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Board approves 2021-2022 school calendar

After receiving overwhelming support for the proposed calendar from staff and the community, the Board voted to approve the 21-22 school calendar which has a start date of August 12 for students. Teachers will report on August 2.

Fall break will continue as well as an extended three-week break at the end of the first semester. Seven workdays are built in to allow teachers planning time. Students will have three-day weekends with Monday's off during teacher workdays.

The last instructional day is May 27. The approved school calendar can be found here. Click here for link.

Policy approved to allow Certificates of Completion

The Board approved a policy change which will allow seniors who have passed all of their coursework but have yet to successfully pass all sections of the end-of-course testing to be issued a certificate of completion at graduation ceremonies.

Students have only had one opportunity to retake a failed test this year because of the pandemic, according to Superintendent Charlie Alderman. Students normally have four opportunities to retake tests.

Administrators' contracts extended

Campus and central office administrators' contracts were extended through the 2022–2023 school year. The district's normal practice is for administrators to have two-year term contracts.

Two Commerce properties sold to resident

Tax-foreclosed residential lots were sold to a Commerce resident for \$2005. The properties, located on Division Street, were struck off the tax rolls of Hunt County, City of Commerce, CISD and the Hunt Memorial Hospital District.

Action resulting from a special meeting on January 25

- Adult meal prices were increased from \$3.50 to \$3.68 for lunch and from \$2.25 to \$2.68 for breakfast.
- Properties comprising the old Neal Street athletic fields were sold to McIlrath Properties, which plans to build single-family housing
- Superintendent Charlie Alderman's contract was extended one year through June 2025.

Candidates file for May 1 election

Randy Starks and Kelsey Lytle are running unopposed for their positions on the CISD Board of Trustees.

Incumbent Etta Herring is facing Jennifer Knight, Joshua Koch and Doc Pierce.

The election will be held on May 1 at City Hall. Early voting starts April 19 and ends on April 27. Extended hours voting is on April 20 and April 22 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at City Hall.

