

FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
Parent Engagement Committee Meeting

December 11, 2017

6:00 p.m.

Board Room, Administrative Center
520 Fifth Avenue

AGENDA

1. Call to Order

- 2. OUR MISSION** is to provide an excellent, equitable education in a safe, supportive environment so all students will succeed and contribute to a diverse and changing society.

3. Roll Call

Sharice Walker, Committee Chair
Heidi Haas – School Board Member
Rebecca Baxter - FEA
Kelly Scanlon - FEA
Annie Baker – ESSA
Deb Hall – Elementary Principal
Heather Stewart – Secondary Principal
Patrick Woolery – Student
Kelly Atlee – Parent
Teffonie Wyman – Parent
Barbie Tanner - Parent
Peter Lizardi – Parent
Bobbi Hamilton – Parent
Craig Malloy - Parent
Lanien Livingston - Parent

4. Adoption of the Agenda

- Move to adopt the agenda

5. Approval of the Minutes

- Move to approve the minutes from September 26, 2016.

6. Public Comments: *Comments limited to items on the agenda only*

7. Introduce process and objectives for exploration of school calendar

8. Discussion of family needs and values associated with school calendars

9. Determine main points for parent survey

10. Set schedule for next meetings

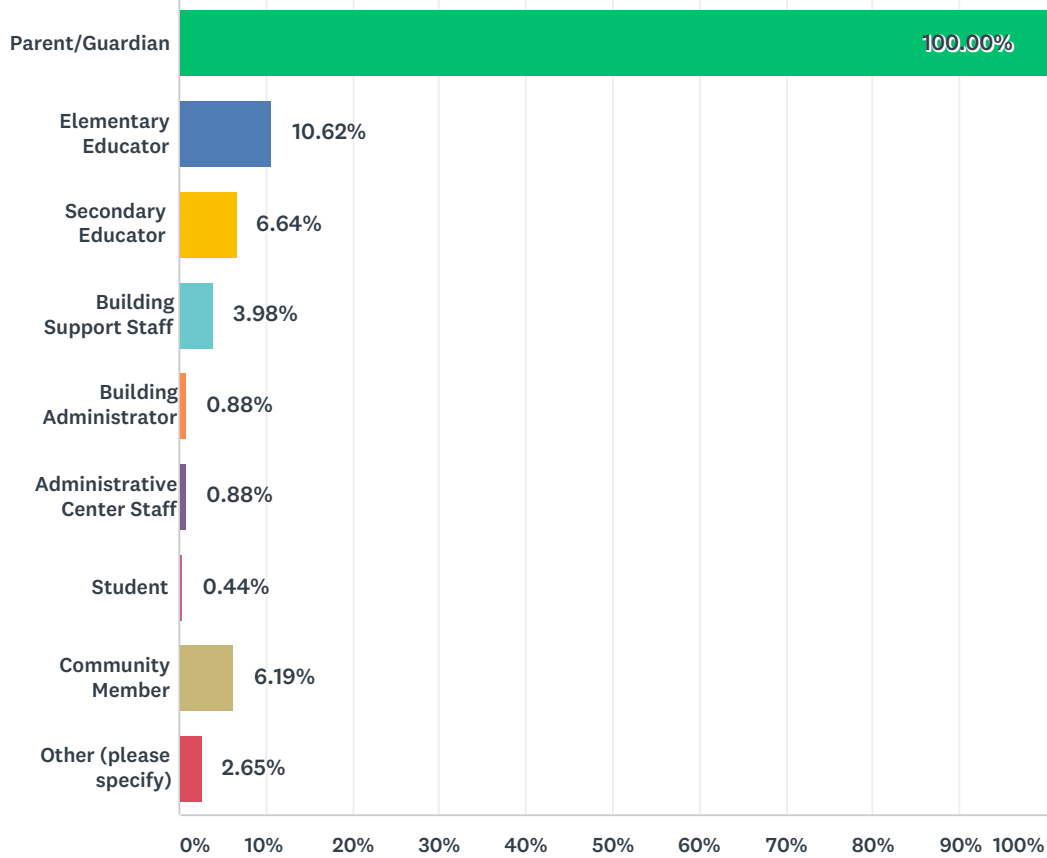
- Pick meeting day for week of Jan. 9-12
- Thursday, Feb. 1 at 6 pm

11. Committee Announcements

12. Adjournment

Q1 Please identify your affiliation with the Fairbanks North Star Borough School District. Select all that apply:

Answered: 226 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Parent/Guardian	100.00%	226
Elementary Educator	10.62%	24
Secondary Educator	6.64%	15
Building Support Staff	3.98%	9
Building Administrator	0.88%	2
Administrative Center Staff	0.88%	2
Student	0.44%	1
Community Member	6.19%	14
Other (please specify)	2.65%	6
Total Respondents: 226		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	After-school Dance Club teacher at Woodriver Elementary	5/20/2017 8:28 AM

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2	PTA Member and Volunteer	5/15/2017 12:56 PM
3	sub	5/2/2017 4:56 PM
4	Sub teacher	5/2/2017 3:23 PM
5	Secondary Counselor	5/2/2017 11:47 AM
6	Substitute/SLPA	5/2/2017 9:05 AM

Q2 Share your feedback on the draft calendar:

Answered: 226 Skipped: 0

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Elementary Educator Parents/Guardians Training & PD days The calendar seems to have a good balance between semesters, and I appreciate that there are PD days frontloaded at the beginning of the year.	5/27/2017 10:59 AM
2	Parents/Guardians Secondary Educator I find the calendar to work well with school and home, as a teacher and a parent.	5/26/2017 8:26 PM
3	Breaks & Early Outs Parents/Guardians Secondary Educator Training & PD days I am concerned with having the early outs only one week prior to a staff development day. I would suggest at least two weeks to allow teachers to try new ideas, reflect on them, and modify the.	5/26/2017 7:40 PM
4	Breaks & Early Outs Parents/Guardians Secondary Educator Start and End Dates Training & PD days Start and end dates: Perfect! Christmas break: Perfect! Spring Break: Perfect! Half-day Staff Development Days: Moronic! We got rid of these for a reason. Kids aren't "there" for the whole day and it becomes a wasted day. If you want more staff development, do a whole day, twice a year for the same time commitment. You have two unmolested weeks during the first six weeks of school. How do you get any momentum from that? You may as well go to four day weeks. Don't even get me started on the third week of school in January.	5/26/2017 5:02 PM
5	Elementary Educator Parents/Guardians Start and End Dates Training & PD days Two problems: 1) Prof Dev days at the end of the school year are of much less value than those held during the 1st semester. At the end of the year, teachers are exhausted and focused on getting their rooms packed up and grades done; many teachers have retired or have no idea if or what they'll be teaching the next year; most teachers can't picture the make-up of next year's class so have a harder time applying; and there's a summer break in which much will be forgotten. 2) The first week of school should never be a full week. Kids are zombies when they come back to school. A 2- or 3-day week allows kids and families to readjust more gently. It also gives teachers a chance to meet their students before having to plan a full week of learning for them.	5/26/2017 11:47 AM
6	Parents/Guardians Training & PD days I think PD days should be on Mondays because by Friday teachers are burned out.	5/26/2017 10:49 AM
7	Breaks & Early Outs Parents/Guardians Too much instructional time is taken away from the students.	5/26/2017 10:40 AM
8	Parents/Guardians Secondary Educator Training & PD days Professional development days at the end of the school year are not productive. People are retiring/resigning/changing schools, so even if work is done, it likely will not be implemented the following school year.	5/26/2017 10:19 AM
9	P/T Conferences Parents/Guardians I'm curious as to why there is only one parent-teacher conference date (Feb. 18, 2018) in this draft calendar?	5/23/2017 9:20 AM
10	Community Member Other P/T Conferences Parents/Guardians It looks good to me--except for only one day of parent-teacher conferences in February. Why was that second day of PTC options cut?? Even at the first grade level, our daughter's teacher used both available days to meet with all our classmates' parents this spring. It's already tough enough for teachers to condense important stuff, especially with higher class sizes, so I think a second day of PTC's is necessary for our teachers to properly connect with their students' caregivers.	5/20/2017 8:28 AM
11	Building Administrator Community Member P/T Conferences Parents/Guardians Training & PD days Parent Teacher Conference Days in the first semester seem late. Too many professional development days, unless the district is going to structure those days for specific training, example, data use. For years we've heard the phrase, "Use data to drive instruction." yet we have zero training on how to do that exactly. People don't know how to interact with the information including building level administrators. Commit to spending longer amounts of time on professional development topics and developing the capacity of your employees to use it successfully. I like the one PTC Day in the spring semester, make it an evening conference time to make it more available to parents.	5/20/2017 2:18 AM

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12	P/T Conferences Parents/Guardians	Should we have two days for parent/teacher conferences in February?	5/19/2017 9:39 AM
13	Parents/Guardians Start and End Dates	I like school starting on Monday, and ending on a Friday!	5/18/2017 1:16 PM
14	Breaks & Early Outs Parents/Guardians Start and End Dates	*Liked when school started mid week/mid month. *School break is too long for christmas. Would like to put some of those days into other months, allowing maybe 1 day off a month, or at least 1 early out day a month. Starting back the 8th is VERY LATE! *Putting the November teacher prep day, early out, the day before Thanksgiving would be nice for families. *Having Finals for seniors end the Friday before the underclassmen finals is nice so they do not have to go back the following week. It is all wrapped up for them at that point. Underclassmen like doing finals M-W, so they have the rest of the week to relax. they like using the previous weekend to finish up studying for finals. This leaves an earlier out for summer break. We are inching ourselves to June with this calendar. 1 of the many things people like about the Northstar school district is the mid August start and the mid May out. Such a nice thing.	5/17/2017 7:45 AM
15	Breaks & Early Outs Holiday related Parents/Guardians Testing window	Days off and early outs are very random. Not enough break at Thanksgiving. Testing done after spring break doesn't set kids up for success.	5/16/2017 11:17 PM
16	Parents/Guardians Start and End Dates	I feel strongly that Alaska should adopt a school calendar year that is more aligned with the schools around the country. We should start after Labor Day and end around the beginning of June. Most families in Alaska have relatives in the lower 48 states and it is hard to align summer vacation activities with them. In addition, the middle of August for kids to start school in Alaska is absurd. Our summer is so short and the school calendar makes us shorten it by 2 weeks. My daughter has missed the first week of school since kindergarten and will continue to if the calendar stays the same.	5/16/2017 8:16 PM
17	Parents/Guardians	Looks fine to me	5/16/2017 7:24 PM
18	P/T Conferences Parents/Guardians Start and End Dates	Like the later start and the 1 day parent teacher conferences	5/16/2017 1:50 PM
19	P/T Conferences Parents/Guardians	My understanding is that teachers prefer to have parent teacher conferences at the end of a week (Thursday, Friday) instead of the beginning of a week. They can start the week fresh teaching their classes and end the week talking to parents.	5/16/2017 9:07 AM
20	Other Parents/Guardians	Looks good	5/15/2017 12:56 PM
21	Breaks & Early Outs Elementary Educator Parents/Guardians Training & PD days	With the extra early release days for staff training I don't think there needs to be so many full day professional development days, Especially two professional development days at the end of the school year. Do we really need seven PD days?	5/14/2017 4:41 PM
22	Parents/Guardians	Looks good	5/13/2017 1:42 PM
23	Community Member Elementary Educator P/T Conferences Parents/Guardians Testing window	I don't understand the change to one day for parent conferences in February. At the elementary level class sizes are increasing and with 28-29 kids in a room it is not practical to try to do that many meaningful conferences in one day. I don't know if secondary teachers feel the same way, but if not is it possible to schedule two days for elementary and just one for secondary? Another possibility is going back to the old system of having early dismissal at 1:00 all week. Support staff who are not involved in conferences could be utilized to provide supervised activities for those parents who need childcare during those afternoons. Also, the testing window begins in March which puts our students at a disadvantage. They are tested on all the grade level standards and it is not possible, especially in Math, to cover everything in the standards in that shortened amount of time.	5/13/2017 7:08 AM
24	Breaks & Early Outs Parents/Guardians	It seems fairly the same as every other year except a little bit longer of a summer, which is great. But what I don't understand is the 3 half days at the end of the year and before Christmas break. Why not just turn those into 1 full day and 1 half day? It makes more sense this way. Thank you for your time.	5/12/2017 3:41 AM
25	Parents/Guardians	Looks great to me	5/11/2017 12:07 AM

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26	Elementary Educator P/T Conferences Parents/Guardians	I worry that I won't have time to meet with all of my students' parents during one February conference day. Budgeting just 20 minutes per conference, it would take me almost 10 hours to meet with 28 families. That's assuming there aren't any IEP meetings scheduled, everyone comes on time, and I don't have any students with needs/concerns that might take more than 20 minutes to discuss. As a parent, I also worry about being able to meet with all of my son's teachers at Tanana as well as my daughter's teachers at Lathrop within that evening. In the past, I have found that I usually need both the evening conference time as well as time after my own students' conferences are over in order to see my son's and daughter's teachers since there is a lot more time spent waiting at the middle and high school conferences.	5/10/2017 5:24 PM
27	Parents/Guardians	Ok for noe	5/10/2017 9:55 AM
28	Breaks & Early Outs Parents/Guardians	It looks okay to me. I do think the kids should not get out so close to Christmas but I do not think there is a way to fix it	5/10/2017 9:49 AM
29	Parents/Guardians	I think the previous calendar was fairly straightforward and I am not sure why any changes need to be made.	5/10/2017 9:11 AM
30	P/T Conferences Parents/Guardians	I don't think in February only having one day for teach conferences with how many kids are in one class will work.	5/10/2017 8:46 AM
31	Breaks & Early Outs Parents/Guardians	I will never understand the reason behind 3 half days at the end of December and end of school.	5/10/2017 6:12 AM
32	Breaks & Early Outs Elementary Educator Parents/Guardians Training & PD days	Why the early outs so often? End of the year PD does not need to be two days. Those are not productive training days whatsoever.	5/9/2017 10:02 PM
33	P/T Conferences Parents/Guardians	Why only 1 PTC day in February instead of 2? 2 gives parents a lot more options for availability.	5/9/2017 10:35 AM
34	Breaks & Early Outs Community Member Parents/Guardians	Just because it's convenient to receive funding (because of student contact hours) by having kids in school for part of the day does NOT mean it is right to mess with learning. Early out days are not productive learning days for young or older students.	5/8/2017 9:05 PM
35	Community Member Elementary Educator Parents/Guardians Training & PD days	In sending out surveys for community input, there should be some information that goes with it. For example, the fact the state determines how many professional development days we take in a year, which is 10. The comments that came back from the first survey about the calendar were not positive, and it made it seem like the public disliked teachers. I do not work a 9-5 job. I often work after my contractual hours, grading papers, answering emails, researching technology and/or activities to implement in my classroom, or taking courses to help make me a better teacher.	5/8/2017 8:00 PM
36	Parents/Guardians	I think the draft looks good	5/8/2017 4:06 PM
37	Parents/Guardians	Shouldn't the calendar be entitled 2017-2018 school year instead of 2018-2019? The dates are one day off, based on the actual calendar. The upcoming school year would be 2017-2018, correct? Not 2018-2019.	5/8/2017 1:08 PM
38	Breaks & Early Outs Parents/Guardians Start and End Dates	Looks good. Though I would consider making the three half days leading to winter break and the end of the year to Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday.	5/8/2017 12:17 PM
39	Breaks & Early Outs Parents/Guardians Training & PD days	The number of early dismissals and professional development days you have this year is absolutely asinine. You have absolutely no regard for the collateral imposition this places upon employed parents in the form of lost hours of work and increased child care costs. Without any care in the world, you hurt the public you claim to serve. Absolutely unacceptable. What a joke.	5/8/2017 12:16 PM
40	Breaks & Early Outs Parents/Guardians Training & PD days	Consider sound professional development and training days during summer or weekends. Being closed so often puts an enormous strain on families with two working parents. It also affects student's learning experience with so many interruptions. Teachers already get an incredible amount of time off. Consider aligning this training during winter or spring break and during summer.	5/8/2017 11:55 AM
41	Parents/Guardians	No comment(s).	5/8/2017 11:26 AM
42	Elementary Educator Parents/Guardians	This looks family-friendly	5/8/2017 7:40 AM

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43	Breaks & Early Outs Building Staff Parents/Guardians	Please eliminate any additional early out days. It is a waste of school/learning time and an additional burden on parents! thank you	5/8/2017 7:39 AM
44	Breaks & Early Outs Community Member Holiday related Parents/Guardians	What happened to CHRISTMAS BREAK ? Thank goodness we still have THANKSGIVING !	5/7/2017 8:44 PM
45	Community Member Parents/Guardians Start and End Dates Training & PD days	The week before school starts should be all teach work days. I want teachers to be fully prepared for my son on the first day of school (without having to work unpaid overtime). The proposed schedule is an extreme hindrance to that.	5/7/2017 7:18 AM
46	Breaks & Early Outs Building Staff Parents/Guardians	I am glad to see more early dismissal days.	5/6/2017 1:50 PM
47	Breaks & Early Outs Parents/Guardians	Looks great! We especially like the days off and half days on the ends or beginnings of weekends (fridays and Mondays). This makes it easier for families to go out of town without children missing as much school.	5/6/2017 8:02 AM
48	Parents/Guardians	Looks ok to me.	5/5/2017 7:36 PM
49	Parents/Guardians	Looks good. No issues.	5/5/2017 5:50 PM
50	Parents/Guardians	ok	5/5/2017 4:57 AM
51	Breaks & Early Outs Community Member Elementary Educator P/T Conferences Parents/Guardians Training & PD days	Conferences need to be held TWO days in February as one day is not enough for ever increasing class sizes. Parents also need flexibility of two days. If the 18th is also President's Day, our military families routinely ask for conference on Tuesday due to the Federal holiday. The early outs are a wast of time and are not worth the disruption 4 times a year. Scedule one full inservice day and make it meaningful for staff, and only one day disruption for families/daycare, etc.	5/4/2017 7:32 PM
52	Parents/Guardians	It looks good.	5/4/2017 7:00 PM
53	Breaks & Early Outs Parents/Guardians Start and End Dates	I don't like how you're starting a week earlier than normal. You did that the 2016-2017 school year too. How are we supposed to do silver salmon fishing? This is Alaska, you can't intrude the end of fishing, just start a week later. Plus, spring break is too early. It's ridiculous. Unless you leave the state then it's still WINTER! I hate have Spring break when we can't enjoy Spring. Even a week or 2 later and kids could ride bikes or do more outdoor things. If it was later at least we could use our kids to help clean up the yard as the snow melts!	5/4/2017 4:21 PM
54	Elementary Educator P/T Conferences Parents/Guardians	I think it's good, especially having conferences on a Thur & Fri in Nov. However, I'm wondering why only 1 conference day in Feb & how teachers will be able to get through 30 conferences in only 1 day?	5/4/2017 3:40 PM
55	Parents/Guardians	Looks OK	5/4/2017 3:13 PM
56	Parents/Guardians Start and End Dates	I like pushing the start date as much as possible, so August 20th is a good start. On the flip side, sometimes starting school with a full-week can be a bit much for some kids - starting mid-week on a Wednesday can ease that transition. August 22nd could be good! (But if not, Aug 20th is fine). I think going anything before August 20th is too soon.	5/4/2017 9:05 AM
57	P/T Conferences Parents/Guardians	I think it look goods. I think parents will like the change made for not having the parent teacher conferences on Halloween.	5/4/2017 8:56 AM
58	Parents/Guardians Training & PD days	This calendar schedule works well for my family. I very much appreciate that the PD days are on Fridays, which allows for 3-day family trips or fun Friday activities. Thank you for allowing for parents' input.	5/4/2017 7:27 AM
59	Breaks & Early Outs Parents/Guardians	I'm glad you chose Friday.	5/4/2017 7:13 AM
60	Community Member Elementary Educator P/T Conferences Parents/Guardians Secondary Educator	Good to have fall conferences after halloween and at the end of the week	5/3/2017 11:28 PM
61	Breaks & Early Outs Building Staff P/T Conferences Parents/Guardians	Looks good except for parent teacher conference in February because there is only 1 day opposed to 2 unless that is not a typo... Also, what about some of these half days being cut down to 1.5 instead of 3 halves. Unless that's how we get the amount of days seeing students... just a thoughts... half days are a pain and it's not really half a school day!	5/3/2017 9:11 PM
62	Parents/Guardians	Looks good.	5/3/2017 7:22 PM

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63	Parents/Guardians	Training & PD days	I like to see that the staff training days would be taken on Fridays.	5/3/2017 4:33 PM		
64	Parents/Guardians		Looks good.	5/3/2017 12:58 PM		
65	Parents/Guardians		Calendar looks fine for the 2017-2018 school year	5/3/2017 11:47 AM		
66	P/T Conferences	Parents/Guardians	Secondary Educator	I'm glad to see fall Parent-Teacher Conferences moved to Thursday/Friday.	5/3/2017 11:23 AM	
67	Holiday related	P/T Conferences	Parents/Guardians	Start and End Dates	Why is there only one day for parent /teacher conferences in February. With children in different schools it makes it very difficult to see all the teachers I need to in just one day. Also I don't believe it will give the teachers and parents enough time to talk over concerns with all parents. We want to put our children first and need time to talk to teachers and staff about needs and concerns of the students. I do not like the possibility of having to have my children go to school the day after Memorial day.	5/3/2017 11:21 AM
68	Breaks & Early Outs	Parents/Guardians	Start and End Dates	Holiday breaks are way too long. Please start school the day after Labor Day and end school the Thursday before Memorial weekend.	5/3/2017 10:13 AM	
69	Parents/Guardians		Looks good		5/3/2017 9:04 AM	
70	Parents/Guardians	Start and End Dates	Why do we start school so early?		5/3/2017 8:42 AM	
71	Parents/Guardians		??		5/3/2017 8:40 AM	
72	Parents/Guardians	Start and End Dates	There are an inadequate number of Make-up days scheduled for bad weather per quarter. Each quarter should have an adequate number of scheduled make-up days to provide for class curriculum continuity. It does not make any sense to schedule the Make-up days at the end of the semesters. Much of this problem would be resolved if the School District would reconsider its school day cancellation policy. The facts are: Schools are closed if buses do not run when snow or rain is forecast, whether or not the precipitation event actually occurs; Schools are closed when the temperature is forecast to drop below 50-degrees Fahrenheit or NOAA broadcasts a weather alert; Schools are closed and/or locked down whenever there is a Homeland Security or Police Alert, and classwork is stopped until the Alert is over. When the schools are closed, students are not allowed to go to school, even for independent study.		5/3/2017 7:46 AM	
73	Breaks & Early Outs	Parents/Guardians	I think having the 1/2 days before Christmas is a big waste of teaching time, the kids only watch movies and nothing gets done on these days. Our children are not learning anything, I would like to see only the last day to be a 1/2 day of school. Their is so much to teach our children but yet not enough time to fit it all in.		5/3/2017 7:24 AM	
74	P/T Conferences	Parents/Guardians	Secondary Educator	Why is there only one day designated for PTC in February (February 18th)?	5/3/2017 7:20 AM	
75	Admin Center Staff	Community Member	Parents/Guardians	I am good with how you have this set at this time	5/3/2017 6:48 AM	
76	Elementary Educator	P/T Conferences	Parents/Guardians	There needs to be two days allotted for Spring Parent/Teacher Conferences in Feb.	5/3/2017 6:25 AM	
77	Holiday related	P/T Conferences	Parents/Guardians	Training & PD days	The overall holidays, parent-teacher conferences and inservice days look good.	5/3/2017 5:32 AM
78	Breaks & Early Outs	Parents/Guardians	Please let the kids out completely for Christmas break on the 19th . Have the two early out days 17th and 18th . We need to save money on budget let kids out longer for Christmas break.		5/3/2017 5:08 AM	
79	Breaks & Early Outs	Holiday related	P/T Conferences	Parents/Guardians	Shouldn't we have 2 days for parent teacher conferences in the spring? I like that there is early dismissal before Easter.	5/3/2017 12:43 AM
80	Breaks & Early Outs	Parents/Guardians	Why are they having early out on the last day of the quarter?		5/2/2017 11:57 PM	
81	Parents/Guardians	Start and End Dates	I prefer the start date of school on a Wednesday. A half week back to school is a good transition for students, parents and faculty.		5/2/2017 10:43 PM	
82	Parents/Guardians	Start and End Dates	Other than the later than normal start dates the calendar looks good		5/2/2017 10:32 PM	
83	Parents/Guardians		None		5/2/2017 9:57 PM	

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84	Parents/Guardians	Start and End Dates	Training & PD days	I would prefer tentative makeup days to be before professional development days for teachers at the end of the year.	5/2/2017 9:42 PM	
85	Parents/Guardians	Start and End Dates		I do not like my children starting school on a Monday and having a full week the first week of school. It is better when we have a two or three day week to start with and get our feet wet. This makes getting up and going to bed rough for two or three days but not slogging through a whole week. They would be dragging by Friday. Also it gives us time after having just a few days at school to get any needed supplies on the teacher's supply list instead of having to go to the grocery store in the middle of the week. If there are just two or three days to start the week, then a weekend, we can get needed supplies on the weekend. Please go back to a Wednesday or Thursday start and end day, not a full week to start and a full week to end.	5/2/2017 9:29 PM	
86	Parents/Guardians			The calendar looks good to me as a parent of 2 students. Thank you.	5/2/2017 9:28 PM	
87	Parents/Guardians			Looks good.	5/2/2017 9:25 PM	
88	Parents/Guardians	Start and End Dates		Live that school isn't starting in the middle of the week.	5/2/2017 9:17 PM	
89	Parents/Guardians	Start and End Dates		Like it- love starting on Monday, ending Fridays for the year.	5/2/2017 9:17 PM	
90	Community Member	Elementary Educator	P/T Conferences	Parents/Guardians	Why is there only one parent/teacher conference day in February?	5/2/2017 9:00 PM
91	Breaks & Early Outs	P/T Conferences	Parents/Guardians	Training & PD days	Looks good to me but don't you usually give two days for parent teacher conferences? You only have one scheduled for February. There is also the week in January when you have MLK day and a staff training day in the same week...why not have two days in a row or two weeks that are 4 day weeks?	5/2/2017 8:55 PM
92	Elementary Educator	Parents/Guardians	Start and End Dates		I am disappointed to see us go back to a Monday start day. Wednesday works SO well! It allows for routines and procedures to be explicitly taught the first three days before launching into core academics the following Monday. It also allows for valuable rest and rejuvenation for teachers and students after the first few days of school. Please consider this mid-week option.	5/2/2017 8:54 PM
93	Breaks & Early Outs	Parents/Guardians			Seems like a lot of short days in December next to winter break what about if need snow days	5/2/2017 8:53 PM
94	Parents/Guardians			I like the calendar.	5/2/2017 8:51 PM	
95	Breaks & Early Outs	Parents/Guardians			There are a lot of Friday's off or early out. My son goes to a school that ventures into the community of Friday's and you are taking several away. Can you not spread out these teacher development days on other days as well.	5/2/2017 8:39 PM
96	Breaks & Early Outs	Parents/Guardians	Student	Training & PD days	prefer longer option for spring break with staff development days tacked on without interruption. For example the professional development days or staff trainings could be tacked on before or after spring break.	5/2/2017 8:35 PM
97	Elementary Educator	Parents/Guardians	Training & PD days		I look forward to the training days.	5/2/2017 8:24 PM
98	P/T Conferences	Parents/Guardians			Please change the one day for parent teacher conferences in February to two days. It is not possible to make teachers available for all families in just one day.	5/2/2017 7:34 PM
99	Breaks & Early Outs	Parents/Guardians			Please STOP the early out days. Either teach our kids or don't but do not waste time and money on buses, diesel fuel, lights, heat, and parent schedules to have those wasteful "contact" days. Please stop the practice.	5/2/2017 7:23 PM
100	Parents/Guardians			Simple and easy to read	5/2/2017 7:17 PM	
101	Parents/Guardians			Looks good.	5/2/2017 7:11 PM	
102	Parents/Guardians			Looks alright to me.	5/2/2017 7:01 PM	
103	Parents/Guardians	Start and End Dates		Appreciate the hard work that goes in to making this. Really appreciate school not starting mid week!	5/2/2017 6:18 PM	
104	Elementary Educator	P/T Conferences	Parents/Guardians		Only 1 conference day in February? As an elemental teacher how do I fit all conferences into that one day? I do however love that the fall conference days are on a Thursday Friday.	5/2/2017 6:10 PM

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105	Breaks & Early Outs Parents/Guardians Start and End Dates the school year is completely wrong for a working parent. there are too many days off and the children should go to school through the summer (http://www.edweek.org/ew/issues/year-round-schooling/) - this would decrease summer learning loss and increase chances for families to take vacations during the winter without having to take their children out of school (which a lot of families do resulting in their child missing large portions of school) early outs are also a huge issue because it disrupts a family's schedule by forcing parents to take off work or find care for their children for just a short time. there should be no early outs - it is extremely disrupting.	5/2/2017 6:09 PM
106	Parents/Guardians Looks like this school year.	5/2/2017 6:06 PM
107	Breaks & Early Outs Building Staff P/T Conferences Parents/Guardians The start date for winter break seems super late A lot of people travel and that isn't leaving much time for those people. Only one day for parent teacher conferences in the spring?	5/2/2017 6:00 PM
108	Community Member Parents/Guardians Testing window Overall, it looks fine. Cut down on the number of testing days. Too much time is wasted on those standardized tests.	5/2/2017 5:37 PM
109	P/T Conferences Parents/Guardians Start and End Dates Why is there only one day for conferences in February? Glad you to see Monday the first day of school instead of in the middle of the week.	5/2/2017 5:15 PM
110	Other P/T Conferences Parents/Guardians Would appreciate 2 parent teacher conference days in the spring	5/2/2017 4:56 PM
111	Parents/Guardians Looks good.	5/2/2017 4:33 PM
112	P/T Conferences Parents/Guardians Start and End Dates There is only one parent teacher conference day in February? The make up days for bad weather would have horrible attendance.	5/2/2017 4:30 PM
113	Parents/Guardians This calendar looks reasonable.	5/2/2017 4:04 PM
114	Parents/Guardians looks great	5/2/2017 3:39 PM
115	Breaks & Early Outs Parents/Guardians I like that I don't see a lot of early dismissal days, especially in the month of February like this year.	5/2/2017 3:35 PM
116	Other Parents/Guardians The draft would work for us.	5/2/2017 3:23 PM
117	Building Staff Parents/Guardians Good to go.	5/2/2017 3:03 PM
118	Parents/Guardians I like the schedule for 2018-2019 academic year.	5/2/2017 2:44 PM
119	Breaks & Early Outs Elementary Educator Holiday related Parents/Guardians Start and End Dates As a parent I appreciate that the start date is farther down in August but wish that it was a 1/2 week. I do wish that at Thanksgiving time the Wednesday before Thanksgiving was a 1/2 day.	5/2/2017 2:11 PM
120	Breaks & Early Outs Parents/Guardians I think it's fine. A few extra early outs still allows to get out of school the same time of year	5/2/2017 2:02 PM
121	Building Staff Parents/Guardians Looks great! Thanks	5/2/2017 1:55 PM
122	Breaks & Early Outs P/T Conferences Parents/Guardians Training & PD days Those 4 staff training/early dismissal days seem awkward and I feel they could have a negative impact on working parents. Also, why change back to no school on parent teacher conference days? I say pick one or the other and stick to it. And why only one PTC day in February instead of two? That sounds like teachers are going to be cramming in conferences and won't fully be able to devote the conference time to the individual child. I think that is doing a disservice to both teachers and to families who show up.	5/2/2017 1:47 PM
123	Parents/Guardians Start and End Dates I like the start and end days.	5/2/2017 1:44 PM
124	Holiday related P/T Conferences Parents/Guardians Secondary Educator Start and End Dates Having only one P/T conference day in the spring doesn't allow parents many options/flexibility in coming in to see teachers. I do like ending before Memorial Day for teachers, with a couple days of buffer. Keeping this holiday free for teachers is important and certainly extends summer options.	5/2/2017 1:31 PM
125	P/T Conferences Parents/Guardians How can conferences take place during only ONE day in Feb? Teachers still need two days to have efficient time to spend with parents. I hope this is an oversight and not intentionally another objective taken from teachers while they're expected to figure something out.	5/2/2017 1:11 PM

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126	Parents/Guardians	The calendar looks fine to me.	5/2/2017 12:54 PM
127	Community Member Parents/Guardians Training & PD days	Move In-Service Days to weekends. Scheduling them for weekdays drastically interrupts parents schedules, causing them to miss work, etc. Moving In-Service days to weekends only impacts teachers/staff, which would benefit the community at large. Consider 1 teacher to 15 students as a fairly conservative ratio. This means that instead of 15 households scrambling to make arrangements last minute, one person is instead coming in on a Saturday.	5/2/2017 12:52 PM
128	Parents/Guardians Training & PD days	I like the Friday training days.	5/2/2017 12:44 PM
129	Parents/Guardians Start and End Dates Training & PD days	Prefer to have the teacher development days at th end of the year AFTER the makeup days	5/2/2017 12:36 PM
130	Breaks & Early Outs Parents/Guardians	I like the new calendar. I like the early releases are on fridays.	5/2/2017 12:34 PM
131	Parents/Guardians	You all are expecting parents to know and read every little symbol and date change! Please make it so parents can easily know what the proposed changed is w/o having to look at every symbol and date on the calendar!!	5/2/2017 12:20 PM
132	Parents/Guardians	Thank you for providing this reference.	5/2/2017 12:17 PM
133	Breaks & Early Outs Community Member Holiday related Parents/Guardians Training & PD days	I would love to see the professional development/ Staff training days lumped together. The kids could start school later or have the days added to a holiday like extending Thanksgiving week so that families traveling to spend time with extended family don't miss school days.	5/2/2017 12:10 PM
134	P/T Conferences Parents/Guardians	looks good im seeing two days for conf. and then one day in feb for conf.. is that correct.	5/2/2017 11:57 AM
135	Other Parents/Guardians	I think it looks good.	5/2/2017 11:47 AM
136	Parents/Guardians Start and End Dates	Looks great to me. Thanks for starting school a little later in August. Thanks for asking our opinions!	5/2/2017 11:42 AM
137	Elementary Educator P/T Conferences Parents/Guardians	Why only one day for conferences in February? With 25+ elementary students and 20-30min per conference there is no way to get all conferences complete in a normal workday. As a parent and teacher I'd have to schedule all of my student conferences as well as conferences for my own children all in one day. I'd have to schedule conferences well before and after my contract day starts and ends.	5/2/2017 11:40 AM
138	Breaks & Early Outs P/T Conferences Parents/Guardians	Dec 19th & May 15th-- get rid of the 1/2 day. Students need hours not days counted to learn. If you only need 1 day for conferences in Feb why would you need 2 in Nov. Please, think about moving Nov 9th to Oct 19th due to so many days off in one month.	5/2/2017 11:39 AM
139	Breaks & Early Outs Parents/Guardians Training & PD days	There seems to be a lot more teacher workdays/early out day for training.	5/2/2017 11:38 AM
140	Parents/Guardians Start and End Dates	LOVE IT!!! I like that they start school on a Monday and finish the year on a Friday. Looks like the holidays all worked out too :)	5/2/2017 11:37 AM
141	Parents/Guardians Start and End Dates	I like that school will be starting slightly later then usual (Aug 20th). However, I wish is would be backed up even one more week. August is still the "summer" and starting so early really cuts into vacations (especially if traveling to the lower 48). I would rather see them add on the days in May when it is barely even Spring. The weather isn't usually that great for local getaways during those last two weeks of May when they are normally out of school. Thanks for considering my feedback.	5/2/2017 11:30 AM
142	P/T Conferences Parents/Guardians Secondary Educator	I noticed that there is only one day of Parent Teacher conferences in the spring. How will that work at the elementary schools? As a parent I already feel rushed with a 20 minute conference.	5/2/2017 11:22 AM
143	Elementary Educator Parents/Guardians	It could be better	5/2/2017 11:11 AM
144	Breaks & Early Outs P/T Conferences Parents/Guardians Start and End Dates	Parent teacher for first semester seems late. Two weeks into the second quarter makes it difficult for changes if necessary. I like that school starts and ends at beginning/end of week. Same with winter break.	5/2/2017 11:10 AM
145	Parents/Guardians	Looks good	5/2/2017 10:59 AM

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146	Parents/Guardians	Secondary Educator	Start and End Dates	Looks good to me. I like that we are not starting in the middle of a week.	5/2/2017 10:58 AM
147	Parents/Guardians			Looks great!	5/2/2017 10:57 AM
148	Breaks & Early Outs	Parents/Guardians		Looks good. I like the early outs on Friday.	5/2/2017 10:54 AM
149	Breaks & Early Outs	P/T Conferences	Parents/Guardians	I like the Th/Fr schedule for fall PT conferences but don't quite get how you will fit all PT conferences in one day in February. I wish there were less early outs, I'd prefer those be combined for full days off.	5/2/2017 10:53 AM
150	Parents/Guardians			Looks great	5/2/2017 10:51 AM
151	P/T Conferences	Parents/Guardians	Secondary Educator	Start and End Dates	I like that school starts on a Monday and ends on a Friday. Only one day in Feb for PTC? Shouldn't it be Monday and Tuesday?
152	Parents/Guardians			It's looks great! Gonna be amazing school year coming up	5/2/2017 10:48 AM
153	Breaks & Early Outs	Parents/Guardians		Too long a break at Christmas	5/2/2017 10:48 AM
154	Admin Center Staff	P/T Conferences	Parents/Guardians	The conference schedule in February has to be at LEAST 2 days. There are too many families to get through for one day, and for those staff members that would miss out on their own child's conferences because there is no added time. Having students in elementary, middle and high school is a challenge to to get all the conferences in when there are two days, but when it's dropped to one day I won't be able to do it.	5/2/2017 10:48 AM
155	Parents/Guardians	Start and End Dates		I like that school is starting on a Monday and ending on a Friday. I approve of the changes.	5/2/2017 10:46 AM
156	Parents/Guardians			I like it and agree this draft for the school year 2017-2018	5/2/2017 10:33 AM
157	Parents/Guardians	Training & PD days		On November 9th, "training" is spelled incorrectly in the box describing the day. Looks fine otherwise.	5/2/2017 10:32 AM
158	Breaks & Early Outs	P/T Conferences	Parents/Guardians	Start and End Dates	I like that the school year starts on a Monday and ends on a Friday, including the two-week Christmas break. There is only one day marked for Teacher Conferences in February. It would be nice if conferences could be scheduled for at least 30 minutes instead of 20. Only scheduling 40 minutes for the entire school year to meet one-on-one with teachers isn't much time to discuss how students are doing and any possible issues or concerns.
159	Parents/Guardians			Looks like a complete 9 month school year.	5/2/2017 10:19 AM
160	Elementary Educator	Parents/Guardians	Start and End Dates	The first week of school should not be five whole days - a two or three day week is a good way to ease into the new year.	5/2/2017 10:12 AM
161	Parents/Guardians	Secondary Educator	Start and End Dates	I think that has been nice in previous years to have a short week as the first week back in August, it made the transition back to school easier for both kids and teachers. However, I like the idea of starting a little later in August, which is always such a busy time of the year for families.	5/2/2017 10:11 AM
162	Breaks & Early Outs	Elementary Educator	Parents/Guardians	Training & PD days	It seems like you need an early out/ professional development day in March.
163	Parents/Guardians	Start and End Dates		I prefer the start date and end day of school to be mid week.	5/2/2017 10:10 AM
164	Elementary Educator	P/T Conferences	Parents/Guardians	It is imperative that we have 2 parent teacher conferences days in both the fall and spring semesters, especially at the elementary school level. There's only enough time in the contract day to have 18- 20 minute conferences with no bathroom breaks, a 30 minute lunch, and a 30 minute prep. With our class sizes all over 20, we cannot offer each parent a conference time. What message are we trying to send? As the parent of a middle school student, I found it very difficult to get in to see all of my child's teachers during both the fall and spring conference days. We stood in line for a long time and ended up only seeing 1/2 of her teachers each time. I an't begin to imagine how hectic it would be to only have 1 day.	5/2/2017 10:07 AM
165	Parents/Guardians	Testing window		I believe that there are too many days of testing, especially since they do not need to be taking all these tests. There also seems to be less teacher work days now.	5/2/2017 10:06 AM
166	Parents/Guardians	Start and End Dates		I like that school for kids doesn't start until August 20.	5/2/2017 10:04 AM

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167	P/T Conferences Parents/Guardians	Where is the second day option for the spring parent-teacher conferences?	5/2/2017 10:03 AM
168	Parents/Guardians	It looks okay to me. thanks	5/2/2017 10:01 AM
169	Breaks & Early Outs Parents/Guardians Training & PD days	I'm disappointed to see the Friday-heavy early out and days off. Classes scheduled for Fridays will be short-changed, especially elementary specials, unless they just don't schedule anything on Fridays. I understand the love of the 3-day weekend, but professional development on Fridays is not a time when staff/teachers are fresh - they are also focused on their weekends. I would have rather seen these things mid-week, when everyone can use a little break from the routine.	5/2/2017 10:00 AM
170	Parents/Guardians	fine	5/2/2017 10:00 AM
171	Building Administrator Parents/Guardians Training & PD days	I noticed at there is an additional professional development day at the end of the year than in previous years. I don't know if there is a scheduled topic for this or the reasoning behind its addition.	5/2/2017 9:58 AM
172	Breaks & Early Outs Parents/Guardians Start and End Dates	I like the later start date for school. I do not appreciate the additional early release dates. Early release is difficult for working parents, bussing, and after school programs. There must be something the kids can do from 1:30 - 3:00 at the school and still have at least half the teachers (at a time) in training - projects with older buddy class, semi-educational movies, read-ins, etc.	5/2/2017 9:52 AM
173	Parents/Guardians	Looks acceptable to me.	5/2/2017 9:51 AM
174	P/T Conferences Parents/Guardians	We need two days for parent teacher conferences for the month of February.	5/2/2017 9:51 AM
175	Breaks & Early Outs Holiday related Parents/Guardians	Looks good, but is there any way to have the Wednesday before Thanksgiving off as well?	5/2/2017 9:47 AM
176	P/T Conferences Parents/Guardians	There should be 2 days for parent teacher conferences in February just like there is in November. This is a vital meeting between parents and teachers. Please don't condense all the meeting into one day and rush this opportunity to discuss our children.	5/2/2017 9:43 AM
177	Parents/Guardians	SO much better this year!	5/2/2017 9:42 AM
178	Parents/Guardians	looks good	5/2/2017 9:41 AM
179	Parents/Guardians Start and End Dates	I think it is ok. Is there anyway to have the kids end later more closer to end of May and begin later toward the end of August	5/2/2017 9:39 AM
180	Breaks & Early Outs Parents/Guardians	Shorter Christmas break, for day care.	5/2/2017 9:39 AM
181	Parents/Guardians	Looks good	5/2/2017 9:37 AM
182	Elementary Educator P/T Conferences Parents/Guardians	As a parent and as a teacher I would like to see two days for parent teacher conferences in February. I don't see how its possible as a parent to get to all of the teachers and as a teacher I don't see how I will be able ti see all of the parents.	5/2/2017 9:36 AM
183	P/T Conferences Parents/Guardians	I suggest two days for parent teacher conferences in February.	5/2/2017 9:35 AM
184	Parents/Guardians	I love the calendar super excited for this version	5/2/2017 9:35 AM
185	Parents/Guardians	Looks good to me.	5/2/2017 9:30 AM
186	Parents/Guardians	Looks great.	5/2/2017 9:29 AM
187	Parents/Guardians Start and End Dates	it looks good to me. as long as it's aligned with UA closures and start/end dates, I am happy.	5/2/2017 9:26 AM
188	Parents/Guardians	It looks reasonable.	5/2/2017 9:22 AM
189	Parents/Guardians	looks good	5/2/2017 9:22 AM
190	Parents/Guardians Start and End Dates	I like that the first day of school is a monday and the last day is a friday.	5/2/2017 9:20 AM
191	Parents/Guardians	Looks good	5/2/2017 9:20 AM
192	Parents/Guardians	Looks good.	5/2/2017 9:18 AM

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193	Breaks & Early Outs Parents/Guardians	I am very upset by the number of early out days the district has elected to go with. There are three at the end of each semester, plus four more during the year. That makes 10 days where I will have to burn time off or beg neighbors to pick up my kids from school. I would rather have two full days off than four early outs - that is two days disrupted instead of four.	5/2/2017 9:17 AM
194	Parents/Guardians	none	5/2/2017 9:17 AM
195	Breaks & Early Outs Holiday related P/T Conferences Parents/Guardians Start and End Dates Training & PD days	I don't understand why there is a staff training day in September, one week before Professional Development Day. Why couldn't one of those be moved to October? Likewise, there's the staff training day in January, one week before Professional Development Day. That just seems so strange. Also, is there really only going to be one day for Parent-Teacher conferences in February? Great choice to have Fall Parent-Teacher conferences right after Halloween. Glad to see winter break is two full weeks... thank you. Thank you for starting school on a Monday in August. So much nicer than the mid-week start!	5/2/2017 9:16 AM
196	Parents/Guardians Start and End Dates	Or first day for students on Aug 16, and last day on May 15	5/2/2017 9:14 AM
197	Parents/Guardians	I believe the school board should go to four days a week. With budget cuts it would help schools out.	5/2/2017 9:14 AM
198	Breaks & Early Outs Parents/Guardians	It works great. I appreciate that this one has fewer early dismissals.	5/2/2017 9:13 AM
199	Parents/Guardians	Looks good.	5/2/2017 9:12 AM
200	Breaks & Early Outs Parents/Guardians	I'm concerned about the amount of school work being done in the school versus the amount of homework that will now be coming home because of less time at school	5/2/2017 9:12 AM
201	Parents/Guardians	NO FEEDBACK	5/2/2017 9:11 AM
202	P/T Conferences Parents/Guardians Training & PD days	One day for parent teacher conferences does not seem sufficient. There are way too many staff training days and professional development days, and not enough time for the students to be in class learning, especially with less teachers and a higher student ratio.	5/2/2017 9:10 AM
203	Building Staff Parents/Guardians	It looks good.	5/2/2017 9:09 AM
204	Parents/Guardians	I like it. This works better than the current schedule for my family. I have three students that will be affected by this calendar.	5/2/2017 9:08 AM
205	P/T Conferences Parents/Guardians Start and End Dates	I like the slightly delayed start at the beginning of the year. Why only one day for P/T conf in February?	5/2/2017 9:08 AM
206	Breaks & Early Outs P/T Conferences Parents/Guardians	Why is there only one day of Parent Teacher conference in Feb? When do the students go back to school in Jan? On the 8th I would assume, but there are no markings letting us know that is what is happening (no confusing would be great).	5/2/2017 9:08 AM
207	Other Parents/Guardians Start and End Dates	This seems thoughtfully prepared with starting and ending days for the students that would benefit their transitions in and out of school.	5/2/2017 9:05 AM
208	Parents/Guardians	Calendars dates look good.	5/2/2017 9:05 AM
209	Breaks & Early Outs Parents/Guardians	I like the early outs on Fridays. It will help with long weekends :)	5/2/2017 9:04 AM
210	Parents/Guardians	The calendar looks fine to me.	5/2/2017 9:00 AM
211	Parents/Guardians	see below	5/2/2017 9:00 AM
212	Parents/Guardians	Looks good to me	5/2/2017 8:59 AM
213	Parents/Guardians	Looks great	5/2/2017 8:58 AM
214	Parents/Guardians	This draft for 2018-2019 is done well, not much of a difference from the current school year	5/2/2017 8:58 AM
215	Breaks & Early Outs Parents/Guardians Secondary Educator	I like how spring break aligns with day light savings time.	5/2/2017 8:55 AM

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216	Elementary Educator	Parents/Guardians	Secondary Educator	Looks great!	5/2/2017 8:55 AM	
217	Breaks & Early Outs	Parents/Guardians		Had days are a burden on working parents. These were eliminated and the year has been so much easier. Some of us work with scheduled clients and have to cancel clients to pick up our kids on early out days.	5/2/2017 8:53 AM	
218		Parents/Guardians		Overall, it looks fine.	5/2/2017 8:52 AM	
219		Parents/Guardians		Is alright. Seems alot like this year	5/2/2017 8:52 AM	
220		Parents/Guardians		looks fine	5/2/2017 8:52 AM	
221	Breaks & Early Outs	Parents/Guardians	Start and End Dates	It would be great if school started later, and had more breaks within the school year (e.g., a mid-quarter week long) break. It would result in a shorter summer break but that could be helpful so kids don't loose all they learned over the summer. It would also let them have a bit more time to decompress and catch up during each quarter as by the end of the quarter staff and students are pretty exhausted.	5/2/2017 8:50 AM	
222	P/T Conferences	Parents/Guardians	Secondary Educator	Please don't put PT conferences on October 31st, like last year. Halloween is actually a religious holiday for thousands of people in Fairbanks, and making it a contract-mandated day for teachers puts them in an uncomfortable position.	5/2/2017 8:49 AM	
223	Breaks & Early Outs	Building Staff	Parents/Guardians	I like that the christmas break is 2 full weeks.	5/2/2017 8:49 AM	
224		Parents/Guardians		Like the old schedule better	5/2/2017 8:48 AM	
225	Breaks & Early Outs	Building Staff	P/T Conferences	Parents/Guardians	Start and End Dates	5/1/2017 11:49 AM
	Training & PD days					
	School start on a Monday is tough for student transition Back to back early out/ No school in a two week period :(PT Fall use 1 day for PD or an afternoon during 2 PT conferences in Fall. Spring quarter has a lot of disruptions in 5 week period. 4 days off, early outs, P/T conferences					
226	P/T Conferences	Parents/Guardians		Why do we still have all these parent/teacher conference days. They may be needed at the Elementary schools, but with all the ways to communicate these days (Powerschool, email, phone, text, etc.) these days add-up to a lot of money. Why not eliminate these days and make them instructional days. Or, use them as a way to give employees another day off, instead of a pay raise? This could be bargaining power to keep cost down. I here high school teachers say they meet very few parents those days, and mainly the the parents they really don't feel they need to meet in order to help the students.	5/1/2017 9:36 AM	

Q3 Share any suggested changes to the draft calendar:

Answered: 120 Skipped: 106

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Elementary Educator P/T Conferences Parents/Guardians I have had parents mention to me that they would prefer the first conference meeting be earlier in the school year. Would it be possible to move this to Oct. 25-26 and view the report cards with families at this time? That would be a week earlier.	5/27/2017 10:59 AM
2	Breaks & Early Outs Parents/Guardians Secondary Educator Training & PD Days Get rid of the early dismissal days, period. Give us the time to spend with the students. And while you're at it, you can ditch the full day staff development as well.	5/26/2017 5:02 PM
3	Elementary Educator Parents/Guardians Training & PD Days Move another PD day into the 1st semester, perhaps a Monday after an early out.	5/26/2017 11:47 AM
4	Breaks & Early Outs Holiday related Parents/Guardians Training & PD Days Professional Development early outs should try to be on/around holidays that the school doesn't already have off--Columbus/Indigenous People day, Veterans Day, Presidents Day, Easter Weekend, and even before/after holidays. This would be helpful for families needing to find childcare, would cut down on class missed from families taking long holidays. I also believe it would be helpful for teachers because holidays create extra energy for children. Other days to take into consideration are April Fools and Halloween. These holidays are crazy times for teachers and having children not at school the full day would be meaningful PD for them.	5/26/2017 10:49 AM
5	Parents/Guardians Training & PD Days More time with students. Less in service	5/26/2017 10:40 AM
6	Community Member Other P/T Conferences Parents/Guardians A second parent teacher conference day in February. Please see my above answer for details. Thank you!!	5/20/2017 8:28 AM
7	Building Administrator Community Member Parents/Guardians Training & PD Days Take out the two professional development days at the end of the year. They are ineffective and teachers do not want them or use them.	5/20/2017 2:18 AM
8	P/T Conferences Parents/Guardians Add one more day to parent/teacher conference in February 2019	5/19/2017 9:39 AM
9	Parents/Guardians No, this looks good.	5/18/2017 1:16 PM
10	Breaks & Early Outs Holiday related Parents/Guardians Testing window Training & PD Days Early outs and days off should be done around a holiday. Would be nice to have a week at Thanksgiving. Testing should be done before spring break. Early out at Christmas, combine them and let students out the 20th or the 21st. Combine professional days with days off so kids have a 4 day weekend.	5/16/2017 11:17 PM
11	Parents/Guardians See above.	5/16/2017 8:16 PM
12	Breaks & Early Outs Parents/Guardians Go back to school on Monday the 7th of January	5/16/2017 1:50 PM
13	P/T Conferences Parents/Guardians Keep the Nov. 1st and 2nd (Thurs and Fri) conference dates. Move the Feb. 18th (Mon) to a Thurs. and Fri. (Feb. 14th and 15th, or 21st and 22nd.)	5/16/2017 9:07 AM
14	Other Parents/Guardians NA	5/15/2017 12:56 PM
15	Elementary Educator Parents/Guardians Training & PD Days With extra staff training days remove two, three professional development days. In my experience they are a waste of time.	5/14/2017 4:41 PM
16	Community Member Elementary Educator P/T Conferences Parents/Guardians Two days for elementary conferences - or go back to the old system of early outs all week.	5/13/2017 7:08 AM
17	Breaks & Early Outs Parents/Guardians I'd suggest changing the 3 half days to 1 fully day and 1 half day before December break and the school year.	5/12/2017 3:41 AM
18	Elementary Educator P/T Conferences Parents/Guardians I would suggest adding another conference day in the spring.	5/10/2017 5:24 PM

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19	Parents/Guardians Start and End Dates	But if we have bad weather day make up day why is on the 23,24 why it can't be the on that mon-20th and the tues-21 the reason I am asking is because most of the children family may be gone for summer vacation which will be very hard to get those days made up! If you have a few kids with perfect attendance will be upset because the perfect attendance is mess up and is no longer perfect ☹️	5/10/2017 9:55 AM
20	Parents/Guardians	There needs to be changes to the whole school district system and this schedule for next year	5/10/2017 8:46 AM
21	Elementary Educator Parents/Guardians	See above.	5/9/2017 10:02 PM
22	Community Member Parents/Guardians Training & PD Days	The personalized learning training days should take place as half days on the existing full days off for professional development, i.e. one of the Aug. 14-16 days, Sept. 28 and Feb. 1. But what does my opinion really matter, you will do what you plan to do because the administration gets what it wants. ;) And poor Ellis Ott will keep on creating useless surveys.	5/8/2017 9:05 PM
23	Parents/Guardians Start and End Dates	Is the first day of school Monday 21 August 2017 or Monday 20 August 2018 for the upcoming school year?	5/8/2017 1:08 PM
24	Breaks & Early Outs Parents/Guardians Training & PD Days	Drop some of the early dismissal and professional development days.	5/8/2017 12:16 PM
25	Parents/Guardians Training & PD Days	Eliminate professional development and training days.	5/8/2017 11:55 AM
26	Community Member P/T Conferences Parents/Guardians Training & PD Days	Add a second day to the P/T conferences in February, and hold them on Thurs & Fri. Move the professional development days before school starts to after school ends.	5/7/2017 7:18 AM
27	Breaks & Early Outs Building Staff Parents/Guardians Testing window Training & PD Days	As a parent, the testing is stressful for the students. I would like to see less testing days. I think testing from March 25 to April 30 is extreme. It is a long chunk of time. My kids and many kids I know get anxiety over the testing. It seems like the students are taking more and more tests every year. I would also like to see a teacher workday/professional development day in April. I think the students could use a three day weekend during the long testing period.	5/6/2017 1:50 PM
28	Parents/Guardians	No changes needed.	5/6/2017 8:02 AM
29	Parents/Guardians	None	5/5/2017 5:50 PM
30	Breaks & Early Outs Community Member Elementary Educator P/T Conferences Parents/Guardians	TWO February conference days ONE inservice day rather than four early out days would be less disruptive for families/daycare; and more beneficial for staff if well planned.	5/4/2017 7:32 PM
31	Breaks & Early Outs Parents/Guardians Testing window	Move spring break back, at least a week or two, maybe even more! If you're concerned about interfering with testing then move testing to March and have Spring Break the 1st or 2nd week of April.	5/4/2017 4:21 PM
32	Elementary Educator P/T Conferences Parents/Guardians	2 conference days in February, as well as November	5/4/2017 3:40 PM
33	Parents/Guardians	I cant think of any suggestions at this time.	5/4/2017 8:56 AM
34	Community Member Elementary Educator P/T Conferences Parents/Guardians Secondary Educator	I'm confused why there is only one day for conferences in 2018?	5/3/2017 11:28 PM
35	Breaks & Early Outs Holiday related Parents/Guardians	It would be great if we could add more days off during the Thanksgiving week. Starting from 19 to 23 so families could visit the relatives.	5/3/2017 7:22 PM
36	P/T Conferences Parents/Guardians	Why only one PT conference day in February (and still 2 in the fall)?	5/3/2017 12:58 PM
37	P/T Conferences Parents/Guardians Secondary Educator	Move the February Parent/Teacher Conference day to a Friday.	5/3/2017 11:23 AM
38	Parents/Guardians Training & PD Days	See feed back above. Have professional development days before school starts and after it ends.	5/3/2017 10:13 AM
39	Breaks & Early Outs Parents/Guardians	Move 9 Nov day to October to spread the days off or out early	5/3/2017 9:04 AM

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40	Holiday related Parents/Guardians Start and End Dates	How about pushing the start of school until the end of August or after Labor Day weekend. It is still nice out for the kids to enjoy the little bit of summer they have. In May the weather is still warming, break up can still be occurring and nothing is going on.	5/3/2017 8:42 AM
41	Breaks & Early Outs Parents/Guardians Start and End Dates	make the three 1/2 days into only one 1/2 day of school. the end of May, if needed make up days, then they should be moved to the 20 & 21st. if not needed leave schedule. No kids are going to come back to school on the 23 & 24th. this is a big waste.	5/3/2017 7:24 AM
42	P/T Conferences Parents/Guardians Secondary Educator	Parent-teacher conferences work best on Thursdays and Fridays versus Mondays and Tuesdays. It is difficult for people to take time off work in the beginning of the week to attend their kids' conferences. It also makes it difficult for teachers to have conferences in the beginning of the week and then teach for the rest of the week.	5/3/2017 7:20 AM
43	Elementary Educator P/T Conferences Parents/Guardians	There needs to be two days allotted for Spring Parent/Teacher Conferences in Feb.	5/3/2017 6:25 AM
44	Holiday related Parents/Guardians Start and End Dates	I am very surprised that as Alaskans we would start school in the middle of August and end before Memorial Day. The school year should start after Labor Day and end after Memorial Day. My daughter will be in 6th grade this next year and has not once attended the first week of school. We have lived in Alaska for 24 years and the middle of August is a very busy time in a very short summer. The school year should be more aligned with the rest of the country.	5/3/2017 5:32 AM
45	Breaks & Early Outs Holiday related Parents/Guardians	Taking another week off at thanksgiving would cut money from the budget. Make kids have more homework during the year. I offer advisory each day for help with homework .	5/3/2017 5:08 AM
46	P/T Conferences Parents/Guardians	Two days for spring parent teacher conferences.	5/3/2017 12:43 AM
47	Parents/Guardians Start and End Dates	Start school on a Wednesday like previous years.	5/2/2017 10:43 PM
48	Parents/Guardians Start and End Dates	I think the school year should start as it normally does which is the week of 12 august.	5/2/2017 10:32 PM
49	Parents/Guardians	None	5/2/2017 9:57 PM
50	Parents/Guardians Start and End Dates	Start of school on Tuesday to allow for meet the teachers on Monday.	5/2/2017 9:42 PM
51	Breaks & Early Outs P/T Conferences Parents/Guardians Training & PD Days	I do not like early out days for teacher professional development. I can't imagine teachers get much done. It is difficult for me to get off work early here and there, two hours here and two hours there. It would be better to plan for a full day off and everyone can get more done. Why are the parent teacher conferences so far away from when the quarter ends? Why can they not be the Monday and Tuesday, October 29th and 30th. Why is there only one day for parent teacher conferences in the spring? That is not enough time to meet with all of my children's teachers.	5/2/2017 9:29 PM
52	Community Member Elementary Educator P/T Conferences Parents/Guardians	Two parent/teacher conference days in February?	5/2/2017 9:00 PM
53	Elementary Educator P/T Conferences Parents/Guardians	Add a second parent/teacher conference day during the second semester. It is impossible to hold individual conferences with each family in one day at the elementary level. These conferences are important for communication between students families and district educators.	5/2/2017 8:54 PM
54	Breaks & Early Outs Parents/Guardians	Only Friday before winter break be a short day or no school instead of 3 short days Kids need there school days	5/2/2017 8:53 PM
55	Breaks & Early Outs Parents/Guardians	Spread days off or early outs not only on Fridays.	5/2/2017 8:39 PM
56	Parents/Guardians Student	see above, thank you!	5/2/2017 8:35 PM
57	Elementary Educator P/T Conferences Parents/Guardians	Parent teacher conferences in February need to be more than just the 18th.	5/2/2017 8:24 PM
58	Parents/Guardians Start and End Dates	See above comments. The first week of school seems to go much better when it is not a complete week. Please change the first week to a two or three day week for the first week of school.	5/2/2017 7:34 PM

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59	Breaks & Early Outs	Parents/Guardians	No early dismissals. Be dedicated to teaching and learning and not some BS way to count a school day that is not a school day. Are you in or out?	5/2/2017 7:23 PM			
60	Elementary Educator	Holiday related	Parents/Guardians	Start and End Dates	Start later in August or even after Labor Day and go until Memorial Day instead of getting out so early.	5/2/2017 6:10 PM	
61	Building Staff	Parents/Guardians	Start and End Dates	Move the start date sooner.	5/2/2017 6:00 PM		
62	Breaks & Early Outs	Community Member	Parents/Guardians	Bump the start of winter break back 2 days (and the return to school back 2 days) so kids get out starting on Thursday the week before.	5/2/2017 5:37 PM		
63	P/T Conferences	Parents/Guardians	2 days of conferences in Feb.	5/2/2017 5:15 PM			
64	Other	P/T Conferences	Parents/Guardians	need more than 1 day for conferences.	5/2/2017 4:56 PM		
65	Parents/Guardians	No.	5/2/2017 4:33 PM				
66	Parents/Guardians	stop the homework madness	5/2/2017 3:35 PM				
67	Parents/Guardians	I don't have any suggested changes for the calendar.	5/2/2017 2:44 PM				
68	Elementary Educator	P/T Conferences	Parents/Guardians	As an educator I would like to see that a 2nd conference day is added to February. There is no way that I can do 24-28 conferences in 1 day.	5/2/2017 2:11 PM		
69	Breaks & Early Outs	P/T Conferences	Parents/Guardians	Training & PD Days	Alter the staff training days so they bookend other already no-school days, and make them no-school days instead of half days. Stop switching PTC days between half and no school days. And make 2 PTC days in February instead of one.	5/2/2017 1:47 PM	
70	P/T Conferences	Parents/Guardians	Why only one conference day in February? Seems rushed.	5/2/2017 1:44 PM			
71	P/T Conferences	Parents/Guardians	Give them 2 days for the parent teacher conferences	5/2/2017 1:11 PM			
72	Community Member	Parents/Guardians	Training & PD Days	Suggest moving Staff Training days and Professional Development Days (no school) to Saturdays.	5/2/2017 12:52 PM		
73	Breaks & Early Outs	Parents/Guardians	Change last three days before Christmas to full and allow a longer break	5/2/2017 12:36 PM			
74	Parents/Guardians	None.	5/2/2017 12:17 PM				
75	Parents/Guardians	Training & PD Days	maybe move prof dev day in feb to the 4th considering superbowl?	5/2/2017 11:57 AM			
76	Parents/Guardians	None.	5/2/2017 11:42 AM				
77	Breaks & Early Outs	P/T Conferences	Parents/Guardians	Changes I would like to see addressed: Aug. 13th & 16th- let the teachers have their workdays back to back. Dec 19th & May 15th-- get rid of the 1/2 day. Students need hours not days counted to learn. If you only need 1 day for conferences in Feb why would you need 2 in Nov. So many days off in Nov. Please, think about moving Nov 9th to Oct 19th. Thank you for your consideration.	5/2/2017 11:39 AM		
78	Breaks & Early Outs	Parents/Guardians	Start and End Dates	I would suggest moving the dates before winter break up to the Mon./Tues./Wed. December 17, 18, 19; and the last week of school should be Mon./Tues./Wed. May 13, 14, 15.	5/2/2017 11:38 AM		
79	Parents/Guardians	Secondary Educator	Two days of PTC in the spring.	5/2/2017 11:22 AM			
80	Breaks & Early Outs	Elementary Educator	Holiday related	Parents/Guardians	Start and End Dates	I would recommend starting later, preferably after labor day so families can go hunting. I think that spring break should line up with Arctic Man so we don't have as many students missing during that time. Spring Break is only nice here if you are leaving the state.	5/2/2017 11:11 AM
81	Parents/Guardians	Have the High School final exams schedule on the calendar. Will be helpful in planning vacations.	5/2/2017 10:57 AM				
82	P/T Conferences	Parents/Guardians	Change the February PT conferences to a Friday or Th/Fr if needed.	5/2/2017 10:53 AM			
83	Parents/Guardians	No extra suggestions	5/2/2017 10:51 AM				

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84	Holiday related Parents/Guardians Start and End Dates	Earlier date for last day of school which would work if the Christmas holidays were shortened	5/2/2017 10:48 AM
85	Admin Center Staff P/T Conferences Parents/Guardians	2 conference days in February	5/2/2017 10:48 AM
86	Parents/Guardians	n/a	5/2/2017 10:19 AM
87	Breaks & Early Outs Elementary Educator Parents/Guardians Start and End Dates	Start the school year two or three days earlier, then Christmas break can begin a couple of days earlier, too.	5/2/2017 10:12 AM
88	Elementary Educator P/T Conferences Parents/Guardians	The second semester needs a second day of conferences.	5/2/2017 10:11 AM
89	Breaks & Early Outs Parents/Guardians	It would be better to shift winter break to have more time before Christmas instead of lots of time after, for those that travel to spend the holiday with family.	5/2/2017 10:04 AM
90	Parents/Guardians Testing window	Just make sure that the testing isn't the week of Arcticman	5/2/2017 10:03 AM
91	Breaks & Early Outs Parents/Guardians	Move some of the Friday early outs and days off to other days of the week. Spread out days off to balance the frequency of meetings for all classes across the schedule.	5/2/2017 10:00 AM
92	Parents/Guardians	fine	5/2/2017 10:00 AM
93	Building Administrator Parents/Guardians	I don't have any specific changes I would recommend.	5/2/2017 9:58 AM
94	Breaks & Early Outs Parents/Guardians Training & PD Days	Keep kids at school while teachers have training instead of early release. Combine classes for a 'read-in' or movie.	5/2/2017 9:52 AM
95	P/T Conferences Parents/Guardians	The conferences on February are the most IMPORTANT!	5/2/2017 9:51 AM
96	Breaks & Early Outs Parents/Guardians Start and End Dates Training & PD Days	I would like to have shorter Christmas break, only 1 week instead of 2. You could break that up through out the year and have more days off. Oct and April really need a day or 2 off, because they are the only months with out any days off. You could do more teacher work days or prof. development during Oct and April. Or get out of school for the summer earlier. That's easier for parents to handle than 2 weeks all together. It's easier to get day care for 1 or 2 days than 2 straight weeks (minus holidays of course).	5/2/2017 9:39 AM
97	Parents/Guardians	I wouldn't change it hopefully you guys will leave them all like this. Thanks you	5/2/2017 9:35 AM
98	Parents/Guardians	I have nothing to say at this time.	5/2/2017 9:22 AM
99	Parents/Guardians Start and End Dates	move the weather make up days in May to Monday (20), Tuesday (21) and Wed (22)	5/2/2017 9:20 AM
100	Breaks & Early Outs Parents/Guardians	Do full days off instead of early outs. They cost me less with my employer and are easier to deal with because I don't have to find ways to leave work in the middle of the day four times. I only have to deal with two days.	5/2/2017 9:17 AM
101	Parents/Guardians Start and End Dates	I liked the school year starting later in August (around Labor Day) and ending later as well.	5/2/2017 9:12 AM
102	Breaks & Early Outs Parents/Guardians Start and End Dates Training & PD Days	Lengthen the school year, and allow teachers to work on their professional development before/after the school year or during breaks.	5/2/2017 9:10 AM
103	Breaks & Early Outs Building Staff Parents/Guardians	Have you considered a fall break in Oct? (It is like the Spring Break) There are many schools in the US that now have one.	5/2/2017 9:09 AM
104	P/T Conferences Parents/Guardians	Only one day for parent teacher conferences in Spring might be a problem for people with more than one child.	5/2/2017 9:08 AM
105	Breaks & Early Outs Parents/Guardians Testing window	With all the testing in April and it being the last quarter of the year, could the students benefit from a day off and teachers have a work day/ in-service/check-in on testing progress? It's a long haul without stopping.	5/2/2017 9:08 AM

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106	P/T Conferences Parents/Guardians	Can we change the second parent teacher conference back until March, as there is not enough time between the two parent teacher meetings to make much of a difference for the teacher, student or parent trying to help with the changes.	5/2/2017 9:08 AM
107	Other Parents/Guardians	None at this time.	5/2/2017 9:05 AM
108	Parents/Guardians	Why don't we have the high school and middle school kids ride the buses together and stagger the school start times to support this and have elementary kids start an hour later and in the afternoons stagger release times so they all ride together. I would be more than happy to share ideas how to make this do able. If you look at the Corning-Painted Post School District in Upstate New York, their demographics is similar to ours here. It would save time and money with our buses on the road system.	5/2/2017 9:05 AM
109	Parents/Guardians	none	5/2/2017 9:00 AM
110	Breaks & Early Outs Parents/Guardians Start and End Dates	Travel is so expensive for Alaskan Families. I think we should have 2 weeks at Spring Break and go 1 extra week in May. Another thought is starting school a week later and going a week later in May, its still so nice out in August and the end of May is still normally wet and chilly out.	5/2/2017 9:00 AM
111	Parents/Guardians	No changes that are needed	5/2/2017 8:59 AM
112	Breaks & Early Outs Holiday related Parents/Guardians Secondary Educator	*** 17/18 - the time before Christmas is too short for people to travel. I know it is approved and I wish I had gotten a survey last year - frustrated teacher and parent with all family in the lower 48	5/2/2017 8:55 AM
113	Elementary Educator Parents/Guardians Secondary Educator	None	5/2/2017 8:55 AM
114	Breaks & Early Outs Parents/Guardians	Get rid of early out days. There is no need for these.	5/2/2017 8:53 AM
115	Breaks & Early Outs Parents/Guardians	I'd like to see spring break a week later. Fits with Ice fishing schedule better.	5/2/2017 8:52 AM
116	Breaks & Early Outs Parents/Guardians Start and End Dates	It would be great if school started later, and had more breaks within the school year (e.g., a mid-quarter week long) break. It would result in a shorter summer break but that could be helpful so kids don't loose all they learned over the summer. It would also let them have a bit more time to decompress and catch up during each quarter as by the end of the quarter staff and students are pretty exhausted. Please consider for future (post 2019)???	5/2/2017 8:50 AM
117	P/T Conferences Parents/Guardians Secondary Educator	Please don't put PT conferences on October 31st, like last year. Halloween is actually a religious holiday for thousands of people in Fairbanks who observe indigenous faiths, and making it a contract-mandated day for teachers puts teachers in an uncomfortable position.	5/2/2017 8:49 AM
118	Breaks & Early Outs Parents/Guardians	Early outs at the end of November	5/2/2017 8:48 AM
119	Building Staff P/T Conferences Parents/Guardians Training & PD Days	PT Fall use 1 day for PD or an afternoon during 2 PT conferences in Fall. PT conferences closer to quarter end in Fall	5/1/2017 11:49 AM
120	P/T Conferences Parents/Guardians	Eliminate the antiquated parent/teacher conference dates. Not efficient. Lots of cost for not enough important parent contact.	5/1/2017 9:36 AM