

Executive Summary

Prepared for Board of Trustees Meeting December 13, 2016

2017 – 2018 Calendar Proposals

Board Goal:

I. Vision:

- Cultivate a network of professional learning communicates addressing the educational needs of every child in our district.
- Develop and maintain a culture where learning remains our first priority.

II. Teaching and Learning:

- Establish quality staff development programs that promote professional learning communities.

VI. Growth, Change and Fiscal Responsibility:

- Create and continuously modify strategies to mitigate increasing stresses on our children, our schools and our community.
- Demonstrate effective and efficient management of district resources.

Purpose of Report

- The purpose of this item is to present two calendar proposals for consideration by our Board of Trustees.

Objectives

- Review calendar for start date, instructional minutes, scheduled holidays, and built-in PLC days.

Operational Impact

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.

Results

Input has been sought from district leadership, campus administrators, and the Educational Improvement Council and currently from the Board of Trustees. A final recommendation for the 2017 – 2018 calendar will be made at the January 24, 2017 meeting. Approving the 2017-2018 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.