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DISTRICT PLANNING COMMITTEE & CALENDAR COMMITTEE 2026–2027

CALENDAR REVIEW WORK SESSION

Date: January 8, 2026

Time: 4:30p.m.

Location: SISD Central Office A148

Purpose: To review the preferred 2026–2027 district calendar and develop consensus-based recommendations that improve calendar clarity, balance, and flow prior to public feedback and Board consideration.

Committee Roles: • Facilitator/Chair: Amy Pesina • Time Keeper: Torie Washington • Recorder/Note Taker: Victoria Mathews

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Session Overview (3 minutes) • Review objectives and process • Explain table discussion protocols and timelines
2. Table Review of Preferred 2026–2027 Calendar (5 minutes) • Review the calendar together at your table • Focus on overall structure, sequencing, and layout • Consider the balance of instructional periods, breaks, and holidays
3. Generate Calendar Improvement Suggestions (15 minutes) As a table, identify 3–6 suggestions that may improve calendar clarity, balance, or flow.
Discussion considerations may include: • Shifting Fall Break to align with the week of Columbus Day • Exploring Fall Break structure options that improve calendar pacing • Placing unused non-instructional days on a Spring Friday or Monday • Other recommendations related to calendar organization and flow
4. Table Agreement Check (5 minutes) • Review each proposed suggestion • Most of the table agrees → Keep the suggestion • Limited agreement → Revise wording or move on • Focus on consensus, not debate
5. Recorder Finalizes Table Recommendations (2 minutes) Prepare a one-page summary including: • 3–6 recommendations total • Clear, concise, and neutral wording • Identification of the table's top recommendation

6. Table Presenter Reports Out (20 seconds per table) • Share a brief overview of the table's recommendations • Highlight the #1 proposed calendar change
7. Closing Remarks and Next Steps • Collection of table recommendations • Explanation of review and feedback process • Timeline for draft revisions and public comment

Adjournment

Next Meeting Date ____**May 14, 2026**_____