SCHOOL BOARD RESOLUTION ON SCHOOL START DATE CHANGE

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin by state statute has indicated that public school districts in the State of Wisconsin cannot start school before September 1 pursuant to Wis. Stat. 118.045, Commencement of School Term; and

WHEREAS, local control by elected local school board members is always the preferred governance model in the Eau Claire Area School District; and

WHEREAS, local control over the start date will allow the Eau Claire Area School District greater school calendar flexibility; and

WHEREAS, local control over the start date will allow the Eau Claire Area School District to better align its school calendar with local consideration of such factors as co-curricular schedules for students, duration of holiday vacation periods, alignment to the University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire calendar, professional development in-service days, and a host of other considerations which best serve students;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Eau Claire Area School District is officially requesting approval to use local control authority to commence the school term for each new school year on whatever date the locally elected Board of Education determines; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Eau Claire Area School District will be better able to educate its school children through local control of its school calendar annual start date; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that on March 6, 2017 the Eau Claire Area School District passed this Resolution in order to establish local control for the school calendar by a unanimous vote.

Dated this 6th day of March 2017.
Chris Hambuch-Boyle, President

Charles Vue, Treasurer

Carolyn Barstad, Board Member

Jennifer Fager, Board Member

Joe Luginbill, Vice President

Kathryn Duax, Clerk

Aaron Harder, Board Member