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ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

TO: Members of the School Board

FROM: Keith Jacobus, Superintendent

DATE: January 31, 2019

TOPIC/PURPOSE OF REPORT: First reading of Revised 2019-20 Calendar and proposed 2020-21 calendar

REFERENCE TO POLICY/STRATEGIC PLAN: MN Statutes 120A.40-41

RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTION: Information

DATE FOR BOARD ACTION: February 21, 2019

REPORT

The School Board approved the 2019-20 calendar on April 26, 2018. The calendar committee met to discuss potential revisions requested by staff members after we began the current school year. The revisions included alterations to the staff development days, elementary assessment days and start dates for Kindergarten students.

The calendar committee also developed a 2020-21 calendar we are presenting for the first reading. One significant change in the 2020-21 calendar from the 2019-20 calendar is the start date of school being the week before the Labor Day holiday. With the late Labor Day holiday falling on September 7, 2019, the committee requested asking the state for a waiver to start one week earlier. The earlier start helps us to balance the number of student contact days in each trimester and to ensure we have as many instructional days as possible prior to the start of the MCA testing windows. The earlier start date also ends the school year approximately the same time as we have ended in years past. In addition, the 2020-21 calendar incorporates the changes in staff development days, assessment days and the start of Kindergarten students we are proposing with the change of the 2019-20 calendar.

Both calendars are attached and will be presented for final approval at our February 21, 2019 school board meeting.