



GOVERNING BOARD AGENDA ITEM
AMPHITHEATER UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10

DATE OF MEETING: March 28, 2023

TITLE: Study of Calendar Options for School Year 2024-2025

BACKGROUND:

Amphitheater Public Schools reviews and approves calendars two school years in advance for the benefit of its parents, students, and staff. This agenda item will permit the Governing Board to consider viable calendar options for FY 2024-2025.

Arizona state law governs the number of days that schools must provide instruction in a calendar year. In Arizona, public schools must provide a minimum of 180 instructional days or the equivalent number of instructional minutes in a fewer number of days. For several years, Amphitheater Public Schools has utilized the “equivalent number of instructional minutes” option to permit it to provide the requisite number of instructional minutes in less than instructional days. The attached proposed calendars for the 2024-2025 fiscal year reflects a calendar of 177 days that satisfy the state’s equivalent number of instructional minutes requirement.

Administration is presenting two options, for the 2024-2025 calendar:

- Option 1 follows the current school calendar. School would start on the first Thursday in August (8/1/24) and end two weeks before Memorial Day (5/15/25).
- Option 2 moves the start of school later. School would start on the first Wednesday in August (8/7/24) and would end in the week before Memorial Day (5/21/25).

The starting and ending dates are the only differences between the two options.

Administration gathered input on both options from families via a survey emailed March 2, 2023. The results of the survey will be shared at the Board meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

This agenda item is presented for the Board’s review and discussion at this time; no action is required. Following the Board’s two-meeting procedure for policy implementation, a proposed calendar for FY 2024-2025, as appropriate, will be presented for approval at the next Board meeting.

INITIATED BY:

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Date: March 23, 2023

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