

# **PUBLIC NOTICE**

## **Pre-Labor Day Hearing**

### **Heritage Southwest ISD and Constituents**

Section 1284b of the Revised School Code (MCL 380.1284b) prohibits public schools from scheduling instruction on or before Labor Day. However, the legislation also provides the State Superintendent with sole authority to issue a waiver from this requirement if it is determined that the school or program is a bona fide year-round school or program established for educational purposes.

When a Labor Day waiver is requested, Section 160 of the State School Aid Act {MCL 388.1760} requires the district to conduct a joint public hearing at a location within the intermediate school district boundaries. A joint public hearing must take place before the Labor Day waiver can be approved. The local school boards are not required to attend the hearing; however, it encourages board participation where possible.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE on, **April 11, 2024, beginning at 9:30 am**, Heritage Southwest Intermediate School District will host a public hearing both in-person and virtually, with the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) and their local school districts to discuss and review the county's application requesting approval for a Pre Labor-Day Start waiver.

The three-year waiver requests the exemption for all Cass County school districts to begin the school year before Labor Day. If approved, individual school districts will have an opportunity to opt out of participation in the waiver.

A member of MDE will participate remotely.

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#### **April 11, 2024 · 9:30 am**

#### **IN-PERSON**

Administrative Building  
61682 Dailey Road  
Cassopolis MI 49031

#### **VIRTUAL**

Thursday, April 11 · 9:30 am

Time zone: America/New\_York

Google Meet joining info

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/tjz-pwjo-arm?hs=122&authuser=0>

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