

Public Comments Submitted Electronically for the  
October 26, 2023 Board Meeting

Items Not on the Agenda

Name	Comment
Anonymous	<p>I'm writing to express my deep disappointment about the recent decision to change the school calendar. The original decision was made with careful consideration for data and the well-being of our students. We strategically scheduled two days around Thanksgiving to maximize instructional time and improve the learning experience. I kindly request that you reconsider this decision and put it back on the agenda. Moving these days to Thanksgiving, a time when attendance is typically lower, appears to overlook the significance of these instructional moments. This decision appears to undervalue the teaching profession. While addressing the needs of working parents is essential, it should not overshadow our primary goal of creating an effective learning environment. I'm also concerned that this decision was made without seeking input from our students and stakeholders. It seems that the hard work contributed by numerous community members has been overshadowed by the opinion of a single board member who cited childcare concerns. While I acknowledge your authority to make such decisions, I urge you to base them on what genuinely benefits our students' outcomes. Please reflect on what truly serves the best interests of our students and their educational journey. We greatly appreciate your commitment to our students' success, and we trust that you will make the right choice to rectify this situation.</p>