



Board of Education

ACTION

TITLE: Consider Amending the 2025-26 School Year Calendar

DATE: February 23, 2026

RESPONSIBLE ADMINISTRATOR: Ms. Judy Pennington
Director of Human Resources

BACKGROUND/CONSIDERATIONS:

The Fort Smith Public Schools Personnel Policy Committee (PPC) and Classified Personnel Policy Committee (CPPC) have approved an amended 2025-2026 school year calendar to add twelve (12) minutes of instructional time to each remaining student day beginning March 2, 2026.

The 2025-26 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 2025-2026 calendar has time built in for three (3) inclement weather days. Instructional minutes will need to be added to make up for the two (2) additional days needed at this time.

RECOMMENDATION:

The administration recommends that the Board of Education approve the amended 2025-2026 school year calendar.

If the Board agrees, the motion would read: ***move to approve the amended 2025-2026 school year calendar to include the addition of twelve (12) instructional minutes to the remaining student days beginning March 2, 2026.***