



Board of Education

ACTION

TITLE: Consider Adopting the 2026-2027 School Year Calendar

DATE: December 15, 2025

RESPONSIBLE ADMINISTRATOR: Dr. Chris Davis
Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources and Campus Support

BACKGROUND/CONSIDERATIONS:

The Fort Smith Public Schools Personnel Policy Committee (PPC) Calendar Committee has proposed the 2026-27 school year calendar. Feedback was gathered from the Classified Personnel Policy Committee (CPPC), certified and classified staff, parents, and the FSPS administrative team.

The 2026-27 school calendar is based on instructional minutes rather than the traditional 178-day student calendar. The State requires 1068 hours to constitute an academic year. The calendar presented includes 1102 hours in order to build in time for 5 inclement weather days. In the event that additional time is necessary to be made up, May 24-28 may be used or time may be added to the remaining instructional days at the discretion of the Superintendent.

RECOMMENDATION:

The administration recommends that the Board of Education approve the updated 2026-2027 school year calendar.

If the Board agrees, the motion would read: ***move to approve the 2026-2027 school year calendar.***