

# Hinsdale County School District Re-1

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TO: Dr. William J. Moloney, Commissioner  
% Regional Service Teams Unit  
Colorado Department of Education

FROM: Roger Neppel  
Superintendent

DATE: June 9, 1999

SUBJECT: Four-Day School Week 1999/2000

Please consider this request for a wavier to the requirement of Hinsdale County School District RE-1 to conduct a minimum of 160 days of school. This request to schedule 144 student days is made in accordance with C.R.S. 22-32-109 (n)(l) and is in compliance with the minimum number of hours for elementary (968) and for secondary (1056) education students.

Parent, student, and staff input was obtained concerning the potential for a four-day school week during the month of April, 1999. (See enclosed summary of data gathered.) Final approval through the District Board of Education action was obtained on June 9, 1999.

Your favorable consideration of this request will be greatly appreciated by the community of Lake City.

cc Dr. Charles Grove  
Dr. Arthur Ellis

What did you learn today?

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William J. Moloney  
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**TO:** School District Superintendents

**FROM:** David Dinkins, Regional Service Coordinator  
Office of Educational Services  
(303) 866-6633

**DATE:** April, 1999

**SUBJECT:** Application for approval to conduct a less than 160 day school year

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Approximately 36 school districts in Colorado operate on a four-day week with less than 160 scheduled days per school year. Other districts have indicated an interest in converting to this plan.

Colorado statute requires school districts to conduct a minimum of 160 days of school unless prior approval is obtained from the Commissioner C.R.S. 22-32-109 (n)(l).

In order to be considered for approval for the 1999-2000 school year, please complete the attached form and return to the Commissioner prior to June 30, 1999. Districts requesting approval are not obligated to follow their proposed calendar if their local planning is not finalized.

If you have already submitted your request on last year's form, you do not need to complete the enclosed application.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter. If there is any way the Colorado Department of Education can assist you in this process, please contact me or your regional representative.

COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

FORM NO. CDE-479: REQUEST FOR LESS THAN 160 DAY SCHOOL YEAR

School Year 1999-2000

Date June 1, 1999

School District Name and Number Hinsdale County School District RE-1

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When ~~was~~ <sup>will be</sup> the first year of the four-day week? 19 99/2000

Days of School: MTWTh\_\_\_, TWThF X, Other\_\_\_\_\_

Are all schools in the district on the four-day week? Yes X No\_\_\_

If no, please list those schools for which this request is applicable:

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Actual number of school days scheduled 144 Student Days; 150 Staff Days

Number of hours scheduled: Elementary 990, Secondary 1,080

Date 1999-2000 calendar adopted by board June 9, 1999

Please list specific reasons for making application this year.

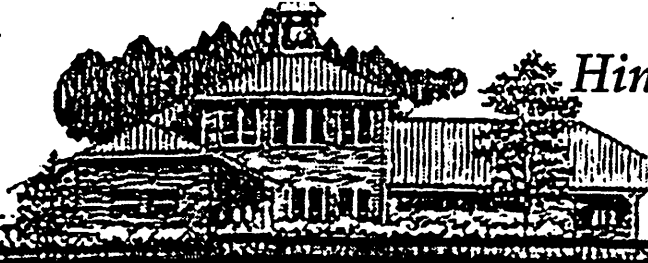
Community request due to remoteness of area.

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Please attach any other information useful in supporting your application including surveys, district research, budgetary savings, etc. (optional)

Signed (name) *Roger E. Vandyke* Date 6/9/99  
Superintendent

Please send this application by June 30, 1999 to:  
William J. Moloney, Commissioner  
c/o Regional Service Teams Unit  
Colorado Department of Education  
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## Alternative School Calendar Survey Results April, 1999

- Potential number of families surveyed: 38
- Actual Number of families surveyed: 33
- Percentage of families surveyed: 87%
- Responses to: Are you in favor of a four-day school week?

<u>Responses</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percentage</u>	<u>Students/%</u>
In Favor	26	79%	Secondary/95%
Against	6	18	Secondary/5%
Don't Know	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	
TOTAL	33	100%	Secondary/100%

- Response to: Which family day is best for you and your family?  
(Responses from those in favor of four-day school week.)

<u>Day Off</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percentage</u>	<u>Students/%</u>
Monday	17	65%	Secondary/100%
Friday	<u>9</u>	<u>35</u>	
TOTAL	26	100%	Secondary/100%

- Responses to: During which month would you and your family prefer an additional week of family time? (Responses from all respondent families.)

<u>Month</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percentage</u>	<u>Students/%</u>
December	3	9%	--
January	1	3	--
February	23	70	Secondary/95%
April	--	--	Secondary/5%
May	1	3	--
Don't Care	<u>5</u>	<u>15</u>	
TOTAL	33	100%	Secondary/100%