Cherokee County School District

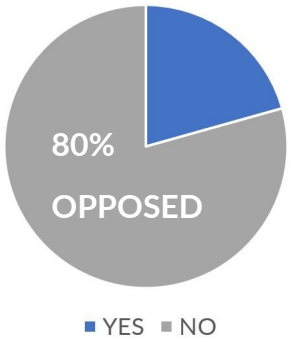
CALENDAR SURVEY RESULTS

In response to widespread media coverage of the formation of a Senate Study Committee that would mandate a school start date after Labor Day for all public schools in Georgia, the Cherokee County School District conducted a brief survey of parents and employees relative to their preferences. The survey was emailed to all parents and emergency contacts for CCSD students, and also was emailed to all employees. Parent responses totaled 8,305 and employee responses totaled 2,674.

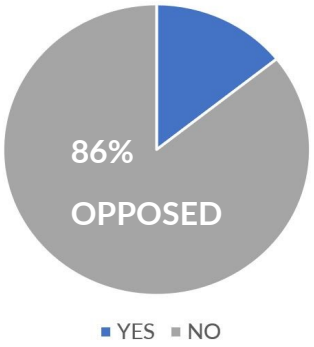
PARENT RESPONSE

EMPLOYEE RESPONSE

Do you favor a school year that starts AFTER Labor Day, which would eliminate the September and February breaks?



PS only	86% NO
ES only	78% NO
MS only	81% NO
HS only	80% NO
ES + MS	82% NO
ES + HS	77% NO
MS + HS	83% NO
ES + MS + HS	84% NO



District	83%
PS	84%
ES	88%
MS	85%
HS	84%

Which of the following is MOST important to you about the CCSD calendar in effect for the last 15 years?

Keeping September and February breaks	51%
Ending school year around Memorial Day	20%
Having a full week off at Thanksgiving	16%
September break	11%
February break	2%

Keeping September and February breaks	59%
Having a full week off at Thanksgiving	18%
Ending school year around Memorial Day	14%
September break	7%
February break	1%

Which of the following is LEAST important to you about the CCSD calendar in effect for the last 15 years?

Ending school year around Memorial Day	36%
Having a full week off at Thanksgiving	28%
February break	19%
Keeping September and February breaks	9%
September break	8%

Ending school year around Memorial Day	48%
Having a full week off at Thanksgiving	21%
February break	19%
Keeping September and February breaks	6%
September break	6%

Which elected governing body should determine the school calendar?

Local Boards of Education	92%
Georgia Legislature	8%

Local Boards of Education	95%
Georgia Legislature	5%

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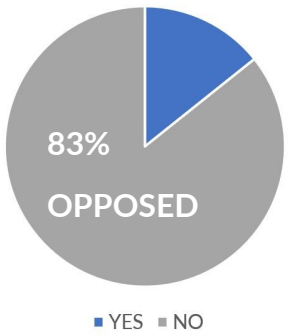
STUDENT DELEGATE RESPONSE

Six of the seven delegates responded.

Do you favor a school year that starts AFTER Labor Day, which would eliminate the September and February breaks?



Which elected governing body should determine the school calendar?

Local Boards of Education	83%
Georgia Legislature	17%

Which of the following is MOST important to you about the CCSD calendar in effect for the last 15 years?

Keeping September and February breaks	50%
Ending school year around Memorial Day	33%
Having a full week off at Thanksgiving	16%
September break	0%
February break	0%

Which of the following is LEAST important to you about the CCSD calendar in effect for the last 15 years?

Ending school year around Memorial Day	67%
Having a full week off at Thanksgiving	16%
February break	0%
Keeping September and February breaks	16%
September break	0%

Are there additional comments or observations you would like to add regarding the CCSD calendar as it relates to your experience with high school coursework, college preparation, student activities, etc.?

I like the current schedule that we have now because starting the school year earlier gives us more class time to learn before the AP Exams. I feel like AP classes may be more rushed if we don't have the month of August to start learning material.

Starting the school year a month later would decrease the amount of time that students in AP classes have to go over the material for their courses since the AP exams would still be in early May.

If breaks are taken away then extended weekends would be a good idea due to the fact that most students burn out on school by week 9 and a lack of an extended break will endanger their ability to learn.