



Ector County Independent School District

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TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: Dr. Lilia Náñez, Associate Superintendent of Curriculum & Instruction

SUBJECT: **DISCUSSION OF AND REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF 2020-2021 REVISED ACADEMIC CALENDAR FOR ECISD, OCA & OCTECHS**

DATE: June 16, 2020

Due to the COVID-19 school closure and research provided by NWEA, the school closures could have a devastating impact on student achievement. Studies show elementary students may have a learning gap in math up to a full year and experience half year of regression in reading. Middle school students are expected to have greater gaps in math as well. For these reasons, we've added instructional days to the academic calendar.

In order to provide quality learning experiences for students, ECISD is recommending an increase of the instructional days for students from 169 days to 180 days. These additional instructional days will provide opportunities for teachers to spiral in prior year learning objectives within the new academic year. The teacher contract days remain the same at 187.

You will notice four "virtual instruction" days on the calendar. These days are allowed by TEA and can be used to provide job embedded professional learning opportunities for our teachers while students are engaged in remote learning. We also included two days during the Thanksgiving week as COVID-19/Make Up Days to be used if we have school closures prior to the Thanksgiving break.

The OCA and OCTECHS calendar is also attached. Two adjustments for the early college high schools are:

1. Monday, October 12 Columbus Day Holiday for ECISD is moved to Friday, October 16
2. Monday, February 15 Bad Weather/COVID19 Make-up Day for ECISD is moved to Friday, Feb. 19

Administrative Recommendation:

Approval of 2020-2021 Revised Academic Calendar for ECISD, OCA & OCTECHS