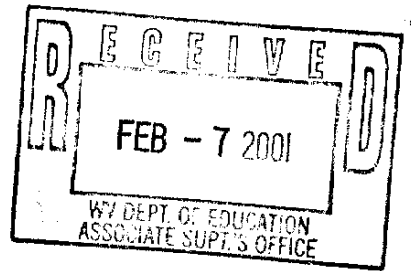
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Individual/Organization: Kelley Ann Hubbs Hoss

Address: RV 1 Box 463
New Cumberland, W.Va. 26047

Comments on Policy 3234: Year-Round Education Programs

§126-10-2. Purpose.

I am against full year school

§126-10-3. Application.

I am a student in vocational school and have 5 children in school in West

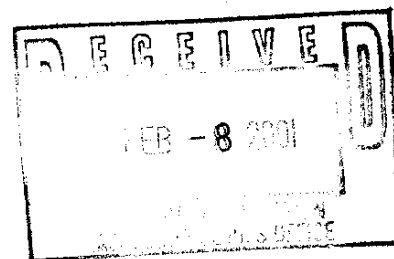
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Individual/Organization: TROY ELEMENTARY

Address: GENERAL DELIVERY
TROY, WV. 26443

Comments on Policy 3234: Year-Round Education Programs

§126-10-2. Purpose. OF OUR FOUR PARENTS ON COMMITTEE AND STAFF, ALL ARE OPPOSED CITING SCHOOLS THAT WENT TO YEAR-ROUND ON PROBATION AFTER SEVEN YEARS.

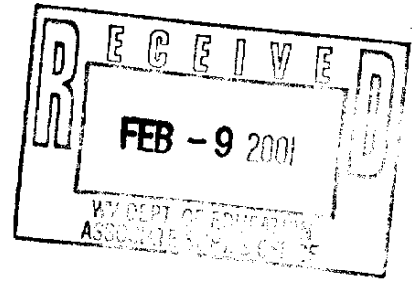
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Policy 3234: Year-Round Education Programs

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Individual/Organization: Stu Knighton

Address: 203 Bradford St Charleston, WV 25301
Charleston, WV 25301

Comments on Policy 3234: Year-Round Education Programs

§126-10-2. Purpose.

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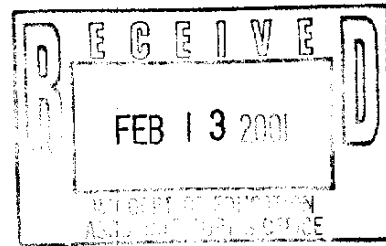
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Individual/Organization: GORDON ANDERSON

Address: 1207 COURTLAND RD
WEIRTON WV 26062

Comments on Policy 3234: Year-Round Education Programs

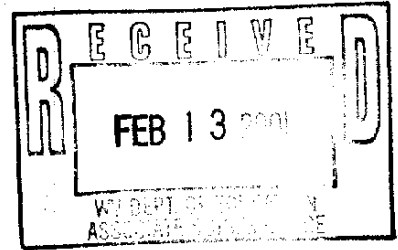
§126-10-2. Purpose. *The additional cost of air cond. in the older schools would be to big of a financial burden on the counties. The*

§126-10-3. Application. *additional stress of vacation planning on parents would not be fair to them.*

§126-10-4. Proposals. *Let's fix what is wrong now, & don't create another problem that will need fixed later*

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Individual/Organization: Lenora D Helkey

Address: RD#1 Box 463 Pass Rd
New Cumberland, WY 26047

Comments on Policy 3234: Year-Round Education Programs

§126-10-2. Purpose. I'm very much against it
as it gets very hot in the summer and there is only
one school in the whole County with air conditioning
None of our buses have air conditioning

§126-10-3. Application.

§126-10-4. Proposals. Leave the way the schools are now

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§126-10-2. Purpose.

We at Woodrow Wilson find that students and teachers need a vacation and time for rest and family. Whereas several students don't want to attend school no matter what the calendar, a year-round program

§126-10-3. Application.

would only make those belligerent and parents furious as businesses allow time off only during the summer for travel and togetherness. Many schedule trips and activities in advance and summer sports programs are planned also.

§126-10-4. Proposals.

Schools would need to be air-conditioned. Businesses would have to adjust their schedules and shifts to accommodate the schools.

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*Mrs. Carol Huffman
English II teacher
D-8*

Directions: Please use this form to comment on proposed Policy 3234: Year-Round Education Programs.

Individual/Organization: Jane Bittle, Parent

Address: 709 Trails' Branch
Elkview, WV 25071

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- ' 126-10-2. Purpose. *My comments are attached.*
- ' 126-10-3. Application.
- ' 126-10-4. Proposals.

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Policy 3234 Comments - Jane Bittle

General:

I very strongly disagree with operating year-round school. I think it would be detrimental not beneficial to students, parents and school personnel. My children are in elementary school but we keep them pretty focused on their at-school education throughout the current year. They are children, they need the extended play and rest time that the long, summer break gives them. Yes, come June, we relax a little. We as parents need that too. That is not to say we stop learning. We vacation. We go to the library. We visit museums. We stay up late and catch lightening bugs. We play in the creek. These are all learning activities. Why would anybody want to stifle such experiences with mandatory year-round school?!

Purpose:

I believe some local school districts need less flexibility. If they are not managed well, there is abuse of power. The wants and needs of the parents and personnel should dictate whether something like year-round schooling is adopted. Some local school boards make decisions with little consideration of the community needs.

Application:

Give schools the option to continue their current September-June calendar even if their district (county) wants to adopt the year-round schedule.

When school boards are saying they have no money and need more money now, what will they do when the schools need upgraded air conditioning systems. When those systems have to run much longer than they currently do, won't the utility costs escalate substantially?

Proposals:

While I thank you for including the option to transfer students, I hope you do not accept this policy. I do not want my children to attend year-round school. They are learning and growing extremely well on their current schedule. I will exercise every option to allow them that freedom.

Thank you.

Directions: Please use this form to comment on proposed Policy 3234: Year-Round Education Programs.

Individual/Organization: Theron Bittle, Parent

Address: 709 Trails Branch
Elkview, WV 25071

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I do not want schools to be operating on a year round basis. There are many reasons and I will list them for you.



1. Children need to be with their parents doing activities that can only be done in the summer months.
2. What will happen when the public pools have to close because most of their business will be limited to one month a year instead of about 3 1/2 months.
3. What about the lost income that would ^{not} go into the economy if the teachers are not going to have the summer to work on various summer jobs.
4. What about the lost income that is put into the economy from kids in high school who work summer jobs. No one will want to hire them for just one month. It is too expensive to train them and just have them work for 30 days.
5. Baby sitters in the summer are not that easy to find but having school year round will make it even harder to find a baby sitter for just one month at a time.
6. Vacation plans would be much more difficult with an average office of employees trying to schedule a summer vacation with only 4 weeks to work with.

Jean Bittle
709 Trails Branch 2/14/01
Elkview, WV 25071

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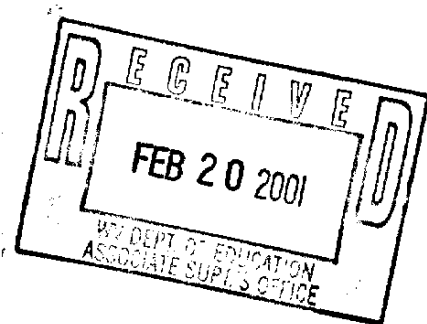
Individual/Organization: Patricia Naylor

Address: 275 Spencer Rd.

Clendenin, WV 25042

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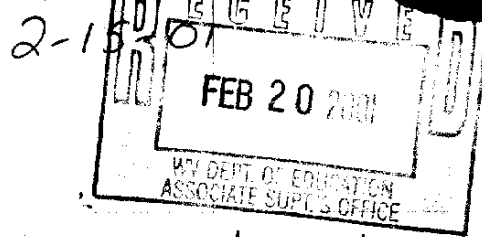
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Purpose

I do not see that the purpose of better meeting educational requirements will be achieved with changing the school calendar. With more breaks in the year there will be more days wasted by adjusting back into the school routine. More days and time wasted by students forgetting their locker combinations, passing out books, students not ready to work and wanting to compare their breaks, and other factors. It is easy to see how the first week and the last week of school is not productive but rather settling in or finishing up and watching movies for the remainder of the week. The plan to put three of these transitional periods into the schedule will not improve the students time-on-task days of the school year. Another factor to consider is that one of the goals of school is help students to become responsible and productive citizens. For high school juniors and seniors, while this is not affiliated with school, they receive the opportunity to have summer jobs which give them a sample of the working world. These summer job positions do not interfere with school. With a year-round program many students would still have summer jobs but after school and on weekends, and this situation definitely interferes with school, homework, and overall learning.



Mr. William Luff,

I am writing in response to the proposed policy on year-round education program;

I understand that, compared to some other countries, that the United States seems to be far behind in academics. That may be an advantage to all year school.

Also, may be easier concerning daycare for younger school age children in the summer months.

But, in my opinion, children today are being forced to grow up too fast in so many ways. Society is so rushed and becoming so high-tech. I don't believe there is enough family time and recreation.

In that aspect, children and adults need summertime vacation. There are slower schedules, leisure time, and fun time to become well rounded human beings with family values.

If only there was a way for all adults to have summers off with their children.

I will continue to dream on.

Sincerely,
Marlene Dulaney

Marlene Dulaney

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Individual/Organization: student

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§126-10-2. Purpose. Year round schooling would be a very bad idea. More kids will miss school because they won't get their 3 month vacation.

§126-10-3. Application. The county doesn't have enough money.

§126-10-4. Proposals. School in the summer time would also be bad because there are no air conditioners in our school and our school is too cheap to buy them.

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Policy 3234 -- Year Around Education Programs

Attention: *Marlene*

Directions: Please use this form to comment on proposed Policy 3234: Year-Round Education Programs.

Individual/Organization: *James S. Rucker*

Address: *102 Hurricane Rd.*

Elkview WV 25021

Comments on Policy 3234: Year-Round Education Programs

*126-10-2. Purpose. *Several school districts has had to have state interventio due to unable to run thier own schools. They do not need this.*

*126-10-3. Application.

*126-10-4. Proposals. *The school districts will mishandle the money and create confussion among the childrens and parents.*

Year-around school is not an good idea! *James S. Rucker*

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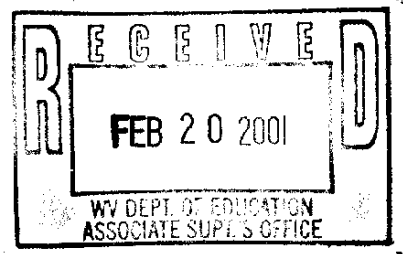
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