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BOARD AGENDA ITEM

ITEM NO: 4.1

BOARD MEETING DATE: Tuesday, November 10, 2026

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Preliminary Approval of the 2028-2029 School Year Calendar (second reading)

SUBMITTED BY: Mindy Westover, Associate Superintendent

PRESENTED BY: Denise Bartlett, Superintendent

This is the second reading for the SY 2028-2029 calendar. It has been patterned after the 2027-2028 calendar. There are no suggested changes following the first reading.

While we believe this calendar represents the best balance of calendar preferences and alternatives, we want you to be aware of the following:

- New teachers will report to work on Wednesday, July 26, returning teachers on Tuesday, August 1.
- The first day of school is Monday, August 7. Elementary early release and middle school late start will be observed during the first week of school. The high school will begin at 8:35 a.m. and observe a regular day rotating schedule. The last day is Wednesday, May 23 and it is a half day for students and a full day for staff.
- Full week of Fall Break is October 9–13, 2028.
- K-12 parent/teacher conferences will be held mid-week October 24, 25, and 26; Monday and Friday of that week will be full school days for all schools. Pre-K parent/teacher conferences will be held September 18 – 29 and April 16 – April 27 by appointment only.

- Veterans Day falls on the weekend. State law requires that when Veterans Day falls within the school week, the schools shall be closed. The federal holiday is observed on Friday, November 10. The schools shall be closed on Friday, November 10 in observance of Veterans Day.
- Short week schedule will only be observed at the high school during the week of Thanksgiving and the week of first semester exams.
- Winter break includes three weekends.
- The semesters are evenly divided (90/90 days).
- The last contract day for teachers is Thursday, May 24. This is a full day for staff.

This calendar was shared with administration in October. Each principal shared it with their site staff, and the feedback received has been considered in this proposed calendar.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: I move that the governing board preliminarily approve the 2028-2029 school year calendar, as presented.