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## HISD Board of Education approves 2021-2022 academic calendar

April 8, 2021 - The Houston Independent School District Board of Trustees unanimously approved the 2021-2022 academic calendar, which includes 15 additional academic days to help address learning gaps caused by COVID-19.

The calendar consists of a one-week Thanksgiving break, two-week winter break and a one-week spring break. Students will be off on Labor Day, Martin Luther King Day, Presidents Day, Chavez-Huerta Day, and Memorial Day. The school district will also observe a Fall holiday on September 16, 2021, and Spring holiday on April 15, 2022.

Trustees also voted unanimously to rename Woodrow Wilson Montessori School. The school will be named after Ella J. Baker, an African American activist who worked more than 50 years alongside some of the nation's most noted civil rights leaders of the 20th century. The renaming is an effort to align the school with the inclusive values of HISD.

The board also approved a donation of more than \$174,000 from Arts Connect Houston for HISD schools to expands access to arts education programming from local, community-based arts/cultural organizations.

Trustees also approved an interlocal agreement with Harris County Resources for Children and Adults (HCRCA) to provide crisis counseling and consultation, social services support, and assistance with referrals from the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services.

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