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Changes coming to spring break dates in 2017 to accommodate SAT testing

To better accommodate juniors taking the SAT college board entrance exam and at the request of superintendents across Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District (Char-Em ISD), the date of school spring break for 2017 has been moved ahead a week.

For the 2015-2016 school year, with the ACT changing to SAT, juniors will be taking the SATs on the day they return to school following spring break – Tuesday, April 12. Administrators across the ISD preferred not to have students take this important exam immediately upon returning to school after the break. The SAT dates are established by the exam board and are offered annually the second Tuesday in April.

Superintendents across the ISD asked Char-Em ISD Superintendent Jeff Crouse to request changes to the “common calendar” established by the ISD Board of Education. By law, the ISD Board of Education – with input from local administrators – sets the dates in the calendar for things such as winter/spring breaks and common professional development days, among others.

Starting with the 2016-2017 school year, students and staff will return to school the first Tuesday in April, allowing one week before the SAT is offered the second Tuesday in April.

“The change is the right thing to do for students,” said ISD Superintendent Jeff Crouse. “We want to provide our students with their best opportunity to excel on this college entrance exam.”

Crouse and the other superintendents also wanted to get this information out more than a year in advance as many families will book their spring break accommodations a year in advance.

“Now families have ample time to plan for the 2016-2017 spring break,” Crouse said, adding that this change will be in place for all future common calendars.

To view the common calendar for the 2016-2017 school year and five years out, visit <http://www.charemid.org/aboutus/ourdistricts/commoncalendars/>.

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