



Decatur Independent School District

Board of Trustees Agenda Item

To: Board of Trustees
From: Taylor Williams
Subject: 25-26 DISD Academic Calendar
Meeting Date: August 21, 2025
Type of Item: ☐ Information ☐ Presentation ☐ Consent Agenda ☐ Discussion ☒ Action
Supporting Documents: ☒ Yes ☐ No

Background Information and Rationale:

The current 2025–2026 DISD Academic Calendar has students returning the day after graduation. With graduation scheduled at 8:00 PM the night before, this structure is expected to result in lower student attendance (ADA) on the final day.

Recommended Changes:

- Change **Friday, March 6** from *Staff Professional Learning/Work Day* to a *Regular School Day*
- Change the **Last Day of School** from *May 21* to *May 20*
- Adjust grading periods as follows:
 - 3rd 9-week grading period: *40 days* → *41 days*
 - 4th 9-week grading period: *36 days* → *35 days*
- **Student Total Days:** Remains at *154*
- **Staff Total Days:** Remains at *168*

Support of Strategic Goals:

- Goal 1: DISD supports students in a multitude of ways to nurture learning and ensure high performance.
- Goal 4: DISD manages funds and resources responsibly and transparently to maximize return on the community's investment.

Fiscal Implication: None

Administrative Recommendation:

Administration recommends adopting the proposed updates to the 2025–2026 Academic Calendar to ensure stronger ADA on the final instructional day and to avoid scheduling students after graduation.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Superintendent