

Odem-Edroy Independent School District
1 Owl Square
Odem, TX 78370

April 18, 2016

Dear Parents of Odem-Edroy I.S.D. Students:

House Bill (HB) 2610, passed by the 84th Texas Legislature has changed reporting requirements for Texas public schools with regard to requiring 180 days of instruction and being replaced with a requirement to *provide at least 75,600 minutes of instruction each year. This bill also allows the school districts to add minutes necessary to make up for lost minutes of instruction because of school closures in the event of disaster, flood, extreme weather conditions, or other TEA approved reasons for closings.* Our district is fortunate and for the 2015-2016 school year, we have not closed school for these reasons.

Also, House Bill 2610 requires the tracking of minutes of instruction provided every school day in order to be in compliance with the required 75,600 minutes of instruction. Odem-Edroy ISD is in compliance with this new regulation for the 2015-2016 school year. As a district, at the close of the school year on May 27th, we will *exceed the required minutes.*

Because we exceed the required minutes of instruction for the 2015-2016 school year, we will have two ADDITIONAL STUDENT HOLIDAYS being Friday, May 20th, 2016 and Monday, May 23rd, 2016. While our students will have these two days off, our staff will be in attendance to complete end of the year teacher/administrator annual performance conferences.

If you should have questions regarding the two additional student holidays, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Jim Brannigan
Principal
Odem Junior High