

# **AGENDA**

## **ITEM**

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**SUBJECT:** Consider approval of amending the 2015 – 2016 school calendar

**RATIONALE:**

HB 2610 passed during the 84<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature amended the Texas Education Code by striking the language requiring 180 days of instruction and replacing this language with requiring districts to provide at least 75,600 minutes of instruction, including intermissions and recess.

The GISD Calendar Committee met on November 18 to discuss HB 2610 and how that will impact GISD.

- GISD is 5,520 minutes or 11.6 days over the required 75,600 minutes
- 2 calendar options were presented to the committee
- We agreed to take a conservative approach and take 9 days off the current calendar.
- We also agreed to adjust the days met during the 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> six-week periods.
- Based on the changes, the end of the school year has been moved from June 3 to May 20.
- This would put the GISD graduation ceremony on May 20, 2015.
- This calendar option will be presented at the December school board meeting for discussion and approval.
- A copy of the calendar with proposed changes is enclosed within the board packet.

Enclosed within the packet is the most recent Frequently Asked Questions document received from the Texas Education Agency.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

I recommend the board approve amending the school calendar as presented.

**CONTACT PERSON(S):**

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