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MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Board of Trustees
From: Edgar Ponce – Administrator, Research and Evaluation
Subject: Revision to 2026-2027 District Calendar
Date: April 8, 2026

HISTORY:

The original approval of a four-day calendar of the 2026-2027 school year was approved by the board on February 12, 2025.

RATIONALE:

After reviewing the calendar, it was noted that some days in the original calendar had to get adjusted based on instructional needs, feedback from district leadership and new information received from EPCC regarding the spring break week.

Additional Workdays- Professional Employees

The recommendation is to add 9 Monday workdays for professional employees. Teachers will engage in instructional planning activities and professional development. All other employees will also have training activities, district-level planning, and additional worktime. The district will remain close to the public. However, offices will be open in-district to serve employees. All students will remain on a 4-day instructional week.

October 2026

The original calendar included the fall intersession from September 29th to October 2nd, 2026. Additionally, the second week, October 6th to October 9th, 2026, has traditionally been a week without students or teachers in which only certain groups of employees worked.

The proposed change would include a district closure for the second week of October (October 6th to October 9th, 2026). This means that employees who traditionally worked those days will have to work 4 Mondays in exchange for the district closure. The designated make-up days were strategically planned to help and support in closing up Quarter 1, prepare for Spring Interim Testing, prepare for TELPAS testing, end of year activities, and preparation for summer submissions. These days may also support other activities/meetings that will protect instructional time.

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March 2027

The post-secondary institutions have spring break between March 15th and March 19, 2027. To better serve our dual-credit students and ensure alignment, the spring 2027 intersession was moved up a week. Original spring intersession was March 2nd to March 5th and district spring break was March 9th to March 12, 2027. The adjusted calendar would now have spring intersession March 9th to March 12th, 2027, and spring break (Holiday/District Closure similar to 2025-2026 school year) would be March 16th to March 19, 2027.

Student Half-Days

Student half days have been removed to maximize instructional time as requested by teachers across the district; this will also help with attendance as half-days usually have poor student attendance. As a result, 855 instructional minutes were added.

A detail list of changes is included in the next page

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Below is a comprehensive list of the adjustments presented:

<i>2nd Monday of every Month except for Fall and Spring Break as well as on April - 9 Days Total</i>		
Month	Day	
July	13	
August	10	
September	14	
October	N/A	
November	9	
December	14	
January	11	
February	8	
March	N/A	
April	5	First Monday of the Month to prepare for STATE testing
May	10	

Fall Intersession		District Closure of Second Week Oct. 6 - Oct. 9, 2026
Spring Intersession		Moved Up One Week (From 3.2.27 - 3.12.27 to 3.9.27 - 3.19.27 and District Closure Second Week 3.16.27-3.19.27) Match EPCC Closure
Half Day Early Release		Sept. 25, 2026 (Student Half Day Removed, Teacher Guided Planning Removed)
Half Day Early Release		Oct. 30, 2026 (Student Half Day Removed, Teacher PD Removed)
Half Day Early Release		Jan. 29, 2027 (Student Half Day Removed, Teacher Guided Planning Removed)
Half Day Early Release		Feb. 12, 2027 (Student Half Day Removed, Teacher Professional Development Removed)
Minutes Adjusted		PPK-11 went from 76,800 to 77,655 adding 855 minutes
Minutes Adjusted		12th Grade went from 76,515 to 77,370 adding 855 minutes

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BUDGET:

There is no budget impact for this item.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board review the 2026-2027 School Calendar.

For Approval? Yes No

If no, please check one: Presentation Report Information

Please check if applicable: Attachment Included

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