Consider approval of the revised 2026-2027 CAST STEM High School calendar.

1. Background:
   Texas Education Code (TEC) §25.081 and House Bill 2610 require districts and charter schools to provide a minimum of 75,600 minutes of instruction, including intermissions and recess. This calendar would be in effect for CAST STEM High School.

2. Process:
   A calendar timeline and committee were developed to ensure all stakeholders were brought to the table to provide recommendations for the 2026-2027 Southwest ISD Calendar. The approved version of this calendar and the 2026-2027 Palo Alto College calendar were used to develop a proposed calendar for CAST STEM High School. This was done to ensure alignment with both programs. Campus administrators and staff at CAST STEM met to discuss the proposed calendar and made recommendations for changes. After the Board adoption, a committee met to maximize professional learning and alignment with Palo Alto College requirements for dual credit. A change to the existing calendar is being recommended. This change would designate June 18, 2026, as a district holiday. The new calendar still meets the instructional minutes requirements and the contractual days for teachers.

3. Fiscal Impact:
   None.

4. Recommendation:
   That the Board approve the revised 2026-2027 CAST STEM High School Calendar.

5. Required:
   Board action.