

RE: Transitional Kindergarten (TK)/Kindergarten (K) Early Release Days

PROPOSAL:

SBUSD proposes the following early-release days for Transitional Kindergarten/Kindergarten for 2017-2018 calendar year:

Traditional Calendar

Fall (15 total)	August 21, 22, 24, 25, 28, 29, 31 September 1, 5, 7, 8, 11, 12, 14, 15
Spring (14 total)	January 29, 30 February 1, 2, 5, 6, 8, 9, 12, 13, 15, 20, 22, 23

Year-Round Calendar

Summer (15 total)	July 13, 14, 17, 18, 20, 21, 24, 25, 27, 28, 31 August 1, 3, 4
Spring (14 total)	January 29, 30 February 1, 2, 5, 6, 8, 9, 12, 13, 15, 20, 22, 23

RATIONALE

Due to the ratified agreement between SBUSD and SBTA dated March 2, 2016, the traditional school year calendar for students is scheduled to begin on Monday, August 21, 2017. Having the TK/K early-release days begin on Monday, August 21 and extend to 15 days, as opposed to 13 days, establishes a more coherent start of the academic year for families, students and staff. This rationale also applies to the proposal to extend the number of early-release days after winter-recess from 13 days to 14 days for schools on traditional calendar. Instructional minutes would be recuperated by making the necessary accommodations to the bell schedule for other remaining days on the calendar.

The number of early-release days for year-round calendar would also be modified, according to the table above. However, the proposal does call for the days to begin on the second day of the student school year, Thursday, July 13, as per contract, based on the board-approved calendar (June 13, 2017). Instructional minutes would be recuperated by making the necessary accommodations to the bell schedule for other remaining days on the calendar.

CONTRACT LANGUAGE TO WAIVE: ARTICLE VI: HOURS & CONDITIONS

Section 4: Kindergarten

4.1 Each kindergarten teacher will be provided appropriate instructional supplies and materials necessary to furnish a single teacher room.

4.2 Kindergarten teachers shall be added to the provision under Article VI (Hours), Section 1.8 which provides release time once a month as provided to first grade teachers.

There shall be twenty six (26) student early release days. The first thirteen will occur beginning the second day of the student school year. The last thirteen days shall occur after winter recess. These early release days will be consecutive except for early release days in which PLC work/staff meetings occur. How the additional sixty-five (65) minutes in the afternoon are to be used will be determined at each site jointly by the teachers at the site and the site principal.

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