

# AQUILLA

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## INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

**Superintendent**

David A. Edison

Friday, April 13, 2018

Dear Parent:

House Bill (HB) 2610, passed by the 84th Texas Legislature, amends the Texas Education Code (TEC) §25.081, by striking language requiring 180 days of instruction and replacing with language requiring districts and charter schools to provide at least 75,600 minutes of instruction, including intermissions and recess. The bill also allows school districts to add minutes as necessary to compensate for minutes of instruction lost due to school closures caused by disaster, flood, extreme weather conditions, power outages and other unforeseen circumstances that arise during the school year.

Aquilla ISD built our 2017-2018 school calendar with additional minutes of instruction. Due to the extra minutes that we built into the calendar, our students will not have to make up the 3 days missed this year due to weather, flu and the recent power outage.

In addition, our calendar, has April 23<sup>rd</sup> listed as a bad weather day. Districts are required to have two bad weather days on their calendar in case they do not achieve the 75,600 minutes of instruction. We are on course to achieve our minutes and therefore will leave April 23<sup>rd</sup> as a bad weather day and will not have school on that day.

If you have any questions about this letter, please contact the school office at 254-694-3770.

Respectfully,



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Superintendent

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