

Waiver on School Improvement (Restructured Day)

- **The School Improvement (Restructured Day) waiver impacts Section 18-8.05 of the School Code.**
 - **Specifically, it allows the district to schedule up to 4 school improvement in-service days as a full day of student attendance provided that the district “bank” instructional minutes above the state required minutes across the other days of the year**
- **The district has utilized the waiver for the last 5 years. The waiver ended on June 2012, requiring CPS to renew.**
- **To renew the waiver, the district requires**
 - **Approval from the board and**
 - **Approval from the General Assembly**

Impact on School Calendar

Under the School Code school districts must establish 180 minimum total “student attendance days” to apply for General State Aid (GSA).

The GSA formula allows certain non-instructional days (i.e. parent-teacher conferences, teacher institute, school improvement days) to count toward the 180 minimum number of “student attendance days”.

CPS is committed to a full school day and year. The waiver allows the district to better qualify for GSA when in circumstances beyond district control, the planned school calendar cannot be adhered to.

- **The Chief Executive Officer recommends approving a school improvement waiver application.**
- **The school improvement waiver would allow the district:**
 - **Flexibility in planning the school calendar**
 - **Provide up to 4 full days of in-service under Section 18-8.05 of the School Code (these days would be counted as part of the 10 PD days planned for SY2012-13)**