April 7, 2008

Dr. Eric Twadell  
Superintendent  
Adlai E. Stevenson High  
School District 125  
One Stevenson Drive  
Lincolnshire, IL 60069

Dear Dr. Twadell:

On April 1, 2008, the Illinois State Board of Education received your renewal request for a modification of Section 24-2 of the School Code (105 ILCS 5/24-2).

Your request has been approved as a modification of that School Code mandate. Instruction pertaining to the contributions of the honored individual will be provided in lieu of observing the legal school holiday. This approval begins in the 2008-2009 school year and extends through the 2010-2011 school year. Please note that no waiver is needed for your district to observe the commemorative holiday of Presidents’ Day.

Sincerely,

Christopher A. Koch, Ed.D.  
State Superintendent of Education

Enclosure
APPLICATION FOR WAIVER OR MODIFICATION
OF STATE BOARD RULES AND/OR SCHOOL CODE MANDATES

This application is to be used for seeking a waiver or modification of State Board of Education rules or of School Code mandates in accordance with Section 2-3.25g of the School Code [105 ILCS 5/2-3.25g]. The completed application must be submitted by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the above address. Please use the instructions on reverse side when completing this application. Please note that action on incomplete applications will be delayed until all required documentation is received.

1. The application is for: (Check appropriate box(es) below.)
   - [ ] Waiver of School Code
   - [ ] Waiver of ISBE Rule
   - [X] Modification of School Code
   - [ ] Modification of ISBE Rule

2. APPLICANT'S NAME AND NUMBER

   Applicant's Address
   One Stevenson Drive
   Lincolnshire, Illinois 60069

   Superintendent/Executive Director
   Dr. Eric Twadell, Superintendent

   County
   Lake

3. Provide citation or language of the rule(s) or School Code mandate(s) which are the subject of this application.
   If you are requesting a modification, display it here, using strike through or underlining.

Please see attached description of citation and change.

4. Attach a narrative identifying and justifying the specific request.
   a. For proposed waivers and modifications of rules or modifications of School Code mandates that are based upon meeting the intent of the rule or mandate in a more effective, efficient or economical manner, a narrative description must provide all of the required information (see Item 4(a) on the reverse side).

   Please see attached.

   b. All proposed waivers/modifications requested to stimulate innovation or improve student performance, including all proposed waivers of School Code mandates, shall provide the specific plan for improved student performance and school improvement upon which the request is being based and how the applicant will determine success (see Item 4(b) on the reverse side).

   Does not apply.

   c. Applications requesting waivers from Section 17-1.5 of the School Code must include the amount, nature, and reason for the requested relief and all remedies that have been exhausted by the district to comply with the administrative expenditure limitation.

   Does not apply.

5. Public Testimony: Attach a description of the testimony provided, to include the information enumerated in item 5 on the reverse side.

6. This application is for: [ ] Initial Waiver/Modification   [X] Renewal of Previously Approved Waiver/Modification
   (See Item 6 on reverse side for limits on the duration of waivers/modifications.)

   This application requests waiver/modification for 3 years (from 2008-2009 school year through 2010-2011 school year).

7. Attach a copy of each public notice required. Any request not meeting the requirements will be returned as ineligible for consideration.

8. Compliance with Notice and Hearing Requirements
   I certify that a hearing concerning this application and any associated plan for improved student performance was held on March 12th, 2008, and, for those applicants requesting waivers or modifications of the daily physical education requirement, that the regular board meeting(s) were held on March 17th, 2008, that month.

   I further certify that the applicant has met all the notification and hearing requirements enumerated in items A and B on reverse side and that the board of education/board of directors of the applicant identified above approved this application on March 13th, 2008.

   March 13th, 2008

   Signature of Applicant (i.e., District Superintendent/Executive Director/Regional Superintendent)

   Date

   ISBE F33-77 (11/06)
APPLICATION FOR WAIVER OR MODIFICATION
OF STATE RULES AND/OR SCHOOL CODE MANDATES

ADLAI E. STEVENSON HIGH SCHOOL

3. Actual Citation

105 ILCS 5/24-2 Holidays

Sec. 24-2 Holidays. Teachers shall not be required to teach on Saturdays, nor shall teachers or other school employees, other than noncertificated school employees whose presence is necessary because of an emergency or for the continued operation and maintenance of school facilities or property, be required to work on legal school holidays, which are January 1st, New Year’s Day; the third Monday in January, the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; February 12th, the birthday of Abraham Lincoln; the first Monday in March (to be known as Casimir Pulaski’s Birthday); Good Friday; the day designated as Memorial Day by federal law; July 4th, Independence Day; the first Monday in September, Labor Day; the second Monday in October, Columbus Day; November 11th, Veteran’s Day; the Thursday in November commonly called Thanksgiving Day; and December 25th, Christmas Day.

Modification Request

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4. The rationale for the change is stated below:

This application is based upon a plan to maximize academic learning time, improve student performance, and conserve energy and resources in a more efficient manner.
The District intends to bring further recognition to the legacy of both Abraham Lincoln and George Washington by celebrating both birthdays on a common, nationally-recognized date.

Adlai E. Stevenson High School District 125 teachers will provide instruction to students on the importance of President Lincoln when students are in school on his birthday.

In celebrating President’s Day rather than Lincoln’s Birthday, the District will allow for greater fluidity and continuity of instruction, with minimal disturbance to the academic schedule. Increasing the number of consecutive days of student attendance will achieve a more coherent educational program.

In addition, closing the school for three consecutive days allows the District to conserve natural energy resources that will result in direct economic benefits to the District.

The duration of this change would begin for the 2008-2009, 2009-2010, and 2010-2011 school years.