


**Date:** January 18, 2020  
**To:** Board of Education  
**From:** Guadalupe Guerrero  
Superintendent   
**Subject:** 2020-21 School District Calendar Update & Recommendation

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Staff has continued gathering and considering feedback from a cross-section of stakeholders in preparing this school calendar formal recommendation, per Board Policy 3.20.010-P Annual Calendar. Based on some feedback from both teachers and parents, we are making an adjustment to the 2020-21 draft recommendation calendar shared previously to alternatively reflect a Wednesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> start of school for students.

a full week or whether there would be an experienced benefit from a mid-week start. A number of parents and teachers suggested that a shorter week and return-to-school might better permit younger children to ease back into the routine of school. Given that Labor Day actually appears on September 7<sup>th</sup> during the second week of the month, we agreed in discussion with PAT leadership, to try the later mid-week start this school year -with an understanding that we would evaluate afterwards -week start. This still permits the district to frontload several instructional days, which also better ensures high school seniors have a margin or cushion of days to meet instructional time requirements prior to scheduled graduation ceremonies at the close of the school year (with the exception of a more severe winter that could result in canceled classes and where other measures would need to be implemented for seniors specifically).

Visually, the Communications and Language Access Departments created a new-look calendar intended to make it easier for families to navigate. Besides this revised appearance, the draft calendar for next year includes in a consistent manner many of the features and considerations that were factored into the school calendar the past two years:

Maintain the start of the school year on a date prior to Labor Day; this proposed 2020-21 calendar starts on Wednesday September 2<sup>nd</sup> and ends on Friday, June 11<sup>th</sup>. As a reference point compared to other local school districts: Lake Oswego has published a start date of August 31<sup>st</sup>; Beaverton has published a start date of September 8<sup>th</sup>. Goal of ensuring semesters and quarters have a balanced number of instructional days; attempt to balance length of quarters: Q1 = 45 days; Q2 = 45 days; Q3 = 43 days; Q4 = 44 days  
Attempt to create a more student-focused, family-friendly school calendar, per input received; this recommended calendar continues to eliminate school late starts and early

dismissals for next school year and attempts to preserve five full uninterrupted instructional days in a typical week where possible.

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