

*Philosophy: It is the philosophy of the Grace Joint School District to work with the potato growers in the Grace area to support them in the labors of the fall harvest process. The following is the policy that is supported by both the district and the potato growers, who are represented by the Potato Growers' Association.*

- A. *Each year the board will tentatively set the date of the third Monday of September to release school for the potato harvest.*
- B. *At the first board meeting in August, the Potato Grower's Association will meet with the school board to discuss the progress of the growing season in regards to the potato harvest and the tentative 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday in September school release date.*
- C. *On the first Tuesday of September, (the day after Labor Day) the Potato Growers' Association will contact the board chair or Superintendent of Schools and set the final date to release school for the potato harvest.*
- D. *The Superintendent of Schools will make the date known to all employees and students on the first Wednesday after Labor Day.*
- E. *The harvest break will run for two weeks (8 school days) beginning on a Monday and ending on a Thursday 8 school days later. Students will not be excused for further absences and will be expected to be in school. The Potato Growers' Association will discourage farmers from using students outside of the 8 day period.*
- F. *In the event of inclement weather the school district may extend the break 1 additional week.*
- G. *If potato harvest lasts only 2 weeks, 2 days will be added to Christmas break and 4 teacher work days (early release days) will be determined by the district.*



**LEGAL REFERENCE:**

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*\*Language in text set forth in italics is optional.*