Agenda Request Form

Meeting Date	Agenda Item Number
April 16, 2020	I-2

Title

Approval of Modified 2019-20 School Year Calendar

Requested Action

School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of Modified 2019-20 School Year Calendar

Summary Explanation and Background

To assist the Superintendent of Schools in formulating this recommendation to the School Board relative to continued Digital Learning Days, setting the last day of the 2019-20 school year and conducting Class of 2020 graduation ceremonies, CCSD conducted brief surveys of parents, teachers and high school students. Surveys were emailed to all parents of CCSD students; all CCSD teachers; and all CCSD students in grades 9-12. A summary of those survey results is attached.

The following modifications to the (attached) 2019-20 school calendar and associated activities are recommended:

- May 8 will serve as the last regular school day for students;
- May 11-15 and May 18-22 will serve as a two-week window for teachers to assist with student remediation and to complete post-planning; and,
- July 1 will serve as the review date for determining the feasibility of conducting in-person high school graduation ceremonies (regardless of ceremony determination, high school graduates will be provided cap/gown).

Priority Area

Organizational and Operational Effectiveness

Financial Impact

N/A

Exhibits: (List)

Modified SY2019-20 Calendar
April 2020 Survey Results

Source of Additional Information

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2019-2020 CCSD SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

D-R-A-F-T

25 Pre-planning
26 Professional Learning
29-31 Pre-planning

JULY '19

S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

AUGUST '19

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1 First Student Day

2 School Holiday
23-27 School Holiday

SEPTEMBER '19

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OCTOBER '19

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14 Professional Learning
Student Holiday

5 Professional Learning
Student Holiday
Election Day
25-29 School Holiday

NOVEMBER '19

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DECEMBER '19

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23-27 School Holiday
30-31 School Holiday

1-3 School Holiday
6 Teacher Planning
Student Holiday
7 First Student Day
20 School Holiday

JANUARY '20

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17-21 School Holiday

MARCH '20

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APRIL '20

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6-10 School Holiday

8 Last School Day
11-22 Student Remediation &
Post Planning

MAY '20

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JUNE '20

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Inclement Weather

In the event school is canceled due to inclement weather, Blended Learning will be implemented to provide content instruction.

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APRIL 2020 SURVEY RESULTS:

DIGITAL LEARNING • SCHOOL YEAR • GRADUATION

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SUMMARY

PARENTS – 20,837 responses

Digital Learning Feedback

- 81% reported their child is engaging and completing schoolwork 5 days per week
- 60% reported their child is spending 2-4 hours per day on school work; 22% report 4-5 hours
- 50% felt 1-3 hours of work daily is appropriate, 39% felt 3-5 hours is appropriate
- 90% reported their child has the tools and resources at home to complete work
- 64% agreed or strongly agreed they felt prepared to help their child with school work
- Lack of time due to other responsibilities was cited as the biggest obstacle to assisting their child with school work

Preferred School Year End Date

- May 8: 46%
- May 15: 28%
- May 22: 16%

Graduation

- 73% prefer an in-person ceremony, if social distancing requirements are lifted (by July 1)
- 60% prefer the option of a graduation robe their child would keep

TEACHERS – 2,654 responses

Digital Learning Feedback

- 58% reported working more than 5 days per week
- 86% reported working 6 or more hours per day
- 72% reported assigning 20-30 minutes of work daily, per class
- 99% reported providing personal feedback and support to students
- 97% reported checking on students individually and/or giving opportunities to engage with classmates
- 84% reported that working digitally has been as challenging (49%) or more challenging (35%) than expected.
- 46% felt they did not need additional resources to teach digitally; the most common response among those requesting assistance was more training in teaching "live" and using programs such as Microsoft Teams (34%)

Is **additional time** needed to provide extra support for students after the end of the school year?

- One week: 31%
- Two weeks: 30%
- No additional time: 28%

Post-planning days

- 47% prefer 2 days
- 32% prefer 3 days

Cherokee County School District

STUDENTS – 3,227 responses

Digital Learning Feedback

- 64% reported completing schoolwork 5 days per week
- 50% reported working 2-4 hours per day; 24% report working 4-5 hours; 17% report working more than 5 hours, and 9% report working an hour or less.
- 73% believed their assignments should average less than one hour per class
- 83% responded that they have the tools and resources at home to complete their work
- 57% responded that they need no additional resources to be successful; 32% indicated more feedback from teachers would be helpful
- 77% indicated their teachers have been supportive in providing feedback and resources
- 64% reported their teachers had checked in with them individually and/or given opportunities to engage with classmates

Graduation

- 91% prefer an in-person ceremony, if social distancing requirements are lifted (by July 1)
- 73% prefer the option of a graduation robe to keep

PARENT SURVEY RESULTS

3. We have a few questions about Digital Learning Days. How many days a week is your child completing school work at home?

More Details

My child is not completing an...	96
My child is completing school ...	546
My child is completing school ...	1919
My child is completing school ...	16877
My child is continuing his or h...	1298

Not participating

1-2 days per week

3-4 days per week

5 days per week

Doing work on weekends



4. On a day that your child is completing school work, how many hours is he or she working?

More Details

1 hour or less	1617
2-4 hours	12341
4-5 hours	4675
More than 5 hours	2103



5. How much work do you think your child should be assigned daily? (For reference, a regular school day - not including homework - is seven hours for middle and high school; and 6 hours and 40 minutes for elementary.)

More Details

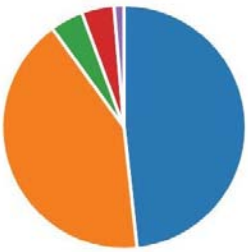
Less than 1 hour	1222
1-3 hours	10470
3-5 hours	8074
5-7 hours	970



6. My child has the tools and resources at home to complete his or her online assignments.

More Details

Strongly Agree	10013
Agree	8650
Unsure	908
Disagree	893
Strongly Disagree	272

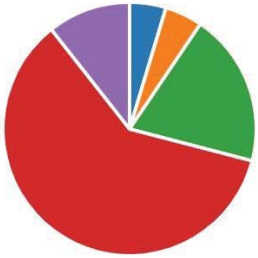


Note: while respondents could choose an option to translate the survey, some parents were not able to do so. We made a separate survey option available in Spanish, and results from those 105 surveys are included in the total count of 20,837 parent responses.

7. Which of these resources, if not currently available to you, do you think would help your child be more successful? (Choose all that apply)

More Details

Access to a laptop computer	1044
Access to reliable Internet serv...	1079
More feedback from the teach...	4396
None - I have the resources w...	13548
Other (Note: This is not open-...	2382



8. I feel prepared to assist my child with his or her school work at home.

More Details

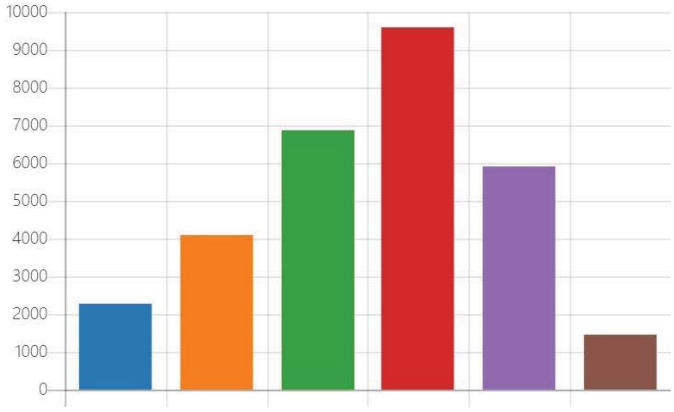
Strongly Agree	4756
Agree	8595
Unsure	3337
Disagree	3043
Strongly disagree	1005



9. What are the challenges that make you feel not as prepared to help? (Choose all that apply)

More Details

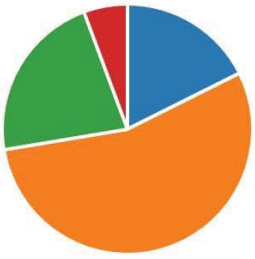
Inexperience helping my child...	2262
Inexperience using Canvas lea...	4108
Lack of understanding of subj...	6862
Lack of time to help my child ...	9603
None - I feel prepared to help ...	5894
Other (Note: This is not open-...	1476



10. What changes would you like made for the rest of the school year? (Choose all that apply)

More Details

Reduce the amount of daily w...	4333
End the school year earlier tha...	13474
No changes.	5405
Other (Note: This is not open-...	1392



11. As far as when the school year will end, which option do you like the best?

More Details

Keep the last day of school as ...	2110	May 28
End the school year early on ...	3281	May 22
End the school year early on ...	5768	May 15
End the school year early on ...	9577	May 8



12. This question is only for parents of a Class of 2020 graduating senior. Which do you prefer?

More Details

Virtual ceremonies would be h...	413
In-person ceremonies would b...	2051
Other	341



13. This question is only for parents of a Class of 2020 graduating senior. Which do you prefer?

More Details

Our graduation vendor can cr...	1414
The standard professional rob...	951



TEACHER SURVEY RESULTS

2. How many days a week are you working?

More Details

5 days a week	1119
More than 5 days a week	1535



3. How many hours a day are you working?

More Details

Less than 6 hours	383
6-8 hours	1351
More than 8 hours	920



4. How many minutes of work are you assigning to students each day in each class/subject, on average?

More Details

Less than 20 minutes	488
20 minutes	1000
20-30 minutes	922
30-60 minutes	208
More than 60 minutes	36



5. If the school year were to end early, how much time would you want to work with students who need extra support to complete assignments and assessments?

More Details

I would not need more time.	733
One week	830
Two weeks	806
More than two weeks.	285



6. If the school year were to end early, how many post-planning days would you like to have? These days would not extend past your current contracted last day.

More Details

Two	1235
Three	842
Four	276
Five	301



7. Since moving to learning online at home, I have supported my students by answering questions, giving them feedback and/or providing additional resources.

More Details

Strongly Agree	2330
Agree	300
Unsure	16
Disagree	4
Strongly disagree	4



8. Since moving to learning online at home, I have created opportunities for students to communicate with their classmates and/or contacted them individually to check on their progress and/or well-being.

More Details

Strongly Agree	1887
Agree	677
Unsure	59
Disagree	23
Strongly disagree	8



9. Doing my work online from home has been _____ expected.

More Details

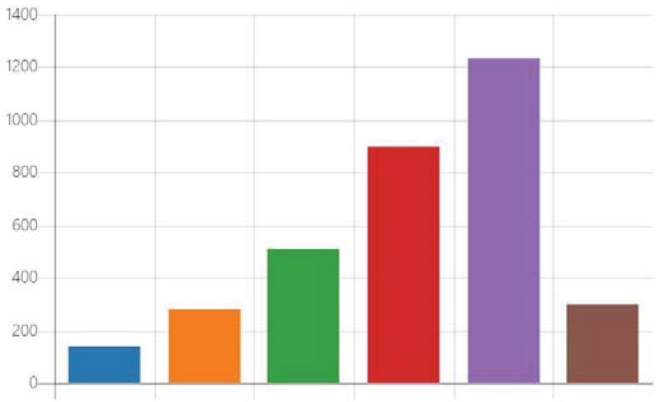
Easier than	109
As easy as	304
As challenging as	1314
More challenging than	927



10. Which of these resources, if not currently available to you, would help you be more successful? (Choose all that apply)

More Details

Access to reliable Internet serv...	139
More training in using Canvas.	281
More training in creating lesso...	506
More training in teaching live ...	898
None - I have the resources I ...	1232
Other	300

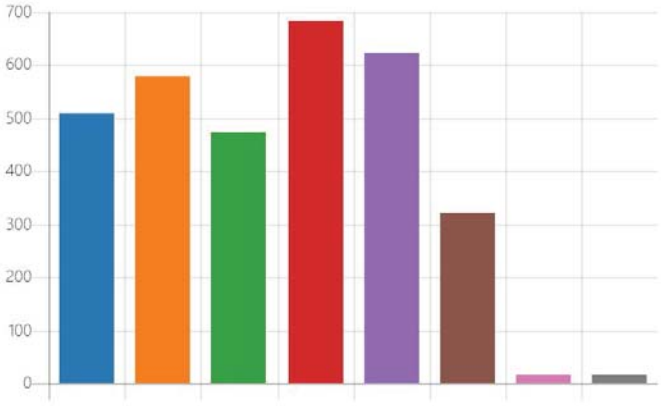


STUDENT SURVEY RESULTS

1. What CCSD school do you attend?

More Details

Cherokee HS	510
Creekview HS	580
Etowah HS	475
River Ridge HS	684
Sequoyah HS	625
Woodstock HS	321
ACE Academy	17
Polaris Evening Program	15



2. What grade are you in?

More Details

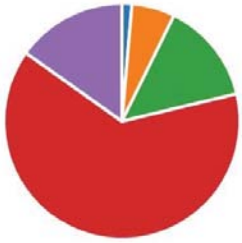
Ninth	536
10th	705
11th	732
12th	1254



3. We have a few questions about Digital Learning Days. How many days a week are you completing school work at home?

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I am not completing any scho...	44	Not participating
I am completing school work ...	191	1-2 days per week
I am completing school work ...	451	3-4 days per week
I am completing school work ...	2052	5 days per week
I am continuing school work o...	489	Doing work on weekends



4. On a day that you are completing school work, how many hours are you working?

More Details

1 hour or less	283
2-4 hours	1608
4-5 hours	777
More than 5 hours	559



5. How much work do you think you should be assigned daily per class, on average?

More Details

Less than 1 hour	2345
1-2 hours	702
More than 2 hours	72
Other (Note: This is not open-...	90
Other	18



6. I have the tools and resources at home to complete my online assignments.

More Details

Strongly Agree	1384
Agree	1298
Unsure	247
Disagree	224
Strongly disagree	74



7. Which of these resources, if not currently available to you, would help you be more successful? (Choose all that apply)

More Details

Access to a laptop computer	246
Access to reliable Internet serv...	358
More feedback from the teach...	1036
None - I have the resources I ...	1852
Other (Note: This is not open-...	208



8. Since moving to learning online at home, my teacher has supported my by answering questions, giving me feedback and/or providing additional resources.

More Details

Strongly Agree	905
Agree	1570
Unsure	426
Disagree	266
Strongly disagree	60



9. Since moving to learning online at home, my teachers have created opportunities for me to communicate with my classmates and/or contacted me individually to check on my progress and/or well-being.

More Details

Strongly Agree	732
Agree	1343
Unsure	566
Disagree	445
Strongly disagree	141



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