

# Executive Summary

## Prepared for Board of Trustees Meeting

### October 27, 2015

### 2016-2017 School Calendar

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#### **Board Goals:**

#### **II. Teaching and Learning... In pursuit of excellence, the district will:**

Establish quality staff development programs and promote professional learning communities

#### **IV. Parent and Community Involvement... In pursuit of excellence, the district will:**

Work continuously with the community in planning and facility development

#### **VI. Growth, Change and Fiscal Responsibility... In pursuit of excellence, the district will:**

Create and continuously modify strategies to mitigate increasing stresses on our children, our schools, and our community

#### **Purpose of Report**

The purpose is to present the proposed calendar for the 2016-2017 school year.

#### **Objectives**

Review calendar for start date, number of instructional days, scheduled holidays

#### **Operational Impact**

State law requires that school not begin before the fourth Monday in August. District teachers and administration have prioritized the following as important considerations:

- Ending the first semester before the December holiday break,
- Keeping both semesters as equal as possible regarding the number of class days,
- Maintaining the school holiday schedule consistent with prior years' schedules including a full week at Thanksgiving, and two weeks in December-January,
- Mirroring the spring break schedule of the University of North Texas and Texas Woman's University and matching as many neighboring districts as possible

The proposed 2016-2017 calendar includes the same number of professional development and teacher preparation days, early release days for exam grading at the secondary level and parent-teacher conferences at the elementary level. The inclement weather make up days coincide with Easter weekend, April 14-17.

#### **Results**

Input is currently being sought from the administrative team, teachers, the District Improvement Council and the Board of Trustees. A final recommendation for the 2016-2017 calendar will be made at the November 10 meeting. Approving the 2016-2017 calendar will allow staff and parents time to plan activities for the next school year.

#### **Other Options**

Staff could be directed to develop a new calendar proposal for future consideration.

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