



DUNCANVILLE ISD

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Regular Board Meeting

May 18, 2026

AGENDA SECTION: Consent Agenda

SUBJECT: Consideration of Amendment to the 2026-2027 Academic Calendar

BOARD POLICY: N/A

STRATEGIC GOAL(S): Priority #1 Student Academic Success; Priority #2 Students, Families and Community Connection; Priority #3 Personnel and Professional Development; and Priority #4 Operational Excellence

FISCAL NOTE: None

PREPARED/PRESENTED BY: Dr. Samuel Nix, Chief Academic Officer

Background Information

The Board of Trustees approved the 2026–2027 academic calendar, which includes a Professional Development (PD) Exchange Day designated for Monday, March 29, 2027, and Good Friday, March 26, 2027, scheduled as a regular instructional day for students.

Upon further review, administration is recommending that the Board consider amending the calendar to swap those two days, moving the PD Exchange Day from Monday, March 29th to Friday, March 26th. This would designate Good Friday as a student holiday and staff PD day, with Monday, March 29th returning to the calendar as a regular instructional day. The change requires no adjustment to the total number of student instructional days, contracted work days, or scheduled PD hours.

This recommendation is driven by the significant and measurable impact Good Friday has on student attendance. This year, with school in session on Good Friday, our attendance rate dropped to 82.8% , a nine percent decline from our regular average and a \$35,000 loss in basic allotment revenue. This pattern is consistent with a broader regional trend: the majority of neighboring districts observe Good Friday as a holiday, which leads a substantial portion of our student population to be absent regardless of whether school is in session. Holding a full instructional day under these conditions undermines the quality and continuity of instruction for students who are present and results in an inefficient use of staff time and resources.

Recommendation

The Duncanville Independent School District Board of Trustees approves the amendment to the 2026–2027 academic calendar to move the designated Professional Development Exchange Day from Monday, March 29, 2027 to Friday, March 26, 2027.

Communication Deployment

- Board Meeting Minutes
- District Website, e-newsletters, districtwide e-mails, and district social media platforms

Suggested Motion

The Board moves to approve the amendment to the 2026–2027 academic calendar to move the designated Professional Development Exchange Day from Monday, March 29, 2027 to Friday, March 26, 2027.

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Respectfully submitted,

Dr. T. Lamar Goree
Superintendent