

**Palestine Independent School District
1007 Park Avenue
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Official Communication

Date: February 21, 2019
To: Board of Trustees
From: Chris Kiser
Subject: Adoption of 2019-2020 Calendar

Each campus has reviewed and provided input regarding the 2019-2020 proposed school calendars. We do not have a clear consensus regarding a favorite calendar. We do have an overwhelming majority of staff members asking for professional development opportunities throughout the school year which is consistent in calendars B and C.

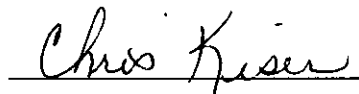
The District Administration Team met on several occasions to determine which calendar best satisfies the professional development request. The team gathered input and came up with the following points:

- A. Calendar B – This calendar provides time for teachers to meet every Friday for one hour. The Administration team feels that one hour is not enough time for quality planning.
- B. Calendar C – This calendar provides 2.5 hours twice each month for professional development. The time allowed is sufficient for productive staff development discussions to include vertical team meetings.
- C. Calendar B – It is a concern the staff will become complacent with having meetings every Friday.

The administrative team feels that Calendar C provides the best opportunity for ongoing staff development.

It is recommended the board approve Calendar C for the 2019-2020 school year.

Respectfully submitted,



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