

Executive Summary

Prepared for Board of Trustees Meeting

November 12, 2024

Discussion of 2025-2026 School Calendar

Board Goal:

I. Vision:

- Cultivate a network of professional learning communities addressing the educational needs of every child in our district.
- Develop and maintain a culture where learning remains our first priority.

II. Teaching and Learning:

- Establish quality staff development programs that promote professional learning communities.

VI. Growth, Change and Fiscal Responsibility:

- Create and continuously modify strategies to mitigate increasing stresses on our children, our schools and our community.
- Demonstrate effective and efficient management of district resources.

Purpose of Report

- The purpose of this item is to present the calendar proposal for consideration by our Board of Trustees.

Objectives

- Review calendar for start/end date, instructional minutes, scheduled holidays, and built-in PLC days.

Operational Impact

Current state law requires that school not begin prior to the fourth Monday in August. With acceptance of the proposed DOI plan, Denton ISD may pursue an exception to this legal requirement. Based upon current survey and feedback from multiple stakeholders, including staff, EIC, Principals, Council PTA and Executive Cabinet, the following considerations were made in developing these calendars:

- HB 2610 requirement of 75,600 instructional minutes.
- Ending the first semester prior to Winter Break.
- Equalizing the instructional days/minutes in each semester to the greatest extent possible.
- Maintaining a consistent holiday schedule with prior years and alignment of spring break with local universities.
- Potential waiver minutes of 2100 for professional development.
- Maximizing use of instructional minutes prior to state testing.
- A student/staff holiday at least once per month.
- Ongoing PLC time for professional learning

Results

Input has been sought from district leadership, campus administrators, campus staff, the Educational Improvement Committee, Council PTA, Campus Leadership Teams, Campus PTA Boards, and currently from the Board of Trustees. Approving the 2025-2026 calendar will allow staff and parents time to plan activities for the next school year

Other Options

Staff could be directed to develop a new calendar proposal for future consideration.