

## 2005-2006 Calendar Election

Thirty-four (34) calendar proposals that met the criteria to be considered for the 2005-2006 school year and a page with summary of information for each are located on the District's website [www.kellerisd.net](http://www.kellerisd.net) . At this time, these proposals are under consideration by all Keller ISD Campus and District Education Improvement Committee members. These committees are composed of parents, community members, business people, teachers and administrators who will examine each proposal. These individuals represent the patrons and staff of each campus. Since you are a part of the Keller ISD community, please be sure to contact your campus CEIC members (contact information is also on the website) or Principal by Thursday, September 23, 2004 to express your preference regarding these proposals. That will assist them in casting their vote for the calendar option that is considered the most viable candidate for approval.

Those ballots will be collected and tabulated. If no calendar gets 51% or more of the vote, a runoff occurs which consists of two calendars, the one with the most votes and the calendar with the next highest number of votes that is significantly different.

After the voting is complete, the winning calendar is presented to the Board of Trustees for their initial approval. If the calendar has a start of school date earlier than the week in which August 21 falls, there must be a public hearing to allow the public to comment on the calendar. If the calendar receives significant support at the hearing, a waiver request is filed with the Texas Education Agency. If all of the documentation regarding the process and the results of the hearing are in order, the waiver will be approved. If the early start calendar does not receive significant support at the hearing the District would consider whether to proceed with a waiver request based on other information or restart the process without early start as an option.

The school administration does not make decisions regarding start date or ending date. This comes from those individuals who submit a calendar proposal. This has been a very successful process for several years. As an administration, we do not have a position on the calendar. As long as legal requirements are met, we feel the community and their representatives should make the decisions.

If you would like to be placed on our mailing list to receive hearing notification and information, or if you would like to receive calendar materials for the 2006-2007 calendar process which will begin in the fall of 2005, please contact us to provide your mailing information. You may contact Jocelyn Whitener at [jkwhitener@kellerisd.net](mailto:jkwhitener@kellerisd.net) .