

According to state law, every student must meet all vaccination requirements by October 15, 2016. According to state law, students who do not meet these requirements must be suspended from school. There are only two acceptable exceptions. The first acceptable exception is based on medical reason. This must be written by a healthcare provider and it is through the Illinois Department of Health. The second acceptable exception is based on a religious reason. This must be written by a healthcare provider and it is through the Illinois Department of Health (THIS IS NEW THIS YEAR). Therefore, students will be suspended from school beginning October 17, 2016 unless they have 1) provided proof of required immunizations, 2) provided written proof of medical exception through the IDPH, or 3) provided written proof of religious exception through the IDPH.

October School Calendar

- Monday, October 10, 2016 = No School (Columbus Day).
- Thursday, October 13, 2016 = 2:05 Dismissal.
- Friday, October 14, 2016 = 2:05 Dismissal (End of Quarter # 1).
- Friday, October 28, 2016 = No School (Parent-Teacher Conferences from 8:00-12:00).

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your patience and understanding with this unprecedented (maybe not so unprecedented anymore) heat and humidity and our attempts to deal with its challenges. Our district always does an amazing job of making the best out of this difficult situation and everyone should be commended. This includes students, parents, and teachers. Below you will find four question/answers pertaining to this issue. 1. Do we have to make-up the "early-out" days at the end of the school year? No. We do not have to make-up the "early-out" days at the end of the school year. These days are classified by the Illinois State Board of Education as interrupted days and do not have to be made-up as long as our students receive one hour of instruction. 2. I noticed we made the "early-out" announcement the night before on one of the days. I thought we could not do that. Has something changed? Yes. Something has changed. Last year, the Illinois State Board of Education "removed the previous prohibition to preannounce interrupted days." 3. Are you worried about the loss of instructional minutes? Obviously, my number one concern is for the health and well-being of our students and staff in the Bowen building. However, I am also concerned about the loss of valuable instructional minutes. A school's instructional minutes should be precious and protected. When we dismiss at 1:05 or even 12:05, it "counts" as a full day of learning, but our students are not actually receiving a full day of learning. We are not required to make-up these days. One or two days of this shortened schedule is one thing; however, beyond that is a concern. With that said, I am very confident our teachers are making sure the "essentials" are being taught and learned on these shortened days. 4. Is there any talk about air conditioning the Bowen building? Yes. The Southeastern Board of Education is in the process of discussing our options for installing air conditioning in the Bowen building. You will see this topic as an informational item on our board agenda the next several months.

If you are interested in being employed as a substitute cook or bus driver for the Southeastern School District, please contact me at 217-392-2172 or shsprin@southeastern337.com.

Budget Summary FY2017

- FY16 Revenue = \$5,519,575.
- FY16 Expenses = \$5,389,637
- Beginning Fund Balance = \$2,730,010
- FY17 Predicted Revenue = \$5,662,450
- FY17 Predicted Expenses = \$5,592,289
- FY17 Revenues minus Expenses = \$70,161

Ball Game Etiquette. For the safety of everyone, please remain in your seats until timeouts or between games. People walking up and down the sideline during play is very dangerous. Thank you for your understanding and help in this matter.