

Executive Summary

Prepared for Board of Trustees Meeting

June 9, 2020

2020 – 2021 Instructional Calendar Planning

Board Goal

Teaching and Learning

- Develop and maintain a culture where learning remains our first priority.
- Incorporate best practices into teaching, learning, technology and leadership.
- Foster and support an advanced digital learning environment.

Culture and Climate

- Honor the dedication and professionalism of all staff.
- Promote health, wellness and emotional well-being.

Opportunities for Students

- Support college, career, military and life readiness.
- Develop academic skills and interpersonal relationships necessary for student success in college, the workplace and for life.

Purpose of Report

- The purpose of this item is to present the instructional calendar planning for the 2020-21 school year in alignment state and local officials.

Objectives

- Review calendar for start/end date, including possible alternative instructional scenarios and calendar day considerations.

Operational Impact

Denton ISD is currently scheduled for August 12, 2020 as the first instructional day, with a “jump start” summer learning opportunity for identified students July 20 – July 30, 2020. The following considerations were made in developing these scenarios:

- Current start date of August 12th as part of our DOI plan.
- Inability to schedule potential need for classroom, campus, district closure.
- Allow for professional development for all staff in standardized digital platforms.
- Planning and preparation of instructional arrangements for a variety of possible scenarios.

Results

Input has been sought from district and campus administrators, and currently from the Board of Trustees. Maintaining our previously scheduled start date, while allowing for multiple alternative solutions to provide continuous instruction during the 2020 - 2021 school year allows for thorough planning and preparation for staff, students, families and community.