Dear Meridian Parents,

Because approval for 2018-2019 has come much later for Texas schools than normal, the Meridian School Board has already approved that school will begin for students on Wednesday, August 8, 2018, and that fall break will take place October 8-12, 2018. This has helped parents plan summer and fall breaks.

The proposed 2018-2019 school calendar is now available for your review and comments. It can be found in this week’s Primary Pride & Lions Share. The Meridian School faculty and staff were presented with this opportunity last week. The Meridian School Board will vote to approve a final version of this draft on Thursday, March 29, 2018.

The following are important calendar planning factors:

1. School will not be in session during the months of June and July for students or teachers.
2. The calendar must contain 180 instructional days unless the Texas Education Agency (TEA) approves a waiver substituting 5 instructional days for 5 days of professional development days. Meridian school has always operated on 175 instructional days.
3. Wednesdays will be early release days so that teachers may have continual professional development.
4. The calendar should include 12 professional development/teacher workdays. (In order to be considered for the TEA 5-day waiver, 5 of the professional development days must be within the range of August 27-May 24, the last instructional day. (Meridian’s 2018-2019 proposed calendar has 3 professional development days within the range. The 2 other days are made up of hours used for professional development on PD/Early Release Wednesdays.)
5. Labor Day, Martin Luther King Day, and Memorial Day will be student and staff holidays.
6. Meridian will have a fall break in the month of October. (The week chosen should balance the number of days in the first (42) and second (43) quarters.)
7. Thanksgiving break, winter break, and spring break should be in synch with Round Rock ISD. (The RRISD Board approved their calendar on February 15, 2018, and these three breaks are exactly the same as the Meridian proposed calendar.)
8. Two bad weather make up days must be built into the calendar.

If you have any questions or concerns, please send an email to headofschool@mwschool.org on or before noon on Friday, March 2, 2018 March 9, 2019.

Best wishes,

Rick Fernández
Head of School