Discussion Item

Date: November 9, 2026 **Division**: Chief of Staff

Subject: 2027-28 Academic Calendar

Background Information:

- According to TEC 25.0811, the state parameters for the school calendar include:
  - Must not begin prior to the fourth Monday in August, waived with DOI
  - Must not end prior to May 15th
  - Must include 75,600 minutes of instruction
- All school districts have the same requirement of at least 75,600 instructional minutes. The length of day impacts how you can structure the minutes throughout the year. LISD has a 445-minute instructional day.
- A teacher work day does not count toward the 75,600 instructional minutes required.
- A Staff Development Waiver allows for districts to train staff to improve student performance in lieu of student instruction. This time does count toward instructional minutes, to not exceed 2,100 minutes per year.
- Themes from prior input and committee discussions were reviewed by the calendar committee prior to constructing different calendar options that meet state requirements.

Administrative Consideration:

- Results from the September newsletter survey will be shared during the presentation.
- Workdays, professional learning days, and early release schedules are calculated using operational minutes in student attendance.
- The district will seek a waiver for Professional Learning Days, which are capped at 2100 minutes annually.
- The Calendar Committee proposes 2 primary options for staff and community consideration and ranking.
- Two additional models reflecting a late start, late August and after Labor Day, were developed to demonstrate operational and scheduling impacts.
- The following information is on the subsequent pages:
  - A chart comparison that shows the number of instructional minutes per day, the total instructional minutes for the year, and the breakdown of days per nine weeks.
  - The two calendar options for staff and families to rank to provide feedback.
- The Communications department will post the calendar options and a brief explanation of each, alongside the feedback form on the District website and in the RAPPort and Rapp Up on November 12. The feedback form will be open until November 30.