



Board of Education

ACTION

TITLE: Consider Amending the 2023-2024 School Year Calendar

DATE: January 22, 2024

RESPONSIBLE ADMINISTRATOR: Chris Davis
Assistant Superintendent

BACKGROUND/CONSIDERATIONS:

The Fort Smith Public Schools Personnel Policy Committee (PPC) and Classified Personnel Policy Committee (CPPC) have approved an amended 2023-24 school year calendar.

When the 2023-24 school calendar was initially approved there was uncertainty as to the availability of the Alternative Method of Instruction (AMI) days. Because AMI days are not available for use without forfeiting the LEARNS funding used to increase teacher salaries, both committees approved an amendment to the calendar that would allow the use of the remaining Professional Development (PD) days as make up days for the recent inclement weather. Those dates are: February 19th, March 15th, and April 22nd. If approved, these dates would become student instructional days and the PD days would be moved the earliest available non-student days in the calendar. Additionally, recent information received from the Commissioner of Education will allow for the use of instructional minutes to make up for missed days due to inclement weather. Under the current bell schedules, there is enough time to account for a minimum of two (2) instructional days that would not need to be made up.

RECOMMENDATION:

The administration recommends that the Board of Education approve the amended 2023-2024 school year calendar.

If the Board agrees, the motion would read: ***move to approve the amended 2023-2024 school year calendar to including the use of instructional minutes and/or Professional Development days as student make up days.***