

February 2, 2009

Greetings from the Calendar Committee!

We hope the new semester is going wonderfully for you! After many trials and tribulations, we have devised three possible calendars for the 2009-2010 school year. All three of the calendars have school beginning on August 24, in order to comply with Texas law.

At first glance, you might notice the three state waiver days for staff development that are included in each calendar. During our research we found that many districts are now using these days to bring staff development into their districts. The committee feels this would be very beneficial to all staff, especially those who need to collect hours for Continuing Professional Education.

Another noticeable element that is missing from two of the calendars is flex-days. We didn't include them in the drafts, but they can be added, depending on what is decided regarding flex days. On the third calendar, four (4) flex-days were included to end the first semester the week after the holiday break. We felt this would help even out the number of days per quarter; and would be an opportune time for teachers to work with targeted students.

The first calendar (A), we like to call the "tight" calendar. This one is a lot like this year's calendar, with not very many holidays, and various Early Outs throughout the year.

The "loose" calendar (B) is just the opposite of the first choice, complete with a week off for Thanksgiving and other holidays throughout the year.

Calendar (C) is much like calendar (A) but includes the four (4) flex days.

We ask you, before you vote to truly think about some things. First and foremost, consider how tired we all will be, as a district, because we have not had many holidays this year. Also, how would it affect our students to go to school during June? There are positives and negatives in all calendars, but before you vote, really consider what is best for our students. Please email your vote to Candy Hobbs at candyh@brackett.k12.tx.us by 3:00 PM, Friday, February 6, 2009.

Thanks!

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