Midway Independent School District

Action: Consent Agenda:
Presentation: Information: X
Supporting Documents: X Date for Consideration: December 15, 2026

Subject: 2027-2028 Academic Calendar Drafts

MISD Board of Trustees: November 17, 2026 Agenda Item – 7A

Background Information

In late October, a poll was distributed to MISD staff and parents via Parent Square. The poll responses provided data used to determine trends in calendar drafts. Additional hiring and professional learning needs of Midway staff were considered in the design of the calendar and distribution of professional learning dates. District-level committees met to review the calendar options and make adjustments. The following priorities were incorporated into the 2027-2028 calendar drafts:

Holiday preferences identified by respondents:

- Full week for Thanksgiving
- Two whole weeks for Winter Break
- End before Memorial Day
- Match Baylor/MCC Holiday Schedules
- Consider a Fall Break
- Consider a late Winter Break
  *all subject to change based on next legislative session

Instructional needs identified by respondents:

- The first day of school is on Wednesday or later
- Time in August for new and returning staff to plan together for instructional purposes
- Professional Learning sessions are provided closer to the date of classroom implementation
- Embedded time in August (not June/July) to provide both district and campus professional learning to take place before the start of school
- Workdays for teachers before the start of school and throughout the year, when possible, to allow time to prepare their classrooms and lesson plans
- Ongoing professional learning opportunities are provided throughout the year to address teacher and student needs.

The following committees reviewed parent and staff input, which led to the development of the drafts:

November 2nd - Teaching and Learning Directors
November 2nd - Exec Team
November 3rd - District Leadership Team - Exec Team, Principals, Directors, Coordinators

The attached presentation summarizes the calendar development process and highlights the significant differences between the calendar drafts. On November 19th the Midway Advisory & Strategy Team (MAST) comprised of Parents, Community Members, Business Reps, and Teachers will review the drafts for additional revisions. Staff members will be polled to determine which calendar draft is preferred before the December board meeting, when final approval will be requested.

Fiscal implications
None

Administration Recommendation
None

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