



## Alamo Heights Independent School District

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The District Education Advisory Council (DEAC) of the Alamo Heights Independent School District, a team comprised of a representative group of staff, parents and community members, is proposing a calendar for the 2018-2019 school year that satisfies statutory requirements and is also responsive to the unique needs expressed by our school community.

Previous state law requires districts to create a calendar that includes a minimum of 75,600 minutes of instruction for students. The draft calendar consists of 176 instructional days for students to satisfy required minutes, and an additional 11 days of staff development/work days for teachers and staff members, to satisfy contractual requirements for 187 days of service.

Annually, the DEAC solicits input from our school community about creating a calendar that is responsive to our local needs. Feedback from both the calendar survey last year, as well as our DEAC meetings include the requests for our calendar to include:

- An end of school date prior to the Memorial Day weekend
- A balance of instructional days in each semester to allow one-semester courses to cover the assigned curriculum
- An end of semester date that falls prior to the December holiday break
- A December holiday break that allows families to maximize the time for quality time together
- Allow for early release days for parent-teacher conference at the elementary level and for professional development to give teachers the time they need to better support their students

A new state law (HB 2442), changed the rules about “early release” and the required minutes of instruction. Therefore, in order to continue our tradition to offer parent – teacher conferences at the elementary level, DEAC is recommending the addition of 5 minutes to the elementary start time to provide the required minimum minutes of instruction total. Instead of starting at 7:50 AM, Howard will begin school at 7:45 AM. Instead of starting at 8:20 AM, Cambridge and Woodridge will both start school at 8:15 AM next year. There will be no changes made to the end time of dismissal at any of the campuses under this draft calendar.

AHISD seeks your input regarding the proposed calendar for 2018-2019. Click [HERE](#) to review the proposed calendar.

Click on the link below to participate in the survey. **Deadline for completing the survey is 4:00 PM Tuesday, November 14, 2017.** Our District Education Advisory Council will review survey data and make a final calendar recommendation to the Board of Trustees for approval in our November Board Meeting.

[AHISD Parent/Student Survey](#)

[AHISD Faculty/Staff/Administrator Survey](#)

Please let me know if you have any questions prior to completing the survey.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dana Bashara".

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DEAC Chairperson