

**SUBJECT:** Consideration and possible approval of the 2025-2026 academic calendar and designation of waiver days for professional development.

**BACKGROUND:** The proposed 2025-2026 Academic Calendar meets the requirement for instructional minutes for the year (75,600) and allows for 2 make up days.

The calendar remains similar to past years with embedded professional development days, which provides time for teachers to master the curriculum, analyze student data, and participate in professional learning teams. We will request approval from the Texas Education Agency to identify the following days as waiver days for staff professional development: September 22, 2025, November 3, 2025, January 6, 2026, February 16, 2026, and April 6, 2026.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:** None

**RECOMMENDATION:** We recommend approval of the 2025-2026 academic calendar and designation of waiver days for professional development.

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**BOARD MEETING DATE:** December 17, 2024