



A 21st CENTURY LEARNING COMMUNITY

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BOARD AGENDA ITEM

ITEM NO: 4.2

BOARD MEETING DATE: Tuesday, April 7, 2026

NEW BUSINESS ITEM: Approval of Revisions to the Approved 2026-2027 School Year Calendar

SUBMITTED BY: Mindy Westover, Associate Superintendent

PRESENTED BY: Mindy Westover, Associate Superintendent

To increase instructional time for our kindergarten students as well as provide opportunities for cross school collaboration, we recommend revising the student calendar for the 2026-2027 school year. The Governing Board approved the calendar in November 2025. Two adjustments are proposed to improve instructional coherence, operational efficiency, and consistency for students and families.

Proposed Change #1: Elementary Early Release Alignment

Administration recommends consolidating elementary early release days to allow for increased collaboration across campuses and to eliminate Monday and Wednesday early release schedules.

The current early release schedule is:

- Canyon View – Monday
- Ventana Vista – Tuesday
- Manzanita – Wednesday
- Sunrise Drive – Thursday

The proposed schedule for 2026–2027 is:

- Canyon View and Manzanita – Tuesday
- Sunrise Drive and Ventana Vista – Thursday

This change aligns collaboration opportunities across sites and improves system-wide coordination.

Grading half-days are adjusted to align with early release days as follows:

- October 27, 2026 – Canyon View and Manzanita
- October 29, 2026 – Sunrise Drive and Ventana Vista
- February 9, 2027 – Canyon View and Manzanita
- February 11, 2027 – Sunrise Drive and Ventana Vista

Proposed Change #2: Kindergarten Early Release Schedule

Beginning in 2026–2027, all elementary schools will operate morning-only kindergarten programs.

Currently, on early release days, kindergarten runs from 8:00 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. Administration proposes maintaining a consistent kindergarten schedule on early release days from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. This change will:

- Increase instructional time by approximately 7.5 days annually
- Provide consistency for students and families
- Support continuity in early learning routines

There are no other changes to the calendar that was approved in November. Administration recommends approval of the revised 2026–2027 school year calendar as presented to support improved collaboration, increased instructional time for kindergarten students, and greater consistency for families.

Calendar changes will be communicated directly to our elementary families after your approval so that they may adjust their child(ren)'s after school care. The new calendars will also be posted on the district's website.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: I move the governing board approve the revisions to the 2026-2027 school year calendar, as presented.