

# School Board Action Report

*“Every student achieving, everyone accountable”*



**DATE:** March 6, 2009  
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**STRATEGIC THEME/  
FOCUS AREA:**

## TITLE AND BRIEF DESCRIPTION

**2009-10 School Year Calendar** For Introduction: March 18, 2009  
For Action: April 8, 2009

## TIMELINE FOR IMPLEMENTATION/EVALUATION

Immediately after approval.

## RECOMMENDED MOTION

I move that the Board approve the calendar for the 2009-10 school year as attached.

## ISSUE

The Human Resources staff working with representatives invited from all thirteen (13) collective bargaining groups reviewed information from surveys conducted in March, 2008 and January, 2009. The data indicates that staff members prefer a calendar in which students begin after Labor Day, two weeks at Winter Break, a full Mid-Winter Break and Spring Break that are scheduled so as not to interfere with the WASL.

The District only received feedback from the Seattle Education Association and the Principals Association of Seattle Schools that they wanted to be involved in the process of developing the calendar. For the past few months the District has been negotiating with the Seattle Education Association in efforts of moving away from their interest which was a week long Mid-Winter break and to move the Spring Break back one week so students will have a full week of instruction prior to the administration of the Spring WASL. The District and the union have settled on a compromise in maintaining a calendar with a full week of Mid-Winter break in the 2009-2010 school year and moving back the Spring break to accommodate the full week of instruction prior to Spring Break. The party's will then negotiate during the upcoming bargaining to develop a calendar for the 2010-11 school year which would shorten the Mid-Winter break.

## **CONCLUSION/RECOMMENDATION**

Adoption of the school year calendar for the 2009-10 school year will allow the development of individual school schedules and courses, the District to begin staffing for the upcoming school year, to schedule future professional development, and families to schedule family activities outside of school time.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

**[2009-2010 School Year Calendar](#)**