



Discussion Item

Date: October 7, 2024

Division: Chief of Staff

Subject: Calendar Update

Background Information:

- According to TEC 25.0811 the state parameters for the school calendar:
 - Must not begin prior to the fourth Monday in August
 - District of Innovation Plan allows this requirement to be waived
 - Must not end prior to May 15th
 - Must include 75,600 minutes of instruction
- LISD currently operates with a 435 instructional minute school day.
- LISD currently operates with the following start and end times:
 - Elementary Schools: 7:45 - 3:00, with the exception of STEM campuses
 - Middle Schools: 8:55 - 4:10
 - High Schools: 8:20 - 3:35
- Feedback gathered from last year during the calendar creation process identified topics for further discussion. A Focus Group, including some calendar committee members and others, met multiple times to discuss and explore school start times and the length of the school day.

Administrative Consideration:

- Themes and results of the focus group input will be shared.
- With this round on input being so close, more input will be collected from the following groups:
 - Principals
 - District Advisory Council
 - Brand Ambassadors
 - Key Communicators
- The calendar committee will begin meeting in October to explore academic calendar options based on preferences discussed at September Board meeting and other input collected from groups.