



## Weatherford Independent School District Board Agenda Item

*The mission of the Weatherford ISD is to educate, engage, and empower all students in a safe and positive learning environment to discover and reach their greatest potential.*

### **Date**

December 9, 2024

### **Administrator(s) Preparing Report**

Beau Rees, Ed.D., Superintendent

### **Subject**

2025-2026 School District Calendar

### **Background Information**

The District Educational Improvement Council was tasked with giving input on the WISD Calendar for 2025-2026. A survey was then provided to staff and community with three draft calendars and asked respondents to vote on the calendar they felt best met the needs of the students, families, staff, and community. A total of 1,203 votes were cast with draft A chosen with a vote of 524. There were 177 votes for draft B, and 502 for draft C.

The Texas Education Code stipulates the school calendar include a minimum of 75,600 instructional minutes for students and 187 contract days for teachers. Texas schools may not start earlier than the fourth Monday in August and end no earlier than May 15; however, as a District of Innovation, Weatherford ISD is allowed flexibility and may start school earlier than the fourth Monday in August, if the Board so chooses.

The draft includes 77,560 instructional minutes for students, which exceeds the minimum number of minutes required by 1,960 minutes. These extra minutes will be used to meet the required minimum number of instructional minutes in the event the District must close due to inclement weather. The calendar draft also meets the guidelines regarding number of contract days for teachers.

### **Strategic Plan Information**

- Relates to Strategic Goal #1 – Focus on Student Success
- Relates to Strategic Goal #2 – Focus on Students, Parents, and Communities
- Relates to Strategic Goal #3 – Focus on Operational Excellence
- Relates to Strategic Goal #4 – Focus on Employees and Organizational Development
- Relates to Strategic Goal #5 – Focus on Stewardship

### **Administrative Recommendation**

Administration recommends approval of the draft calendar as presented.