# Reimagine Education: School Calendar

### December 14, 2022



Dr. Patty Coté Teaching & Learning Regular Board Meeting December 14, 2022

### 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 <u>studies</u>

#### 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
  - <u>Sample Calendar</u> Sweetwater ISD
- Shift a portion of the 9 days before students begin in August throughout the year





