MEMORANDUM

To Board of Regents

From: Board Office

Subject: Approval of School and Holiday Calendars for the Iowa School for the Deaf

Date: March 3, 2003

Recommended Action:

Approve the School and Holiday Calendars for the Iowa School for the Deaf for 2003-04.

Executive Summary:

Standard 180-day calendar

- The lowa School for Deaf is proposing to return to a 180-day school year for the 2003-04 academic year.
- In 2002 based on new state legislation allowing for a shortened school year, ISD proposed and the Board approved a school year of 175 days for the current year.
- In order to have the same number of instructional hours in the school year, 30 school days between September 9 and November 11. 2002, were increased by one hour.
- The school found that the longer day tired the students, and the faculty did less after school planning for the next day's lessons. After consultation on the campus, it was concluded it was best for the school to return to the 180-day calendar.
- The proposed calendar (Attachment A) includes 180 instructional days for students as mandated by state law. Faculty members are engaged for an additional nine days distributed at various points throughout the year.

Proposed holiday calendar

 The holiday calendar, Attachment B, is consistent with the policy of the Board of Regents, state law and applicable collective bargaining agreements.

Policy Manual requirement

• In accordance with the <u>Board of Regents Policy Manual</u> §6.12, the Board is asked to approve the school calendar for the lowa School for the Deaf.

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Approved:

Gregory St. Nichols

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July 4, 2003 September 1 November 27

Independence Day

Labor Day

November 27 November 28 Thanksgiving Day Day after Thanksgiving

December 25 December 26 Christmas Holiday

January 1, 2004

News Year's Day

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Memorial Day