

**VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT #070  
RESOLUTION #2-16/17**

A resolution of the Board of Directors of the Valley School District #070, Stevens County, Valley, Washington to request a waiver for grades K-12 of the minimum 180-day school year (WAC 180-18-050) for the next three school years.

WHEREAS, the Valley School District is working with the Valley School Board of Directors to restructure education and to improve learning;

WHEREAS, the Valley School District #070 Board of Directors recognize that:

1. Planning and in-service time is needed for staff to implement the identified goals and to align curriculum appropriately for instruction and assessment, and in calculating a 177-day school year, grades K-12 will meet or exceed instructional hour requirements;
2. Attendance at Valley School is lower on partial days and the learning processes are disrupted;
3. Full days designated for planning and in-service training have better facilitated training opportunities for both certified and classified staff, and;

WHEREAS, the Washington State Board of Education has recognized the importance of, and has established waivers for, restructuring purposes (WAC 180-18);

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Valley School District Board of Directors requests from the State Board of Education that the minimum 180-day school year be waived for school years 17/18, 18/19, 19/20, subject to approval by the Valley School Board of Directors each year. This will create three full school days per year to be devoted to instructional planning and professional development. The dates for such planning will be determined by the Valley School District and approved by the Valley School Board of Directors, and students in grades K-12 would not attend school on those days.

Signed and dated this 15<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2017.

  
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