



Medford Public School  
ISD #763

*Providing quality education while preparing our children and community for the future*

## **School Board Agenda Item**

**Meeting Date:** February 13, 2017      **Topic:** 17-18 and 18-19 Calendars  
**Place on Agenda:** Other Action      **Presenter:** Rich Dahman

### **Background:**

Administrators met with a group of teachers in December and January, to discuss calendar ideas and options for the next two years. The ideas shared were incorporated into the calendar drafts.

**For 2017-18**, the early Easter coincides with Parent-Teacher Conferences and the end of our 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter. We looked at 6 options and surveyed staff - these were the 3 most popular.

- \* Draft A has the shortest break at Easter and ends for students on June 1.
- \* Draft B moves the March 9 Conference Comp Day to April 2 to extend the break at Easter.
- \* Draft E extends the break at Easter and moves the end date to June 6.

**For 2018-19**, the options are similar to our recent calendars.

- \* Draft A has 4 days off at Easter and ends for students on June 4.
- \* Draft B has 5 days off at Easter and ends for students on June 5.

Principals, teachers, some parents and I have discussed the advantages and disadvantages of each calendar option, and I recommend that the Board adopt Draft B for 2017-18 and Draft A for 2018-19. These calendars have regular breaks throughout the school year, while ending the year in early June. I feel that these calendars are the best option academically, with the most days in class before state testing and fewer long breaks.

**Recommendation:** Approve Draft B (2017-18) and Draft A (2018-19) as the School Calendars, as presented.

**Other options:** Approve another presented calendars or an alternate calendar.