

Executive Summary

Prepared for Board of Trustees Meeting

September 23, 2014

2015-2016 School Calendar

Board Goals:

II. Teaching and Learning... In pursuit of excellence, the district will:

Establish quality staff development programs and promote professional learning communities

IV. Parent and Community Involvement... In pursuit of excellence, the district will:

Work continuously with the community in planning and facility development

VI. Growth, Change and Fiscal Responsibility... In pursuit of excellence, the district will:

Create and continuously modify strategies to mitigate increasing stresses on our children, our schools, and our community

Purpose of Report

The purpose is to present the proposed calendar options for the 2015-2016 school year.

Objectives

Review calendar for start date, number of instructional days, scheduled holidays

Operational Impact

Three options are being presented for review. State law requires that school not begin before the last week of August. District teachers and administration have prioritized the following as important considerations:

- Ending the first semester before the December holiday break,
- Keeping both semesters as equal as possible regarding the number of class days,
- Maintaining the school holiday schedule consistent with prior years' schedules including a full week at Thanksgiving, and
- Mirroring the spring break schedule of the University of North Texas and Texas Woman's University.

All calendar options include the same number of professional development and teacher preparation days as in past years. All calendar options include the elementary early release week for parent-teacher conferences.

The placement of the inclement weather make up days is the only difference between the calendar options.

- Option A places both of the inclement weather days at Easter, March 25 and 28, 2016.
- Option B places the first inclement weather days on the Friday before Easter, March 25, 2016 and Friday, April 15, 2016.
- Option C places the inclement weather days on the Friday before Easter, March 25, 2016, and the Friday before Memorial Day, May 27, 2016.

Results

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Input is currently being sought from the administrative team, teachers, the District Improvement Council and the Board of Trustees. A final recommendation for the 2015-2016 calendar will be made at an upcoming meeting. Approving the 2015-2016 calendar will allow staff time to plan activities for the 2015-2016 school year.

Other Options

None