



A 21st CENTURY LEARNING COMMUNITY

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BOARD AGENDA ITEM

ITEM NO: 4.3

BOARD MEETING DATE: Tuesday, April 7, 2026

NEW BUSINESS ITEM: Approval of Revisions to the Preliminarily Approved
2027-2028 School Year Calendar

SUBMITTED BY: Mindy Westover, Associate Superintendent

PRESENTED BY: Mindy Westover, Associate Superintendent

Administration recommends approval of revisions to the preliminarily approved 2027–2028 school year calendar. The Governing Board preliminarily approved the calendar in November 2025. Two adjustments are proposed to improve instructional coherence, operational efficiency, and consistency for students and families. These are the same changes as recommended for the 2026-2027 calendar.

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 early release schedules.

The proposed schedule for 2027–2028 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 will be adjusted to align with early release days as follows:

- October 26, 2027 – Canyon View and Manzanita
- October 28, 2027 – Sunrise Drive and Ventana Vista

- February 8, 2028 – Canyon View and Manzanita
- February 10, 2028 – Sunrise Drive and Ventana Vista

Proposed Change #2: Kindergarten Early Release Schedule

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 preliminarily approved in November. Administration recommends approval of the preliminary revised 2027–2028 school year calendar as presented, aligning to the recommended changes to the 2026-2027 calendar.

This preliminarily approved calendar will be posted to the district’s website upon approval.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: I move the governing board approve the revisions to the preliminarily approved 2027-2028 school year calendar, as presented.