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To: Board of Education
From: Dr. Mark Maus, Superintendent
Re: 2024-25 Calendar Revisions
Date: October 16, 2024

Members of the Board of Education,

Last year, we adopted a new calendar and transitioned from “late start Wednesday” to create a longer time for our staff to collaborate every month. When the Board of Education approved the calendar, SB 727 was not passed, and we were unaware of its impact. With the passage of and signing into statute of SB 727, school districts in charter counties must have 169 school days. Clay County is a charter county. While this is a new requirement for school districts in charter counties, the state has also pledged to increase state funding to all districts with 169 school days by 1%. This 1% equates to approximately \$110,000 for Smithville. The current school calendar has 170 instructional days, with three inclement weather days. This would reduce our instructional days to 167. Alternative Methods of Instruction (AMI) days count toward the 169 total.

We brought the Calendar Committee together with these new factors to brainstorm ways to meet the 169 school-day requirement. The Calendar Committee developed a survey to send to staff, providing three different options to meet this new requirement. Over 200 staff members responded, and the overwhelming recommendation from our staff is to have one inclement weather day and then transition to AMI days. You will see this recommendation in the attached calendar.

Please note that a Blue (Royals), Red (Chiefs), or Green (Warriors) “snow day” cannot be made up with AMI.