

# MDSO CALENDAR COMMITTEE

## WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO

### 1. Why is attendance linked to our funding?

*Idaho Code 33-1009 establishes that districts receive funding based on the total average daily attendance through the first Friday in November of each school year and the highest 28 weeks of attendance. Attendance generates revenue.*

### 2. Why can't we start after Labor Day?

*Idaho Code 33-805 allows for an emergency fund levy if the average daily attendance is above the average daily attendance for the same period of the school year immediately preceding. The request must be submitted to the County Commissioners before the second Monday of September. Starting after Labor Day would essentially give us 4 days to: start school, figure out our average daily attendance, convene and hold a board meeting, get the board to take an action and certify our requests with the county commissioners. Starting school prior to Labor Day allows the district to authorize an emergency levy if additional resources are needed.*

### 3. Why does MDSO go to school longer than other districts?

*MDSO has **175** instructional days; Boise School District **176**; West Ada **176**; Grangeville **166**; Weiser **169**.*

### 4. What are the minimum required hours for student instruction?

Idaho Code 33-512(1) requires schools to annually adopt and implement a school calendar which provides the following minimum of instructional hours. Instructional hours are the time students are under direction of a teacher engaged in the teaching process. MDSO exceeds state minimum.

GRADE	REQUIRED HOURS	MDSO HOURS
K	450	565
1 - 2	810	969
3-5	900	1016
6 - 8	900	1016
9 - 11	990	1066
12	979	1044