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### Media Release

## **Hillsboro School District Updates 2014-15 Calendar to Reflect Full School Year**

*Additional Gain Share Money restores the last remaining budget reduction day to the 2014-15 calendar*

**September 24, 2014, Hillsboro, OR** – At their regular session meeting last night, Hillsboro School District Board members voted unanimously to approve a new version of the 2014-15 school year [calendar](#) that eliminates the sole remaining budget reduction day and allows for a full school year.

The District had already planned to use its anticipated Gain Share gift of \$1,218,272, along with a portion of additional State School Fund dollars, to restore four instructional days to the 2014-15 school year. In mid-summer, however, the District received word that it would be receiving an additional \$728,716 in Gain Share funds due to a higher-than-expected distribution to the City and County, and their subsequent decision to share half of the additional dollars with Washington County school districts.

At their August 14, 2014, regular session meeting, Board members indicated their intention to use approximately \$466,000 of the additional funds to restore the final budget reduction day to the calendar, and to use the remaining \$262,000 to address staffing needs.

The current calendar reflects the following:

- November 26, 2014, has changed from a budget reduction day to a licensed non-contract day. Students will not be in school that day and staff members who work less than 12 months will not report to work. District and school buildings will be open and 12-month employees will report to work.
- Elementary students will not go to school at all the week of November 24; they will have conferences on Monday and Tuesday, November 24 and 25.\*
- Middle and high school students will go to school on Monday, November 24, only. They will then have conferences Monday evening and Tuesday, November 24 and 25.\*
  - \*Please check with your school for the exact conference schedule.
- Thursday, June 11, 2015, will be the last full day of school for all students and will be the last day for AM/PM kindergartners.
- Friday, June 12, 2015, will be the last day for students in full-day kindergarten through grade 11; students will be released early.
- Parents should note that if it is necessary to make up inclement weather days, these may be added to the calendar the week of June 15, 2015.

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\*Gain Share is money that local taxing authorities receive back from the state as a result of tax abatement agreements with large employers. Through Strategic Investment Program (SIP) agreements, large employers can pay less money in taxes in exchange for their significant investments in their physical plants. The income tax collected from employees who are new to those companies as a result of the investment is held separately by the state—half is kept at the state level and half is returned to local taxing authorities.

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