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**Board of Education**

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**ACTION**

**TITLE:** Calendar Update for 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 School Years

**DATE:** February 24, 2020

**RESPONSIBLE ADMINISTRATOR:** Dr. Terry Morawski  
Deputy Superintendent

**VISION 2023 STRATEGY:** Strategy 4: Instruction

**BACKGROUND/CONSIDERATIONS:**

Fort Smith Public Schools was recently notified by the State that the student school year cannot start earlier than August 13 in any given year. Previously presented calendars included a student start date of August 12 for the 2020-2021 School Year and August 11 for the 2021-2022 School Year. The Certified PPC Committee has recommended options for both calendars to reflect a start date that is after August 13. In addition, Principals were surveyed for their input on the proposed date changes. The recommended updated calendars are attached as part of the agenda.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The administration recommends the Board of Education approve the updated 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 calendars, as presented.

If the Board agrees, the motion would read: ***move to approve the updated 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 calendars, as presented.***

**VISION 2023 STRATEGIES** - **1. Career Planning:** Develop and implement education and career pathways so that each student graduates with a viable plan and relevant skill set for his or her future. **2. Equity:** Develop and implement a system-wide plan to provide all students with the resources they need to optimize their learning. **3. Instruction:** Design, develop and implement programs to promote rigor, relevance, collaboration, critical- thinking skills and learning environments designed to meet each student's unique needs and aspirations. **4. Learning Environment/Facilities:** Align resources, facilities and technology strategically and equitably across the district to maximize security and enhance the learning environment. **5. Staffing:** Recruit and retain highly-qualified faculty, staff and administration. **6. Technology:** Provide appropriate technology that is consistently available, effectively supported and equitably distributed for group and individual instruction. **7. Wellness:** Develop and train empathetic and nurturing employees to be sensitive to and supportive of the needs of all children and families.