
Board of Education

ACTION

TITLE: Consider Adoption of the 2018-2019 School Calendar

DATE: November 9, 2017

RESPONSIBLE ADMINISTRATOR: Gordon Floyd
Deputy Superintendent

BACKGROUND/CONSIDERATIONS:

The administration and the Fort Smith Classroom Teachers Association have met and agreed upon a calendar for the 2018-2019 school year. Because of a waiver granted by the Arkansas State Board of Education the school year may begin earlier than the date mandated by statute. Therefore, under this calendar school will start on Wednesday, August 15. Without the waiver, the year could have begun no earlier than Monday, August 20. Other features of the calendar include:

- 179 student days and two parent-teacher conference days.
- Four professional development days before the start of school, four professional development days embedded in the school year, and two professional development days independently scheduled by certified staff.
- Two classroom preparation days – August 14 and December 21.
- A one-day fall break – October 21.
- A three day Thanksgiving break.
- A two-week winter break.
- Statewide spring break – March 18 through March 22.
- No classes on Labor Day, MLK Day, Good Friday, and Memorial Day
- Final day scheduled for Thursday, May 30.
- Make up days (if necessary) will begin on Friday, May 31. A make-up day is not necessary for the first day missed.

RECOMMENDATION:

The administration recommends that the Board adopt the 2018-2019 calendar as presented.

If the Board agrees, the motion would read:

Move to adopt the 2018-2019 school calendar as presented.