

# HISD PRESS RELEASE

## HISD Board of Education to consider proposed 2021-2022 academic calendar

*April 7, 2021* - The Houston Independent School District Board of Trustees, at its regular meeting on Thursday, April 8 will consider a proposed 2021-2022 academic calendar that includes 15 additional academic days to help address the learning gaps caused by COVID-19.

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

**The board's virtual regular monthly meeting begins at 5 p.m. on Thursday, April 8, and can be viewed live online at <https://www.houstonisd.org/livetv> and on HISD TV (Xfinity channel 18 or AT&T U-verse Channel 99). [Click here](#) to view the agenda.**

Trustees will also consider renaming Woodrow Wilson Montessori School. If approved by trustees, the school would 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 naming committee's recommendation is an effort to align the school with the inclusive values of HISD.

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

Trustees will also vote on a proposed interlocal agreement with Harris County Resources for Children and Adults. If approved, HCRCA would 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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