

# SCHOOL DISTRICT OF RIVER FALLS

River Falls, Wisconsin 54022

## 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. sec. 118.045 Commencement of School Term*; and

WHEREAS, local control by elected local school board members is always the preferred governance model in the School District of River Falls; and

WHEREAS, local control over the start date will allow the School District of River Falls greater school calendar flexibility; and

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

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the School District of River Falls 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 RESOLVED that the School District of River Falls will be better able to educate its school children through local control of its school calendar annual start date; and

BE IT RESOLVED that on February 20, 2017, the School District of River Falls passed this Resolution in order to establish local control for the school calendar by a unanimous vote.

Dated this 20<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2017.

  
Ms. Stacy Johnson Myers, Board President

  
Mr. Jamie Benson, District Administrator

  
Mr. Alan Tuchtenhagen, Board Clerk