

Approval for 2017 – 2018 Academic School Year Calendar

February 14, 2017

SUMMARY:

- The purpose of this item is to present the calendar proposal for consideration and approval by our Board of Trustees.

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION:

- December 13, 2016, a discussion of the School Calendar for 2017-2018 was presented before the Board of Trustees.
- January 10, 2017, a draft of the Proposed Calendar was presented before the Board of Trustees.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

-Current state law requires that school not begin prior to the fourth Monday in August. With acceptance of the proposed DOI plan, Denton ISD may pursue an exception to this legal requirement. Based upon previous survey and feedback with EIC, the following considerations were made in developing these calendars:

- HB 2610 requirement of 75,600 instructional minutes.
- Ending the first semester prior to Winter Break.
- Equalizing the instructional days/minutes in each semester to the greatest extent possible.
- Maintaining a consistent holiday schedule with prior years and alignment of spring break with local universities.
- Modified structure and expectations for intentional parent conferences.
- Built-in weather days.

Maximizing use of instructional minutes prior to state testing.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES:

- None

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

- None

BENEFIT OF ACTION:

- Will allow staff and parents time to plan activities for the next school year.

PROCEDURAL AND REPORTING IMPLICATIONS:

- None

PUBLIC COMMENT RECEIVED:

- None

ALTERNATIVES:

- Alternative actions proposed-staff could be directed to develop a new calendar proposal for future consideration.

OTHER COMMENTS:

- Input has been sought from district leadership, campus administrators, and the Educational Improvement Council and currently from the Board of Trustees. Approving the 2017-2018 calendar will allow staff and parents time to plan activities for the next school year.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:

- Recommend approval of the 2017-2018 Calendar

STAFF PERSONS RESPONSIBLE:

- Susannah O'Bara, Area Superintendent

ATTACHMENT:

- 2017-2018 Proposed Calendar

APPROVAL:

Signature of Staff Member Proposing Recommendation: _____

Comments: _____

Signature of Divisional Assistant Superintendent: _____

Comments: _____

Signature of Superintendent: _____

Comments: _____