# Reimagine Education: School Calendar 

## December 14, 2022



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## Purpose

Communicate to the board the work of the 4-day school week committee to inform the creation of the 2023-2024 school calendar

## Background and Timeline



## 4 day school week

## Advantages

Improves staff morale
Increase length of teaching periods
One day per month devoted to staff development and/or planning
Possible increase in student and staff attendance
Increase in student engagement in family activities according to some recent studies

## Disadvantages

School schedule doesn't mirror traditional work schedule

Longer school day (probable)
Earlier school start in August
Scheduling extra-curricular events could cause challenges

Studies reflect decreases in student achievement

Sample Calendar - Lone Oak ISD

## Extended School Year Option

## Advantages

Week long intersession in October and March provide opportunities for pre-teach and in time remediation for students
Increase in student and staff attendance - appointments could be scheduled during intersession periods

Disadvantages
Child care and supervision for the two weeks off that are non-traditional
Earlier school start in August OR Increased school day length to compensate for days off for intersession
Sample Calendar - Alice Carlson Applied Learning Center (Fort Worth)

## Traditional Calendar Enhancements for Consideration

- Increase time for teachers to plan and prepare
- Early dismissal each week for teacher planning and preparation
- Full day every 4 or 6 weeks for planning, preparation or staff development
- Sample Calendar - Sweetwater ISD
- Shift a portion of the 9 days before students begin in August throughout the year

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