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High School District Welcomes Public Comment on Proposed 2020-21 & 2021-22 Student Calendars

The El Dorado Union High School District (EDUHSD) is in the process of developing its student calendars for 2020-21 and 2021-22 school years, in cooperation with input from District management, District principals, District bargaining groups and elementary and middle school superintendents. A number of critical assumptions have been used as the basis for developing the school calendar:

- The first assumption, that the school year is based on 180 days, split between two semesters.
- Second, that the two semesters are as closely balanced as possible in the number of days.
- Third, that semester one ends prior to winter break. This improves the continuity of instruction for students – final exams are completed, thereby students and families enjoy a more restful winter break. In addition, ending semester one prior to winter break better aligns with the calendars of the local colleges (Los Rios, Sierra Community College District, CSU-Sacramento and UC Davis).
- Fourth, that testing windows for important examinations such as the Advanced Placement (AP) Exam that is set in May every year. Completing more instructional days prior to these windows maximizes the amount of time teachers and students have to prepare for important examinations.
- Fifth, that a two-week intersession follows the last day of school.

As part of the collaborative process, one-calendar option for each school year have been proposed and are posted to the District's website for the public to view and comment. These calendars, for the most part, align with the traditional school calendar that has been in place for the past 23 years. For the public's convenience, the significant details of each school calendar is highlighted below. However, Superintendent Ron Carruth encourages all interested parties to log on to the District website to view the entire calendars: <http://www.eduhsd.k12.ca.us/Calendars/>.

2020-21 Calendar:

8/10/20 Start of school (Monday)
5-day Thanksgiving Break (Monday-Friday)
11-day Winter Break (12/21/20-1/4/21)
2 Emergency School Closure Days (3/26/21 and 4/5/21)
5/28/21 School ends (Friday), before Memorial Day

2021-22 Calendar:

8/9/21 Start of school (Monday)
5-day Thanksgiving Break (Monday-Friday)
11-day Winter Break (12/20/21-1/3/22)
2 Emergency School Closure Days (4/8/22 and 4/18/22)
5/27/22 School ends (Friday), before Memorial Day

Superintendent Carruth states, "There are always pros and cons to any calendar, and we do understand concerns about the school year starting in August, but these proposed options best meet the needs of our students by providing them better continuity of student learning with less disruption and, therefore, a more effective educational program." The public is invited to comment and may do so by sending your comments to the EDUHSD's District Office by Friday, December 6, 2019 by 4:30 p.m. to borris@eduhsd.k12.ca.us.

The final calendars for 2020-21 and 2021-22 will be brought forth for adoption before the El Dorado Union High School District Board of Trustees on December 17, 2019.