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Dear Ector ISD Parents and Guardians,

I hope this message finds you well. We are pleased to share the approved 2026–2027 Ector ISD School Calendar, which is attached for your review.

As you look through the calendar, you will notice an important change for the upcoming school year. Ector ISD will be transitioning from a 155-day instructional calendar to a 165-day calendar. This adjustment was made thoughtfully and with a clear focus on improving student outcomes.

The primary reason for this change is our adoption of the Bluebonnet curriculum, which is designed around 165 days of instruction. This curriculum provides a more comprehensive framework to ensure our students receive the depth and continuity of learning needed to meet academic standards and prepare for future success. Aligning our calendar with this instructional model allows us to fully implement the curriculum as intended and better support student achievement.

We also recognize that Ector ISD has traditionally operated on a 4-day school week, which has been a valued structure for our community. With this new calendar, there will be a Friday added approximately once per month. While this is a shift from previous years, we have worked to balance maintaining much of our current schedule while meeting the instructional requirements tied to the new curriculum.

Key highlights of the 2026–2027 calendar include:

- 165 total instructional days
- A continued modified schedule with select Fridays added throughout the year
- Built-in professional development and planning time for staff
- A balanced semester structure to support consistent learning

We understand that changes to the school calendar can impact family schedules, and we are committed to communicating clearly and providing support during this transition. Our goal remains the same: to provide the highest quality education for every student in Ector ISD.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support of our schools. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to your campus or the district office.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Morris

Superintendent