

DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
JANUARY 26, 2022



## Today's Agenda

1. Discussion on Pressures and Possible Solutions (part 1)

2. Discussion and Vote on 2022-23 Academic Calendar

3. Discussion on Pressures and Possible Solutions (part 2)



## Approval of Minutes

"I move to approve the Minutes of the October December, 2021 District Advisory Committee Meeting."

"I second that motion."

# Discussion on Pressures and Possible Solutions (part 1)



- Enormous Demands
- The pandemic has continued to force us to face growing challenges
- School Staff, MISD Parents, & Community members
- Now more than ever, we are continually forced to:
  - think differently
  - respond differently
  - and make adjustments to the way we approach things every single day in much of what we do



# Thinking Specifically About School

## We know:

- there have always been challenges
- challenges have been magnified, or new ones have come about, with the world of COVID



## Thinking Specifically About School

Considering the emotional well-being of yourself and others, independently identify two of the greatest current challenges you face that might be impacting you in a stressful way.

Write each of these stressors on a separate sticky note. Place your 2 sticky notes on the paper in the middle of your table. These will be used for an activity a little later.





## Final Calendar Vote

- On 12/1 DAC voted to advance Draft F (Now Option 1) and Draft G (Now Option 2) for final consideration
- Districtwide "call for comments" was issued January 5
- Based on comments, option 3 was developed
- Key Changes in Option 3 based on comments include:
  - Winter Break is Dec. 19 Jan 3 (Dec. 22 Jan 8 in Options 1 and 2)
  - Teachers finish contract days prior to Memorial Day, if trade-out day is used (Staff finishes after Memorial Day in Option 2)



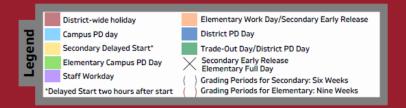
Montgomery Independent School District

2022-2023

**DISTRICT ACADEMIC CALENDAR** www.misd.org

Elementary PreK-5th Secondary 6th-12th

### **Option 3**



February 2023

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First Day of School
Thursday, August 11
Last Day of School

### Grading Periods

Friday, May 26

Elementary: PreK-5th {Nine Weeks}

August 11-October 6 October 12-December 15 January 4-March 10 March 20-May 26

Secondary: 6th-12th {Six Weeks}

August 11-September 23
September 26-November 4
November 7-December 16
January 4-February 17
February 21-April 14
April 17-May 26

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#### August

11- First Day of School September:

5- Labor Day

14- Secondary Delayed Start\*
October:

7-Student Holiday

10-11- District Holiday/Fall Break

19- Secondary Delayed Start\*

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9- Secondary Delayed Start\* 11- Elementary Student Holiday

21-25- Thanksgiving Break December:

15-16- Secondary Early Release 16- Elementary Student Holiday

17-30- Winter Break January:

2-3- Winter Break Continued 16- Martin Luther King Jr Day



#### February:

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8- Secondary Delayed Start\* 17- Student Holiday

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20- President's Day March:

8- Secondary Delayed Start\*
13-17- Spring Break
April:

7- Good Friday

12- Secondary Delayed Start\*

#### May:

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24-25- Secondary Early Release 25- Last Day of School

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May 2023

29- Memorial Day

26 and 30- Inclement Weather Days

# Discussion on Pressures and Possible Solutions (part 2)



As mentioned before, we have always faced traditional stressors/challenges in education. Our pressures today are being felt at a heightened level in many cases.



We are going to have some discussions about the most commonly occurring response our group has identified as prominent staff pressures and try to generate possibilities about how the district might be able to respond.



As we begin these discussions, I encourage you to remember...there are things we can control and those things that we do not have the ability to choose to exclude. We "get" to participate in STAAR testing & state accountability. We are required to follow COVID mandates. We are obligated to abide by law.



## Gallery Walk

Our Goal is to brainstorm realistic, inclusive, and tangible options that can be consider to reduce some of these stressors in response to each of these challenges.

- Number off
- Gather with your group
- Identify a scribe
- Identify two group members that will take responsibility for sharing
- •Gallery Walk: 5 minute group discussion to identify and make note of possible solutions (rotations will move in numerical order)
- Return to your table following the last rotation



# Gallery Walk Sharing

Follow-up Discussion:

two individuals from your group will present the thoughts outlined on the topic your started conversations about.



## Think Aloud

What reflections, ah ha moments, or connections were brought about by this activity?





## **Upcoming DAC Meetings**

February 23
March 30
April 27

All times 4:30 p.m.
All dates subject to change



# Questions