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Dear Keller ISD Patrons and Staff,

It's time to begin the process of developing the school calendar for the 2005-2006 school year. In order for families and schools to plan properly for important events, it is necessary to develop the calendar as soon as possible. Texas Law requires that schools start no earlier than the week in which August 21 falls. Districts may request a waiver for First Day of Instruction if the community indicates a desire to do so. This occurred for the 2004-2005 KISD calendar. If the calendar election this year results in a calendar that starts before August 21, a hearing will be called to gather community input.

The Keller ISD has used a modified year-round calendar for seven years. The calendar for the 2004-2005 school year, which has already been approved, was chosen by representatives from all areas of our community and received a waiver from the Texas Education Agency. Now each of you will have the opportunity to have a say in the creation of the next school calendar. If you feel that your idea for a calendar is a good one, I urge you to submit it. Others might agree that it is indeed the best.

Please use the attached information to create a version of the School Calendar for 2005-2006 that best meets your needs. As you mark the blank calendar, please use the Key at the bottom to indicate the various types of days. While anyone may submit a calendar for consideration, the calendar must meet the criteria listed on the blank calendar form that is attached. All submitted calendars will be reviewed for compliance with the established parameters. The 2004-2005 calendar is included as a reference.

The calendars that qualify will be submitted to the CEIC (Campus Education Improvement Committee) of each campus, and to the DEIC (District-wide Education Improvement Committee) for a vote. Each member of these committees will be asked to vote for their preference. If no calendar receives a clear majority, a runoff among the top finalists will be conducted. The preferred calendar will then be presented to the Superintendent, who will present it to the Board of School Trustees for adoption.

Calendars may be submitted to Dr. Bill Newton, Assistant Superintendent of Administration and Student Services, 350 Keller Parkway, Keller, Texas 76248. The deadline for submission of calendars is Friday, September 3, 2004. Any calendar received after that date will not be considered.

Thank you for your continued interest in and support of the children of the Keller ISD. If you have any questions, please call Bill Newton (817-744-1060), or e-mail bnewton@kellerisd.net or your campus Principal.

Sincerely,

Bill Newton
Assistant Superintendent