AGENDA ITEM:	Staff Development Dates
MEETING DATE:	March 29, 2010
SUGGESTED DISPOSITION:	Action
CONTACT PERSON:	Steven Dooley, Superintendent

In past years we have had one early out per month for staff development. Recently we have removed those from the calendar to make the calendar more family friendly. We retained two early outs and have done that for the past couple of years. Unfortunately, we do not have enough time to get in the staff development we think is needed so we are requesting adding back two more early out dates. This will give us four early out days to deal with the staff development needed to enhance our use of data and to further our 21st Century Learning Initiative.

Before making this recommendation we did a survey of Primary parents at conferences recently and the overwhelming sentiment of that survey is that parents would prefer early dismissals to late starts. In response to parent wishes we are proposing early dismissals instead of late starts.

RECOMMENDATION: Approval