

Public Hearing on the Proposed Use of President Lincoln's Birthday as a Day of Student Attendance, Parent-Teacher Conferences, or Teacher In-Services or Teacher Institutes

Why CPS is Requesting this Waiver

- President Abraham Lincoln's Birthday is a mandated holiday per the Illinois School Code
- Instead of using President Abraham Lincoln's Birthday as a holiday, CPS proposes to use Presidents' Day as a holiday to recognize all Presidents, including President Abraham Lincoln.
- This proposal will better support the needs of our working parents as most municipal and business sectors observe Presidents' Day as a holiday, not President Abraham Lincoln's Birthday

Holiday Waiver

- A school board is authorized to grant holiday waivers after proper notice and public comment.
- The holiday waiver would allow the district the flexibility to plan a school calendar by:
 - Using President Lincoln's birthday as a day of student attendance, parent-teachers conference or teacher in-services or teacher institutes
 - Recognizing President Lincoln through instructional activities on his birthday
- The waiver may be used to plan future school calendars until the Board amends or revokes its authority.