

**LEVELLAND INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

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Consider Adoption of the
2021 - 2022 School Calendar
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ACTION

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

House Bill (HB) 2610, passed by the 84th Texas Legislature, amends Texas Education Code (TEC), §25.081, by striking language requiring 180 days of instruction and replacing this language with language requiring districts to provide at least 75,600 minutes of instruction, including intermissions and recess. The bill also allows school districts to add minutes as necessary to compensate for minutes of instruction lost due to school closures caused by a disaster, flood, extreme weather conditions, fuel curtailment, or another calamity.

The Texas Education Agency requires local school districts to annually adopt a calendar that meets the criteria established by state law, and ensures that schools will provide at least the required instructional minutes during this calendar year. This year's calendar has 171 total student instructional days with 465 minutes per day to exceed the 75,600 minimum. Teachers will work an additional 16 days to fulfill their 187 teacher contracts.

Based on teachers, principals, and the District Advisory Committee feedback, this calendar comes to the board for approval. The calendar also reflects a change from a six week grading period to 9 weeks.

This year's returning staff calendar starts on August 9, and students begin on August 16, five days earlier than the timeline defined in Texas Education Code 25.0811. Local control for school start date in the form of a District of Innovation Plan approved during the 16-17 school year allowing LISD to begin a week earlier.

A huge thanks go to the DAC committee members for their time and effort to determine this year's calendar and the staff who provided feedback during the decision-making process.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION

Adopting the school calendar will permit better planning for the 2021-2022 school year.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION

The administration recommends the Board of Trustees approve the attached school calendar for the 2021-2022 school year.

BOARD ACTION REQUIRED Approval/Disapproval