

To: Dixie School District Board of Trustees
Fr: Jason Yamashiro, Superintendent
Re: Calendar Recommendation For The 2019-2020 School Year
4.5.19

As part of the calendar setting process, our calendar committee, which includes administrative and teacher representation, surveyed teachers about their experience with the calendar this year, and a two possible options for next school year. Teachers and administrators continue to be enthusiastic about the shift of our parent conferences to November and the overall structure of the calendar. As such, the two calendars under consideration were substantially similar.

In the recommended calendar the following changes would be made in relation to the 2018-2019 calendar:

- the day after Halloween, November 1st, would become a professional development day
- November 26th would become a day off for staff
- December 20th would become a student day.

The committee felt that the day after Halloween is an ideal day for professional development (as opposed to during Thanksgiving Week) and that winter break will be long enough without the additional Friday being a non-student day. The movement between these three days is the only difference between the recommended and the alternate calendar.

Over the years when changes have been made to the student and staff calendar, special attention has been given to dates that are often used for vacation and lead to more student absences. This was a factor in adjustments to the Thanksgiving week. This may be a factor in the Friday before winter break and the data will need to be watched closely. Below I have provided the absence numbers on the Thursday before Winter Break versus the day after Halloween, also providing a day earlier in the winter break week to help understand if families are missing the full week or just the last day before winter break. The numbers indicate that there is a difference between the day after Halloween and the day before winter break in terms of absences. Most likely, making this change will cost the district money in ADA (Average Daily Attendance). The estimated amount is \$1,000-\$2,500.

	Day after Halloween	Day before WB	Tuesday before WB
2018-2019	64	112	94
2017-2018	89	110	82
2016-2017	75	159	120