



BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

KELLER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

4C. Report

Date: September 27, 2004

SUBJECT: CALENDAR 2005-2006

BOARD GOAL: Community Involvement

FISCAL NOTES: None

Background Information:

- Keller ISD has used a community-wide approach to determine calendars for a number of years,
- Community input is requested for calendar proposals,
- Qualifying calendars are presented to the Campus Education Improvement Committee and District Education Improvement Committee as representatives of the entire community, for a vote,
- If there is the need for a runoff, the runoff is conducted between the calendar with the most votes and the next most popular calendar that is significantly different,
- TEC Chapter 25.0811 allows districts to begin instruction for students before the week in which August 21 falls,
- If an Early Start date is selected, the District must publish a notice 60 days prior to submitting an application,
- A public hearing must be conducted,
- Included in the waiver application there must be a summary of the opinions expressed at the hearing regarding the beginning date of instruction for students.

Administrative Considerations:

The following have been done to strengthen our calendar process and in an effort to provide for more community input:

- An E-News release has been sent to inform parents of the process and the revised time line,
- Names of CEIC (by campus) and DEIC members will be posted on the website to allow contact by individuals wanting to comment on calendars. Contact information was not included with the names because of privacy concerns. Patrons are directed to contact their school or my office for contact information. The schools have been informed that they may be getting requests for this information.

- 2005-2006 Calendar information has been moved to the top of the District web page to be more visible,
- An e-mail address has been provided for anyone wanting to be placed on the mailing list for the 06-07 calendar information,
- The deadline for receiving ballots has been extended for one week,
- Ballots must now be submitted on October 1, 2004 only.

Attached is a revised timeline for the calendar process, the recent e-news articles, and a screen shot of the District Home Page.

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Respectfully submitted,

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And Student Services