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Dear De Soto Families,

Thank you for your feedback on making adjustments to the current year calendar. Survey responses from the staff and community were shared with members of the district calendar committee on Monday, March 4, 2019. Upon review of the responses, the committee unanimously voted to recommend to our Board of Education to change Friday, March 8, 2019 from a PD/Teacher Grading Day to a student attendance day. The Board of Education approved the recommended changes during a special meeting this evening, Tuesday, March 5, 2019.

The calendar change requires students to attend half a day this Friday, March 8, 2019. This Friday, all students will start school at their normal time. Early release at the junior high and senior high school will be at 11:40 a.m. Early release at Athena Elementary, Vineland Elementary and the Early Childhood Center will be at 1:15 p.m.

Due to the calendar change, the last day of school has moved from Tuesday, May 28, 2019 to Friday, May 24, 2019. The calendar change allows us to end the school year before the Memorial Day holiday as requested by many families, as well as keeps the first day of summer school on Wednesday, May 29, 2019. High School Graduation will also remain on Friday, May 17, 2019.

The Board of Education also approved to change Wednesday, April 17, 2019 from a PD/PLC day to a student attendance day if we have an additional snow day. We will provide additional communication should this change be needed.

Thank you for your patience and flexibility regarding the calendar change. We know the change has different implications for everyone and appreciate your understanding. Please feel free to call your student's school with any questions. You can always reach me at Central Office (636) 586-1000, on my cell (573) 590-1878, or via email at isaacson.josh@desoto.k12.mo.us. Go Dragons!

With Dragon Pride,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Isaacson', written in a cursive style.

Dr. Josh Isaacson
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