

ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
 Rules and Waivers Unit S-493
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 Springfield, Illinois 62777-0001
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**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.)

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2. APPLICANT'S NAME AND NUMBER Meridian CUSD #223	CONTACT PERSON Robert Prusator
APPLICANT'S ADDRESS 207 W. Main St. Stillman Valley, IL 61084	CONTACT PERSON'S TELEPHONE NUMBER/EXTENSION (815) 645-2606
SUPERINTENDENT/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR Robert Prusator	CONTACT FAX NUMBER (815) 645-4325
COUNTY Ogle and Winnebago	E-MAIL ADDRESS OF CONTACT PERSON bprusator@mail.meridian223.org
	Can we contact your e-mail address? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

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.

See attached

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).

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).

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.

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 RENEWAL OF PREVIOUSLY APPROVED WAIVER/MODIFICATION
 This application requests waiver/modification for 5 years (from 2007-2008 school year through 2012-2013 school year).
 (See Item 6 on reverse side for limits on the duration of waivers/modifications.)

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 9/12/07 and, for those applicants requesting waivers or modifications of the daily physical education requirement, that the regular board meeting(s) were held on NA of 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

9/27/07
 (date)

9/27/07

Date

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

Meridian CUSD #223

APPLICATION FOR WAIVER OF STATE MANDATED SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

PART 4

Narrative Summary Supporting the Reason for Request

1. Waiver sought: Meridian Community Unit District #223 is seeking a waiver of School Code ILCS 5/24 requiring mandated school holidays on Columbus Day, Veteran's Day, M.L. King's Birthday, Lincoln's Birthday and Casimir Pulaski Day.
2. The intent of the Mandate: The perceived intent of this legal holiday is to commemorate the contributions of people and groups of people who have improved this nation through their efforts and sacrifices.
3. By attending school on these holidays, we will have better opportunity to highlight, through instruction and ceremony, the contributions of these individuals. Additionally, attending on these days will provide more continuity for our educational programs.

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PART 3

105 ILCS 24-2

Teachers shall not be required to teach on Saturdays; nor shall teachers or other school officials or other school employees, other than non-certificated school employees whose presence is necessary because of an emergency for the continued operation and maintenance of school facilities or property, be required to work on legal school holidays, which are January 1, New Year's Day; the third Monday in January, M.L. King, Jr. Birthday; February 12, Lincoln's birthday; the first Monday in March, Pulaski's Birthday; the day designated as Memorial Day; the second Monday in October, Columbus day; November 11, Veteran's Day; the Thursday in November commonly called Thanksgiving Day; and December 25, Christmas Day. The school boards may grant special holidays whenever in their judgment such action is advisable, except that no school board or board of education may designate or observe as a special holiday on which teachers or other school employees are not required to work the days on which general elections for members of the Illinois House of Representatives are held. No deduction shall be made from the time or compensation of a school employee on account of any legal or special holiday.