

Kimberly School District #414  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING FY23**

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2022

ITEM# 9-1 FY24 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

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As we discussed at the last school board meeting, the calendar committee has been considering two different start dates for next school year; one start date that is similar to our traditional start date and one that would begin a week earlier. Since our last meeting, KHS has determined that they would give End Of Course (EOC) assessments instead of “finals” each semester which means an EOC will be given at the end of the school year for yearlong courses, and at the end of the semester for semester courses. Therefore, there will no longer be a “finals week” at the end of first semester, thus eliminating many of the concerns associated with finishing the 1st semester after Christmas Vacation. The recommended calendar for the FY24 school year has a student start date of August 22, 2023, and a student end date of May 24, 2024. Below are key points of the proposed calendar.

- Increase in instruction days/no finals week schedule the end of semester 1 (4 days).
- Students' first day is Tuesday, August 22, 2023, and last day is May 24, 2024, before Memorial Day.
- Flexible start/end date for teachers – Tuesdays Aug 15, May 28 or Wednesdays Aug 16, May 29.
- Semesters are more balanced (S1-86 days, S2 – 85 days).
- Multiple 4-day weeks to start school year – most beneficial to elementary.
- 10 school days for Christmas Break (Wed, Dec 20-Tuesday, Jan 2); 14 days total.
- KSD 1<sup>st</sup> semester aligns with CSI, CSI 2nd Semester starts last week of KSD 1<sup>st</sup> semester. This should not be an issue as KHS will transition to EOC’s.
- CSI finals are not the same week as KHS end of year EOC (stress reduction, anticipated better scores).
- Finals can be given the week following state competitions (Early start would require finals same week as state competitions).
- End school year Friday before Memorial Day.
- Reduce student days from 172 to 171 and increase staff paid day to accommodate four-day week first week.

Recommendation: The administration recommends that the Kimberly School Board of Trustees approve the FY24 School Year Calendar as presented.