

**Beeville ISD  
Board of Trustees  
2007-2008 Calendar Update**

A committee to design a calendar for school year 2007-2008 has met three times. The committee consists of a representative from each campus, a representative from athletics, Nancy Jones and Cindy Clendennen. The instructions for developing the calendar for 2007-2008 are different from years before because of House Bill 1. House Bill 1 mandates that students may not start school before the fourth Monday of August. There is no waiver process. There is no approval process for the board of trustees, the District Education Improvement Council or TEA. There are no requirements for a public hearing or public notice.

At the first meeting of the calendar committee, I explained how the calendar has to be developed, including 187 total days for teachers, with at least 177 students days, and up to 7 professional development days with three workdays. I gave them an example of a calendar for 2007-2008 which met all the criteria, including starting on the fourth Monday of August. I also gave them a blank calendar. We discussed how to get input from their constituents. Each person was asked to develop a calendar, if they didn't like the one I provided. The calendar committee developed six or seven calendars. All of them had students starting school on the fourth Monday of August (August 27, 2007). At their third meeting, the calendar committee narrowed the choices to three of the calendars.

From December 4 through December 12, voting was held throughout the district. Staff members voted by signing a sheet and casting a secret ballot. This is to ensure that each person only votes one time.

The calendar that received the most votes is included with this update. The voting results were 276 for this calendar and 59 votes and 51 votes for the other calendar. The attached calendar meets the state requirements. In spring 2006, the calendar committee will meet one more time to determine six weeks reporting periods, report card and progress report dates. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted by Nancy Jones  
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