



Board of Trustees Valley Mills Independent School District

AGENDA ITEM: F-2

DATE: February 18, 2015

SUBJECT: School Calendar for 2015-2016

NEW BUSINESS

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Each year the development of the school calendar becomes a more complex process driven by multiple requirements and parameters outside the district's control. The District Advisory Council began the development of the 2015-2016 school calendar in October by discussing priority areas and local needs.

In addition to the mandate that schools must not begin instruction for students prior to the last Monday in August, members were guided to include two bad weather days and to establish a calendar that had 187 staff days and 180 student instructional days. Additional state assessment days impose additional restrictions that have to be considered during the development process.

Over the past few months, multiple scenarios were discussed, with the administrative team reviewing options and the DAC members asked to bring input from campuses so that all options could be considered.

On February 3, 2015, the district committee recommended a proposed calendar to the Superintendent for consideration and possible action. A copy of the calendar developed by the committee is enclosed for your review.

We will consider the specific details of the proposed calendar Wednesday evening as a part of the discussion of this agenda item.

RECOMMENDATION:

I recommend approval of the school calendar for 2015-2016, as presented.

Judi Whitis, Superintendent