

Hitchcock Independent School District

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Meeting Date: August 24, 2026

Presented by: Dr. Darryl J. Henson, Superintendent of Schools

Subject: 2026-2027 School Year Calendar

Consent Agenda

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The District is proposing an adjustment to the 2026–2027 academic calendar by swapping the April 30th Professional Development day with the March 19th Student/Staff Holiday. Front-loading this professional learning day to March 19th provides our educators with time to analyze benchmark data and refine intervention plans directly leading into the STAAR testing window. This modification strictly restructures staff planning time and will have zero impact on total student days or required instructional minutes. Staff will maintain their full allotment of holiday time, with April 30th simply becoming the observed holiday instead. This shift optimizes our instructional timeline to directly support teacher preparation and drive student achievement when it matters most.

BOARD ACTION REQUIRED:

I move that the Board approve the adjustment to the 2026-2027 school year calendar as presented.

POLICY AUTHORIZATION:

N/A

CONTACT PERSON:

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FUNDING SOURCE:

N/A

ENCLOSURES:

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