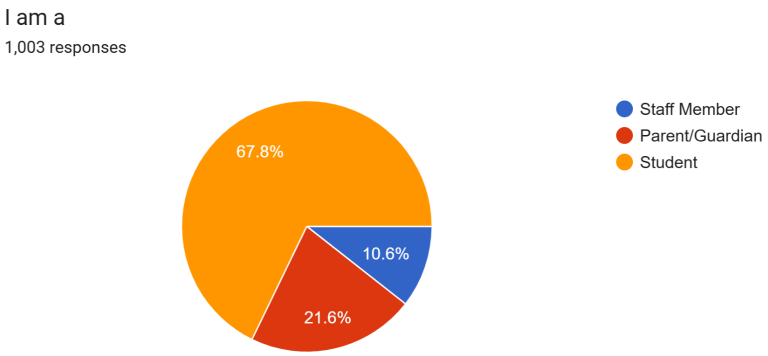
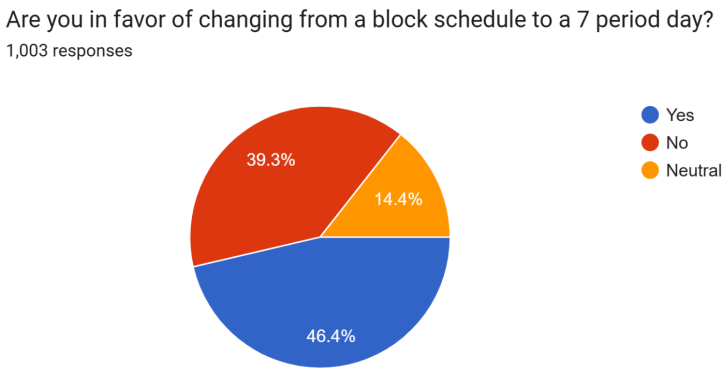
Mill Levy Considerations -

Additional Staffing to facilitate 7 period day transition grades 6-12

- EVMS and EHHS Admins were asked to run prototype schedules with a 7 period day based on current staffing. Must comply with CH 55 150 student/day limit. Based on this analysis and looking at next year's enrollment and course requests if available, what additional staff would be needed to make the schedule work….?
  - EHHS - 3 FTE
  - EVMS - 5 FTE
- Current Average employment cost per teacher - $84,596.35
Average Certified Payroll for FY27		
Salaries	$	61,534.49
Benefits:		
FICA SS	$	3,815.14
FICA Medicare	$	892.25
Unemployment	$	190.76
Workers Comp	$	227.68
TRS Employer	$	5,827.32
Health Benefits	$	12,108.72
TOTAL:	**$**	**84,596.35**
- We have 1 available FTE if we change the Foreign Language position to fill one of the needed 8 FTE above.
- Preliminary Budget Data Sheet shows an anticipated budget increase of $688,328. Costs are projected to increase $481,000.
- 7 remaining needed FTE at average employment cost = $592,172. Approx $200,000 available due to budget increase. Funds needed for remaining FTE = **$392,172**. That would be our proposed Levy Amount.
- **<u>Annual</u>** Tax Impact:
Property Tax Requirement	Mills	$ 100,000 House	$300,000 House	$ 600,000 House
392,172.00	14.09	$10.71	$32.13	$68.64

- Survey Results - Students, Staff, Parents





  - Breakdown
    - Total Responses = 1003
      - **Total in Favor = 465 or 46.4%**
      - Total Against = 394 or 39.3%
      - Total Neutral = 144 or 14.4%
    - Total **Student** response = 680
      - Total in Favor = 255 or 37.5%
      - **Total Against = 315 or 46.3%**
      - Total Neutral = 110 or 16.1%
    - Total **Staff** Response = 106
      - **Total in Favor = 86 or 81.1%**
      - Total Against = 8 or 7.5%
      - Total Neutral = 12 or 11.3%
    - Total **Parent** Response = 217
      - **Total in Favor = 124 or 57.1%**
      - Total Against = 71 or 32.7%
      - Total Neutral = 22 or 10.1%

Student YES Comments

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I think having a 7 day block period, lets students have responsibility and learn how to keep up with work on time.
I think this would be an amazing idea because it would be something to look forward too. Right now, going from a class I've already had in the morning and going back to it is not something I look forward to. It causes me not to want to go to school on certain days when I have those classes. It is hard to go back to a class I've already had in the morning because most of the time the class and people are not fun.
Going to the same class twice a day is very annoying.
I think this schedule is way better than last years and I do really like it but I think a 7 period day would be more benafital.
We should do that because it would be So much better also the downside is we would not have as much time to get our work done!
I would also be in favor of doing all period day fridays and M-Th being block. That way we don't have a rotating block schedule.
It makes it so that you learn more everyday and it also let us not be in a classroom for as long.
i beleve that the schedual change will allow a teachers leson and a students ablity to compleate will help
The days would be so much quicker and teachers and students would not get tired of each other as we do in long class periods.
4 day weeks would have made my hight school years easier.
i think it would be easier to remember classes but that we should still have circleup/advisory but they should be a singular class not two
We should make Monday a 7 period day and a block schedule the rest of the week

Classes are too long.
Can we do Friday 7 period and keep the block schedule for the rest of the week
we need 7 period because classes are way to long
Also do a 4 day week
block schedule sucks
I hate not 7 period days
Block schedule can be too much
Block schedule takes way too long and makes class super boring and makes the day way too long
And a 4 day week
none
I would rather have a 7 period day because you know you can get the stuff done.
I would like this very much
It is way easier for sports or even if you're sick to only make up 50 minutes than it is 90. Also it gets really hard to focus on the same subject for an hour and half straight with five different topics being thrown at us.
that would be litty
I would love a 7 period day because I stay fresh on each and every class, and I won't get bored or lose concentration.
it would be alot easier for us to be able to just go to every class and not need to worry about what is happening.
Personally I think that it will allow for students to have there teachers everyday, so if you miss a day you will see those teachers the next day and be able to ask for help. you will also be missing less material when you miss a day.

It would be better for attention spans.
I understand that we won't have as much time to work but they won't give us as much assignments. I also feel like people could think that their getting through the day faster.
It would be easier for people with attention span issues and the day would go by much faster.
Id like to see my teachers every day
I think it would be beneficial to get work done. Shorter class periods, less work. If you miss a day, it will be easier to make-up the assignments because they would be shorter. I think it will also be beneficial because you are up and moving a higher amount of times rather then sitting in each class for an hour and a half.
Would be easier for incoming upperclassmen to get a job.
I’m a senior I don’t care
I dislike the block schedule very much and it’s draining to be in the same class for an hour and a half it beats a dead horse
I think that it would be less stressful for the kids if we did that.
It helps classes run more effectively and helps with behavior.
My attention span is not that longggggggggg
But I am a senior so I’m not so sure how important my opinion is?.
A 7 period day would have made my school experience better. Having a 4 day school week would have made it even better because then the periods wouldn’t be super short but then they also wouldn’t be an hour and a half.

i lwk aint even gonna be here next year
it would be beneficial to both the students and staff
It will make learning easier to concentrate on as well as giving a beneficial social atmosphere in the high school.
this would help with students learningand solcul skills
kids would probably like it better
I would like to do the 7 period schedule.
it sounds way better plus my friends that moved to helena said that it was way better.
No
I feel dumber with this current schelubele.
I would like a 7 period day, but if not please 4 classes a day for 90n mins but i would love a 7 period day
Please Please Please
it just makes the day flow better
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I would LOVE to change my 4th period because i don't enjoy the class, the people, or ANYONE. I really don't want to be a "special class"
yes cause i don't like sitting for 90 minutes
i think we should add vendie mechean
I do not like our schedule this year, it is very weird to have the same 4 classes two times in one day. I would love to a 7 period day, I feel like it would make my life a lot easier.
the C days were so much fun please bring this to the table
this new schedual is very weird
I think this will be better then what we have now and what we had before.
I like that because you still change classes, but i do like learning lab... but i would rather have a 7 period day..
i can get through all classes in 1 day so i dont have to dislike 1 day and like the other day.
hi
We should.
A 7 period day was normal before I came here so go ahead
I would like the 7 period day to be on fridays.
I like the block schedule because I wouldn't not like b days or a days more than the other one and also bring us vending machine
it would be fun if we did it but only like have a C day. and keep A day and B day
I think it would be better because I would be able to do more stuff
I would like this because i wouldent forget if its a b day or an a day.

YES I REALLY WANT TO LESSS GOOOOO
I think we should because I like the 45 minute work days and I like to see everyone. The only down side is you could have a lot of work you need to do.
PLEASE I WILL DO ANYTHING FOR ALL CLASS PERIODS IN ONE DAY!!!!!!!!!!!!<3<3
Block schudele sucks
I really like the 7 period schedule.
What happens why you don't want to switch to one day of classes to another?
no
it would be nice to change
no
i like it but i don't want our work due the next day i think we should have 2 days if we have homework
Please oh please make the periods 30 minutes long!
Yes because i don't like our schedule.
how would the lunch work?
I think that people could really benifit from having every class in one day because people will lean more and more everyday witch is probably more than we are now. Also I think that it would benifit teachers because they would only see there class once a day.
I think that it will benefit many people because if you have math on a Friday, chances are they will forget what they learned that next Tuesday.
yes
i would love changing case in stead of haveing it evry other day you have it all week
i do not think this is okay but ill try it out
i think we should change it too it because i feel like she should only have the day and no a or b day so i th8ink we should change it and it would be better for everyone.
I think we should have a seven day period and no school on friday next year
definitely it allows us to see every teacher every days so we can talk to teachers when things are do.
Thank you!

i think we should chang just so we are not in the same cass room 2 tims a day
It is more efficient so we don't have to memorize the schedule between a days and b days.
Would we have learning lab?
I do like the block schedule, but i feel going to the same period twice is a bit weird when we could just go to all classes in one day
There are positives with even work distribution however the time would be odd to work out. would be more in favor with re-adding C days but I don't have much of a say
SWEDEN FOREVER. J.K, there needs to be easter eggs, so like something on the tv clocks, something that will be around the school that if we find, we can keep and stuff like that.
I really want to have a seven period day. I think that it would be really nice to have all your classes everyday, and would make it easier to get assignments in by the due date.
I would rather have a 90 min class period because I don't wont to have to repeat a class that I already had that day and if I get sick then I would only be missing one day of class as if we didn't have the block then I would be missing 2 class days which is harder in the long run. Other then that I don't really mind which one gets chosen.
It just better.
i hate the 1 2 3 4 1 lunch 2 3 4 but i want to have lunch with 7th and 8th graders
I am in favor in a 7 period a day because I think i would like the 7 period schedule. On the other hand the early realease would be hard.
js do it - nike
this is like SO short lol
pls do it.
allow phones
I think this would be nice because It would be nice because I leave early for therapy and It is always hard to tell what class I have during the time I am gone. Also I can see all my teachers and just and only for 45mins it would be nice I would really love to see how I can develop thru this change and I would love to because it is my prefreance of how it could work and I think I could stay more organised and I would like to know if we would still have a learning lab? Pls concider 7P daays!
I think this would be helpful because then we would not have to just repeat what we did in the morning. This also makes it for efficient because then we don't have to go over and recap what we did the other day. It also makes sure that we will learn more of it everyday instead of repeating like I said. So overall, I think this would be very helpful.

I am in favor of this because then I only have one of that class a day but then again we wouldnt have as much time to work on things but we still have advisory and if we have ny free time during other classes to work on stuff at home.
this sounds fun and easy
I feel like this change can help improve student work load, and stress. It could also help more work get completed.
It would benefit me if I go to all my classes in one day. Sometimes I struggle to remember what goes on in class after a day of completely different classes.
When we have 1-4 and 5-7 periods its easier to forget information and all the periods in one day would be more efficient.
The block is way to long it gets very trying
I think that it would be easier because you would be able to memorize the stuff you are doing the next day.
i think it would be fine for me because I used to have that typepof sceduale
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I like how we have the 45 minutes but I also like how we go back to the same class after lunch and we don't have 7 different subjects in one day but the 45 minutes is nice.
I hate my b day schedule and it would be easier for a 7 day period
pls do it
I REALY WANT TO
I believe that switching to a seven period day would be easier for student athletes and students that have trouble getting to school, won't be missing as much as they would during a block schedule. That's why i believe a 7 period day would be better and more beneficial than a block schedule.
I'm a really mixed opinoin but given the information I was given, plus considering pros and cons for both of these options, I'm still not sure. Getting a 7 period day would be kind of cool, considering the fact that every period would be 45 minutes and stuff, so the day would feel shorter and you would feel a less burned out and stuff. But the 7 period day would also be a lot to cram in, and you would also get a lot of homework. And with the A-day B-day stuff, you could hate more of one day (like "oh I hate math and yadayadayadayadyada, and they're both on B-days, so I like A-days more) but with the 7 period days you would probably hate EVERYDAY. Also Miss Paige says she wants this one! But on the other hand, the 90 minute periods would be bad too. I remember when we still had those, God it was BADDDDDDDDDD!!!! It felt so so long bro!! It also feels like you're cramming too much information of

one subject at once. But the pros are mostly the opposite of the con list for the 7 day period. I suppose I'll choose yes for this one, but please take into consideration of this pros and cons list.
I think it's beneficial because I don't want to be in a 90 minute class period, I just don't see why.
I think that a 90 minute classes just aren't for me and they take too long
I think it would be easier because a lot of kids can't sit still for an hour and 30 minutes per class
don't be longer then longer then a hour
This sounds like a good idea because we get to explore each class daily, though this does make do dates the next day which is hard for people with less time.
Let's do this.
7 periods is way better.
because i get tired of 1,30 min period
yes i would like to have it because I want to fish everything in one day
i think it will what work better
I would also be in favor of having more business classes that give you a better understanding on small business and running your own. Instead of teaching you how to run someone else's business.
i think it will be easier to see the teacher everyday
It would work better
no commeyt
I feel like it can be more beneficial from some people because with the block schedule some people tend to forget we have homework for that class an forget to get it done because we don't have that

class nefor the next 1-3 days depending if it lands on a weekend.
I agree to a 7 day
i think classes wont be as long so we wont loose attention so fast
I enjoyed the 7 period schedule because it gave students a chance to make up work from a recent class they had yesterday rather than two days ago. It also keeps students minds refreshed because they have those same classes each day rather than every other day. I succeed more when I am constantly going to the same classes each day because it is easier to retain information. I also enjoy the flow of the 7 period day better because of the fact that I am not sitting in one class for an hour and a half.
idk
i think i would be nice to have a 7 day period because i could manege my time better.

Student NO Comments

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I don’t have much time for homework I Like having longer classes for more work timr
absolutley not
I like that we get more class time to work on things, plus with the seven day period we wouldn't get Circle Up.
If we do a 7 period day kids have more things to keep track of, as well as not as much work time, that also means students might forget things by the next day. If we keep our current schedule I think the students learn it in the morning then review it in the afternoon. In summary I would like to keep our current schedule. It just helps me remember things.
NO COMMET
I'm not and I don't know what this is.
I think we should go back to the Silver, Blue, Silver, Blue and then a all period day. With no circle up due to not many people using it correctly and not .
It's too overwhelming and you can't retain that much new material each day.
7 period day would be overwhelming
I would rather stick to this schedule because I get more work done in the 90 minute periods and don't

have to worry about doing homework.
Kids can't retain information in such a short class period, and they'll just feel rushed.
Too much work during day. Hard to keep up
NO, PLEASE DO NOT CHANGE TO A 7 PERIOD SCHEDULE.
No please
It is nice when you have some days off if you have free periods.
I do college i cant do all my classes in one day I need to be able to leave school and go to Helena College and not be able to come back my lab is 3hs long thats almost 4 class at the high school.
I would rather keep the schedule we have or have Silver Blue Sliver Blue and then Friday would be all the classes together. This works well because then you have more time to finish assignments and there will be less stress as they won't have to worry about the assignments being due the very next day. There is also more time for classes like welding, small engines, wood working, any foods classes, art classes, pottery, PE, Weightlifting, Agriculture, etc. with the split schedule.
I want longer free period
7 day periods do not work. You get less time to learn and less time to do assignments. As someone who came from Lockwood, who does 7 period schedules, that scheduling is harmful to students mental health and productivity.
4 day week
4 day week and 8 period days
I think changing from 90 minute class periods to 45 would mess me up and it would throw off my day. Maybe it'd be faster or whatever but 90 minutes you can get a lot more done then 45 minutes.
I like the long classes and circle up is very convenient.
I can't handle having more homework when you miss all your classes because of sports
4 day school week 😛
For any culinary, art, or any other classes that need more time there wouldn't be enough time
That would stress me out quite a lot.

I would have no time for homework
Having more time for some classes is vital.
I believe that a 7 period day does help some students but for the most part the high achieving student it will not affect and the struggling student that do not care are still not going to care.
I feel like I would lose track of what I have to do. Having more time in one class periods is way more efficient for how I operate.
I think that keeping longer lessons every other day provides more time to work on projects while also making lifting classes get more things done.
nooooooooooooooo plz
Keep how it is because it's so much better for getting stuff done
You need time to learn, time for teachers to have emotion instead of being monotone and sending students into a near comatose state while in class
I think there should maybe be one day of the week should be a 7 period day. This way the week would have the same schedule all year long.
If we go back I wouldn't have more time to work on assignments
i don't like haveing all the presure with home work and that is hard to go through all of them
I would less work done and less time to work in classes
I personally think that the current block schedule is good. I think that we should do a 2 silver day 2 blue day then have our fridays as a 7 period day.
Lockwood has it and it is so bad and I could never get anything done on time.
I like how it is now, and I think we would loose circle up, which is really useful.
I wouldn't want to miss more classes if I was sick for a day. Also the workouts in weight lifting would be way less time per day.
Any of the fun classes like mentoring weights or gym or art you have like no time and more work so more stress

Nicer for CTE classes and more time for homework
thats too much, stay how it is please
Block Schedule works really well, i think 7-day schedule would not work as well.
How about ABABC, aka C is 7 period, A and B is silver and blue
I like having time to work on my stuff and not feel rushed because of the shorter class time
easier
I think it would be harder for electives and hard if you had to miss a couple days a week
I feel that certain classes and teachers really need the time that is included in a block schedule. Some examples: Mrs Nelson and her classes need much more time to be able to cook the meals she teaches to her students, I think the learning ability could suffer. And Personally, Mrs Kurtis and her art classes need the time aswell, especially pottery. I am in the pottery 3 class, and I know that she has active pottery 1. It is much better to have the block schedule time to be able to work on the projects without stressing about time.
not a lot of time, more classes to make up if youre leaving for a sport
No because i would rather a,b,c days altogether, I also like having circle up to get homework done.
I would legitimately, genuinely even, rather be pepper sprayed than having a 7 period day.
Not enough time each for each period to get anything done, the longer, block schedule, is easier to keep track of. Also, if I miss a day of school, I am required to make up a minimum of 7 assignments every day.
don't change something that isn't broken
because it is enough already
ji
I think we should add one 7 period day a week and then the rest of the week because study hall is so useful
bc i fucking hate it and dont want to fucking do it bc its dumb asf
I don't want to go to 7 periods day because we have been doing the block schedule for a long time and it was been working good for us. Also some of are classes we go places like biology we go to the prickly pear trails if we went to 7 periods are classes would be shorter and we would not be able to do that. Another thing is if you miss one day you miss work from all the classes and then have to go to school the next day have to make up that work wall also doing work for that day.
less time to cook, lift, and do projects
if we miss school then we would have a lot of homework because we would have 7 assignments instead of 4

i would rather just add a 1-7 day on friday compared to every day being 1-7
Absolutely not
naw
idk
I enjoy the block schedule because the amount of time i have in class so i really get to understand the concept of what we are doing in class.
i don't want the same classes every day
I don't like the 7 period day just because if i miss a day id miss so much. On top of missing more than i already do it would be so stressful to try and finish in class especially if i struggle in that class it just wouldn't help whatsoever.
I strongly believe that implementing a block schedule instead of a 7-period day would significantly improve our academic experience and stress levels. Under a traditional 7-period schedule, if I miss just one day, I am left trying to make up 14 or more different assignments, which is overwhelming and leads to falling behind. With a block schedule, I would only be making up work for about 3-4 classes, making it much easier to manage my workload and catch up.
hi
i like having four classes each day
this year has been significantly less stress full than my last year witch wasn't a block schedule and i think that this might be the cause.
It makes it harder to schedule my doctor's appointments and my regular 4 classes make me really tired. 7 would be a lot for my POTs and its just really weird trying to change the schedule in the middle of the year
I personally like the extra time in class periods to do work, to have less homework
The reason I say no is because as an athlete, homework this year was bad enough and I feel like if we had a 7 period day, I would have more homework. I also feel like school would get really boring.
The reason I say no is because i'm an athlete and that means i will be missing all of the classes and I will have a lot of homework. Also we will have more homework because they give us class time to do

things right now.
I think a block schedule is great because it gives students more time to do assignments and for a better workout in PE and Weights.
It would be hard to get anything done in any classes.
Block Schedule prepares us better for college because lectures are long
If we want to change to seven period, We should do something like SILVER, BLUE, SILVER, BLUE, (FULL DAY), ORRRRR.... SILVER, BLUE, FULL DAY, SILVER, BLUE... and please no four day week.
7 block would mess up cooking class
Firstly, the problems of a 7 period day present themselves with the lack of time to get sufficient schoolwork done per day/per period, as well as teachers may be overwhelmed with a significantly higher day to day workload. Second, with the block schedule present, it allows a slower influx of schoolwork on students, allowing more work to be done daily. This provides students with the ability to get more work done per class during those periods. Which, if time is used wisely, will allow students to avoid having homework and/or bring school related subjects into a home environment. This, as such, can reduce student stress and boost morale combined Thank you for taking the time to read my opinion on this matter. -- Anderson, Mathew.
I feel it would be to rushed.
I believe we should continue the 4 period classes as it cuts down on homework.
I find it incredibly difficult to have adequate time to be able to get all the work done that I would need for the period if it was shortened to 45 minutes. Especially for Ap classes, where half the class is a lecture, we wouldn't get any class time for homework. Although, it would be fine to switch it, I just feel it would make the last year of high school incredibly more stressful trying to juggle everything. I like having enough time for fine arts classes as well, it gives so much more time to draw and paint and wait for things to dry, as well as makes my entire high school experience more enjoyable. We have changed the schedule every year for the past three years, please don't change it again. Thank you for your consideration. I trust the administration with whatever you do.
I am adamantly opposed to a 7-period block schedule. Classes like Weightlifting, PE, Shop, and most art/photography classes will be extremely adversely affected by this change, where time is already tight due to startup times, use of the changing room, etc. It will limit the variety of assignments that can be offered due to a greater time constraint, and for little benefit. Additionally, homework will be much more of a pressure on students, as there will be more homework because less can be completed in class, and the timeframe to turn in those assignments will be more constraining. Lastly, events, appointments, and school-related absences will be much

more difficult to organize and accomplish, because there will be more bases to cover, and more overlap between things like tests, projects, essays, quizzes, and important lectures. If the goal is to discourage people from taking absences, then I suppose there could be some benefit to this system, but I also suspect that the added stress of having almost twice as many factors to account for per school day will only increase the rate of absences/skipping, decrease productivity, and cripple development for both students and teachers.
We will have to much homework in all classes, we won't be able to cook in 45 minutes and stay with weightlifting and pottery classes and yeah
Classes like cooking, arts, and weights/PE will be more difficult or less eventful.
I think it’s great how it is now with Circle Up and everything.
I will appreciate it if my senior year doesn’t have a schedule change. I want a chill year that doesn’t screw up my happiness
It gives too much homework and leaves those with extracurriculars no time to have a life outside of school.
Nothing about it makes sense. All the fun elective classes are going to get cut short of being fun. Without time to do projects what’s the point in taking the electives.
Changing to a 7 period schedule would ruin most of my plans for senior year (both in and out of school) as my entire high school career has been built upon a block schedule.
Full naw
This is a terrible idea. This will reduce my weightlifting time.
Having a block schedule lets us have more time for classes like PE and weightlifting and it helps us get more done. Also i need circle up for finishing assignments. I think its really helpful.
Block schedule is better because I would have more time in classes and circle up helps me get homework done or work due the next day.
i want to work out
Absolutely not please, I like having no pressure to finish assignments in class. I prefer not to rush on my assignments and do them correctly and have time to understand them. With 3-4 periods a day that means you can easily make up assignments from 3-4 classes instead of having 7 assignments to make. Personally when I miss days of school from being sick seeing a lot of missing assignments gives me a lot of stress. Having 7 period days means even more missing work which would make it hard to pick a place to start in missing assignments. I think this would have a bad toll on people who also experience this the same way I do. I think it would make it harder to catch up and maybe some people once they fall far enough behind them might start to give up. This might have a negative effect

on students mental health while thinking they might not be able to catch up. When the middle school had 7 period days I remember in 6th grade I felt extremely stressed with not having enough time to finish assignments in class and I fell behind. I never was able to turn in every missing assignment and ended the year stressed.
4 PERIODS IS MORE THAN ENOUGH ALREADY. With the busy schedule of high schoolers its very important that they dont get overwhelmed
The extra time in between each class gives both more time for independent study and extra time to understand each topic before continuing so it is my opinion that the 4 classes in one day schedule is better for the student
i like the schedule right now
I think that this way is easier and it would be a lot more stressful if we 7 classes a day
I feel like that it is too much to do going to all the classes in one day
I don't to have the same classes every day
I like how it is. I don't want to have every class every day.
I don't think it will be an extremely long day and it wont be fun plus, more homework
Just please dont change it to a 7 period day it would be much harder for the students and parents.
I like learning lab more than giving it up. I like having more time with a teacher in a day.
PLEASE LORD NO. My reason for this is because having the gaps in between classes is a nice break but if that is not there then people will go insane and teachers plus students will be drained faster.
your ansewer
I think we shouldn't because the current schedule is very good, and it helps me get my work done so i can remember stuff for the next period. Having all my classes and one day would bring upon me so much stress.
I think that having my classes all in a row will make my day so SLOOOOOOW also I think it's smart to have slit 90 minutes morning and afternoon classes because it makes it so much more fun.
i WOuld HATE this I love learning lab so much so PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE KEEP IT THE WAY IT IS WHOEVER THIS IS PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE PLEASSE I LOVE IT THE WAY IT IS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
Changing to 7 periods per day could mess up everyone's schedule and add more stress having all classes in one day.

I don't wanna go to the same classes in one day everyday
the reason I'm saying no is because I like our normal schedule and it dosn't put pressure on my arms when I am working.
no because i might get confused and not know what to do or something so no
i reather have a 90 minet block then going to all my classes cus then we will get a lot of homework cus probaly not a lot of time to do work
I would prefer if there was a block schedule so longer(time) periods.
4 day sceduale
i don't want to have 7 periods in one day.
I want it to be 1 period for an hour and a half and then switch the period
4 day schedule
no
i want block schedule because I will be used to it.
7 period day is to stressful.
no comments
I would like my schedule to still be a four day schedule because its not to much in one day.
why would you change that
We shouldn't change because we have less time to do work in the class that is needed.
The block scheldule gives me more time to make up work and it gives me more oppertunities to take my instrument home.
I would rather go back to last year schedule.
i dont have any
I don't want a 7 period schedual because if I don't get work done in the morning period, I can do it in the afternoon so then I don't have any homework to do
I like the same schedule each day
We need to go back to 90 minute classes!!
we are not going to have time to finish our stuf

i will rather do a half and half class.
I want to keep the block schedule.
I like it better having 2 separate days and I like having classes twice for 45 minutes instead of 90.
personally for me is easier because you dont have to be in same class for 90 mins its split up and so it akes it easier for a break and easier to comprehend
No becuase it will be poopy
I like it the way it is do not CHANG IT!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
I don't think there would be enough time for us students to finish our work and would miss to much if gone for even a few days.
I like the current schedule.
because then that whay we can get rae work done like how it is becuse it is eser
Abslautly not
I do not think that we should do a 7 period day because I think that I would take in too much information in one day for different classes.
NO 7 PERIOD DAYS!!
becuse that would be hard foe me.
Having all 7 periods in one day would stress a lot of people out a bunch. Also, how would Intro to Agriculture work on A Days?
I would like to keep it block schedule because I think if we had 7 period day we would have more homework.
thats stupid for 7 periods in ONE DAY. im good sticking to this scedule.
I say no because i feel that having only four classes split up is easier because then you have two class periods in one day to get your work done for the day.
i don't want to take every class every day.
i feel like it would be more stressful if you did one class for a while other than spliting your classes for me i would not pick 7 period day
teachers are strugilling as is and takeing even less time for classes
I like having block schedule i need 4 long classes.

i don't want gym everyday
I don't wanna do that
i don't want to go to every class its too much
I think I like it the way it is.
nope
i feel as if there is no reason to switch, the "positives" that are brought up don;t matter, like less skipping, kids will skip no matter how long the periods are or how many per day.
I don't want to haft to go to the classes i don't like every day and I feel like i wouldn't be able to learn much when i'm there only 45 miniutes every day.I also think it would be hard to make up work when i am gone or sick.
I think that we should go to a for day school day the reson is becoase the day that I miss are on friday and that way I woud not have any mising work.
I picked this because I am used to it.
heck to the no!!!!!!!!!!! NOOO!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
I like the regular block schedule cause I get more work done.
i think that we should change it to whst we used to have it. what im saying is that a day and b day but not having a pm and am i personly think that we should do that insted because block and am and pm im truly dislike, i dont know if other people do but yeah :)
dont change!!!!
i don't need more drama and even more stress
it makes it harder for teachers
i Don't want to have homework
I wouldn't really want to go to a 7 period day because I think that it would be to many different classes in one day. I think with A & B days students are more likely to focus on the 3-4 classes they have that day. Also I think that having 2 different days help students when they are absent, whether that is for sick days, sports, or trips, because it helps us only miss a portion of our classes helping us get caught up faster.
that sounds miserable. My days feel so long already. Know it is going to feel so much more longer.I also like bdays and adays if we did 7 periods in one day there would be no point and adays and bdays.
1. Why would you put neutral that's like not voting and not voting is a vote for the one you don't want and 2. Would we really get anything done in one 45 minute class?
If we switch to a 7 period day kids wouldn't be getting enough time in classes. The 45 minute classes currently do not give us enough time and stress out most kids.

no, just no
are long periods but only go to the class once a day
No because it means to much homework and it would just make stuff more stressful and harder.
I do not like the idea. I'm just not ready to flip a scheudle at the start of a new trimester.
i like block periods
SWEEDEN FOREVEr Please keep it the same but please make school more fun I LOVE THE BLOCK SHEDULE so please do` this and dont chang
we woldn't have learnig lab or advisery
I want it to be 4 periods a day for 1:30 in a row
i like how thay are i just want the 90 minet classes
At first I hated the 45 minutes but now I get to move more throughout the day.
no do not
if it is 4 days less home work and less time in the halls plus then we ca get more work done.
If we did it 7 periods in a day we would have no time to actually get work done and wouldbring deep stress. Plus so much more homework.
PLEASE LORD NO
i dont really think i would like all period in one day
I like the hour and a half of being able to get through a lesson and do the homework and being able to ask the teacher in person if I need to.
Monday though Thursday blocks Friday all 7
Do not. Please and thank you. For the future kids sake (I'm a senior who was asked to do this on behalf of his sophomore brother).
i don't want it to change because i am used to it already.
I do not want this to change because I have gotten used to this way of classes.
I like having my schedules split up into 2 different days so I can look forward to something different each day. If not, everyday is the same and there are less changes.
i dont know how to feel.

What Block?
it's easier to get work done in the block schedule.
If we had 7 periods per day, it would give every student less time every day to work on assignments. Also if a student was to miss school for sports or sickness, they would miss more work and have less time to make it up.
I like having only 4 periods in a day because I can get a direct instruction in the morning and have work time in the afternoon. Only having 4 periods in a day is also nice because if you miss a day of school then you don't have to worry about having seven classes of missing work to do.
i like the block schedule more then a 7 period day because that would be to much work for us students and i think we should stay on the block schedule
Keep block schedule for less homework for students, allow for longer passing period so students can stretch and walk around before the next hour and a half.
because i think it will to much work for us students & as a student that has a really hard time learning i like the block schedule because it's only 4 classes one day and 3 the other day but those days have circle up and advisory which i don't mind but with a 7 day schedule alot more students would most likely skip more classes
We will have no time to do any work. Any time we get to a class and get going it will be time to leave. We will have lots of homework because we will have no time to do it. Are grades will go down because will not learn as well and will not fully understand the concept.
takes time away from the kids or the teachers that need to do thngs
I feel like we should keep the same schedule, however get rid of circle up and put that in the optional study hall. If you want a study hall then ask for the class
I would actually prefer if we had 1 7 day period either on monday or friday and had block schedule the rest of the week.
It would be too hard for players who do sports. it easier on a block schedule.
I think that staying with a block schedule would be better because it is really beneficial to students who do sports and circle up is super beneficial for students who have home work.
We should have the schedule go, Monday and Wednesday are silver, Tuesday and Thursday are blue, and then Friday is a 7 period day.
I enjoy the block a lot it makes it easy to know what you will miss if your sick
its nice to have a day inbetween some classes rather than every class every day

Block schedule gives so much more time to get work done and learn more things.
I think I work more effeciently with the schedule right now.
it is completely fine the way it is and I would only go 7 if we have circle up still.
i work better with the block schedule
I like the block schedule so that I have like a day inbetween when I have to turn in my homework, and I can be in weightlifting for longer, and learn longer in my classes each day.
I feel like block scheduling is good and gives students more time to get more assignments done at school instead of at home
i wold like to keep it a block schedule
It would make it hard for the CTE classes to get efficient work done

Student Neutral Comments:

It does not apply to me as a senior, but I just want to know when this would be implemented.
7 period day on Monday only please
Because with the block schedule we do not have to have homework but with a 7 period day school would be better in a way because we can have all classes in one day
idk
I like having longer periods because you can work longer, but with shorter periods you can not be as stressed because you know that your not going to do a bunch of work so you can get that work done.
not this agian becuse it hapend in 6ith grade
because
There’s pro and cons to both
there are pros and cons to both ideas and schedules
My only concern would be the same amount of work but with shorter class periods. That would make we want to keep the same schedule.
I think it's a good idea but it's also more work for others
It would be easier because the classes are shorter but if you miss school you miss all 7 classes.
Lots of upsides and downsides
I'm lowkey non-chalant and go with the flow fr gng

i would enjoy if i could have all of our classes because it would be easier to make it through the day but the classes that need the time might be a struggle
Yes there are some benefits to having a seven class schedule but at the same time some classes like cooking, science, and PE would be affected because of having less time to do some of the cooling activities or labs that are usually done band it would be a little better for just because of it being everyday. The PPLT program would probably be hard to make happen with less time to go out and do experiments.
7 day weeks would be good if we don't have fridays or we get out early if not it wouldn't be nice.
i would be okay with either.
none
helpful to teachers but Schedule is worrisome
I am rather indifferent though the seven period day might be the best. Seven periods a day would mean all classes everyday and the classes would be shortened. This allows those who miss a day to to clubs or sports to easily make up the classwork. It will also help with missing work for those that miss a day to to being sick or family troubles. However, their are many disadvantages to the seven period day. First of all, while some students don't use circle up at all I liberally use circle up to help with missing work. It will also affect the cooking classes as well as the welding, carpentry and similar classes. It would also affect the Prickly Pear land trust trips that biology classes do. There are many advantages and disadvantages of a 7 period day although I feel it will be better than the block schedule at least a little bit.
I don't care
I don't really mind.
I kind of like the block schedule but I kinda like the 7 period day too.
I wouldn't want science and math everyday and some electives I don't want to have everyday.
I'm fine with whatever.
idk
im not quite sure about that
idk
idk

I don't care
idc
IDK
I feel neutral about seeing my teachers twice a day. So I don't really mind it.
I would LOVE to change the schedule to a 7 period, but homework would be a nightmare
I really don't care at all
i believe that this doesnt really even matter
I think yes because it would be more time in class to do homework and other things, but also no because it would be a very long day.
depends what classes i have
I just don't wanna have to deal with going all of my classes. I would be on board if we had a 4 day week.
I don't really are because either one has its pros and cons.
It seems like it would feel faster I feel like it would be better but i'm still unsure.
whatever gets it gets it
i just like the way we havre it and my brain would break if it changed
I dont rlly care at all so like ?
I really dont care
I honestly really do not care, but what the staff needs to do is to figure out a good schedule and keep it.
There would be to much homework with 7 period days. But it would be nice to move around more.
idcar
i don't really care
i wish i got to have art every single
idc what one i do i just care what other pepol think
I like having 2 periods so if you don't finish something you can in the 2nd part but I like having ALL the periods together so you don't have to do a boring class twice.
I have nothing to say. I don't care what we would do.
i just think we should go to a 4 day week or have school start at 10 A.M.

I would be ok with it but i would prefer our old schedule back i liked if better and feel my attention span was also better na feel i took in information better
I don't think having PE every day is that fun and every class every day is a lot of work for kids who play sports. But I don't think I could survive 90 minutes of math again.
No coment
I would be fine either way.
I really like the block schedule because you continue your lessons each day, but having all your classes a day might be more efficient so you can have an easier day. Honestly? I could do it either way, I don't really mind.
i think that it would be helpful for the older students that are going into high school would have to get used to the schedule but i also think that the schedule that we have right now is super heplful to people that can't always get their work done in one period
better food
casi no entendi la pregunta.
I like the block schedule, but I don't really care which one. I am also willing to try something new. But in conclusion, I don't really care which one.
i love it but it is hard sometimes also i do online half the time and in school half the time
I would personally prefer if it went back to the same schedule that was present in the 2024-2025 school year.Thank you.
i want more passing period time i hate homework but i need my purcell time.
I would like both! It doesn't really matter to me if we change because either way works for me, i'll go with the flow with whatever happens. It would be cool if we change things up, but... I'm only in sixth grade so I haven't really experienced the block schedule so It's okay!! I do really like having two classes so if we don't finish something we can work on it the next period. Witch is very helpful.
Because so I don't need to walk to the same class after another class and then another class then another class then back to the same class I was before I went to the other classes.
I picked neutral because i don't care what we do i would preferred to do 7 ever day.
I think this block period is better than last years but if a student missded a day that would be a lot of work to ketch up on so that make me almost aginst it other than that I don't see and other pro's or con's.
i want both hah
I like to switch and not have to repeat but I also can't just sit for 90 minutes without getting bored and not being able to stay focused.
I could leave with either or
yes i think it would be nice to change to to a 7 period block schedule so i can have the classes i like

every day. but at the same time i feel like i would get overwhelmed from all of the work and less time in classes to complete that work.
i would like the 7 period day so i could have lte classes i like every day. but i also think i would get overwhelmed from all of the work and less time in class to complete that work.
I think if it makes the class periods a little bit longer like an hour I would be in favor of it.
None
What time is lunch for all grades. Is there going to be advisory and learning lab. If we need to work on an assignment for an a day then how would we have time for all the other assignments.
I am good with anything
There should be four days of the regular current schedule and on Friday it should be a 7 class period day.
I honestly don't care and I am on the fence.

Staff YES Comments:

Areas like math require daily practice. Switching to a 7 period schedule allows us to meet with all students daily. I feel that students are less prepared in math. I do like block schedules for students that struggle with organization. They only have to structure themselves for 4 periods each day instead of 7. Block scheduling also creates less passing periods each day.
A four day week would also be beneficial for the higher levels to accommodate for multiple activities and the need for subs. This would also be great for teacher recruitment and retention.
7 periods per day positives: shorter classes are easier on attention spans, easier to make up missed work due to sickness/sports/vacation, and easier with scheduling issues within the schools with teachers
The amount of content we are able to get through in a 7 period day is so much more than a block schedule. Students aren't able to complete two full lessons in a block schedule, so the amount of material isn't being covered as it would be in a 7 period day. The block schedule doesn't allow for students to have time in between lessons to digest the information, work on assignments/homework, and then come back to class the next day ready to move to the next lesson. Instead, they are supposed to get through two lessons in one class period. Also with the block schedule, if a student is absent, a teacher might not see them until nearly a week later. That is so hard for a student to make up that work

or keep in contact with the teacher. Staff are struggling with not having a daily prep; they are having to wait for a day or two to make parent phone calls, update grades, or lesson plan. When we have early releases or assemblies, it messes up just one day of classes in the block schedule, which means teachers have to try to adjust to keep their classes aligned. This typically means one class period ends up having a wasted class period with a filler activity. I personally believe that if we were to move to a 7 period day, it would retain subs; they wouldn't have to deal with a difficult class for 90 minutes. Instead it would be for 45 minutes one time. As a staff member, the block schedule is extremely difficult and frustrating. I think it is hurting our kids and their education.
This is extremely beneficial for all of our students and the staff. Please consider!
Students have given input of wanting to have a seven period day. Feelings expressed; it will give them a higher level of retention of information being presented and less fatigue of longer class periods. They like the idea of more movement throughout the academic day.
This would be so great! Please consider!
We are teaching kids to work slow, without deadlines and without urgency.
There are so many case studies explaining the benefits of student attention and student achievement when they encounter a subject each day. Students and teacher relationships can also be built quicker when they are meeting each day.
The block schedule was implemented during Covid for valid reasons. 90 minutes is too long for adolescents to stay focused. The middle school has already changed their schedule to reflect 45 minute periods.
Right now, the block schedule is not beneficial to teachers or students. I have noticed it makes it more difficult for students to stay organized, keep track of assignments, and remember material. At the middle school level, students even struggle to just keep track of what classes they are supposed to be at when. Absent students are also seeing a lot of work pile up if they are gone on the same "type" of day (A or B) for multiple days. This makes it very difficult to both communicate missing work and for those students to complete it. As a teacher, the block schedule means we do not have a prep every day. This means communications home are more difficult or delayed and our energy is more depleted. The energy it takes to sustain an entire day with no break is very draining, and when we are drained, it is the students that suffer. Overall, a 7-period day would benefit all parties. Thank you very much for being willing to consider it!
When students miss one day of school they will not have missed so much of one class. Also, continuing and checking in on learning daily would promote more retention and a greater coverage of material (this has been reported by teachers). Students' ability to focus on instruction (knowing it is a 40-50 minute learning block) will improve. Filling a block time of teaching can be tricky, especially for subs. I am not a proponent of a 4-day week, but this would ease that transition, be a first step if that was to ever happen.
I would love to go back to a 7 period day!
Only if it's 6-12

I feel this works way better for students traveling in sports they miss less work any given time they are gone.

To improve our ACT math scores, students need to have math every day.

Studies show that block schedules are not the best suited for students development at the middle school and high school age. Retention and attendance are at the top of some of the studies.

I like the 7 period idea for other classes, but for science I am not as excited as it will limit our participation with PPLT.

-7 Period days allow for more frequent check-ins with students (every day, instead of every other day).
-7 Periods can help with attendance as the high school has many students that don't take a full schedule and tend to miss or show up to classes late if they have too long of breaks.
-Retaining information for students is challenging if they miss a block style class and have to remember what they learned days before.
-Students in activities, sports, and clubs tend to miss a lot of the same periods during the week and can go over a week without being in specific classes.
-90 minute class sessions can be long and attention can waiver, causing behavior challenges.
-45-55 minute periods would require students to focus and get work done during the class time if they don't want to have to take it home later. We see students think that they have all the time in the world to complete assignments since they don't have to go back to that class for a few days, but then when it's "out of sight, out of mind" a lot of time the work doesn't get completed in a timely manor.

I believe this would greatly benefit retention of knowledge, the ability to communicate with teachers,

and overall productivity.
Better learning environmen
Over the years and with the changed schedules, I am behind an entire 3 units over what used to be able to teach in a 7 period day! Kids remember less in block and I have to do more reteaching.
I feel this schedule would drastically improve student retention, and make things more predicable and manageable for everyone.
A 7 period day schedule would help with student retention of information. I regularly need to review material that I covered due to the day in between classes. Being able to continue on the next day would be very beneficial to staff planning and pacing and student retention of information as there is no break in content.
Teachers have shown they can get to more content when they teach in a 7-period day rather than the block schedule.
I think its better for students and staff
More student engagement and less students called out
The inconsistencies with how often we see students is far too prevailing. With some classes only meeting twice every other week, if a student is sick or gone for an activity they will only have that class once that week. If they are sick... it has turned into an endless cycle of "will I see these students today?" "how will I keep on with my pacing with so many absences?" "can we successfully plan for a group project this week?" All of these what if's and uncertainties CAN BE washed away with the addition of more teachers. Seeing students daily will increase retention, attendance, and academic levels
Currently teaching at the middle school: 45 minute classes have greatly improved students attention as well as behavior in class. It gets students moving more and allows lessons to be more meaningful

instead of filling time. In terms of absences, students would also benefit from missing only one day of the class instead of two which has caused many students to fall behind due to the amount of material covered in 90 minutes.

Missing one day in the block schedule is like missing 2 since the class time is doubled. Attention spans for middle schoolers is not 90 minutes!!! Creating 90 minute lessons that are engaging is difficult, and often contain an over abundance of info that is difficult for students to process. Students only see some teachers twice a week in the block schedule, making it more challenging to build and maintain relationships. Teachers only get preps every other day.

Historical data shows that traditional 7 period school days are proven to work not only for students but also for staff members in regards to prep and delivery as well. It is a win win for all involved with education. The block schedule was a neccessary change due to circumstantial restriction. It was servicable at but not as effective as traditional 7 periods. Circumstances have changed I think it would be beneficial East Helena education does the same.

I am concerned about how late we would need to hire for the extra positions after running the levy.

I am also worried about the EHHS only having one teacher for multiple choir and band classes. Teaching Band/Choir at the high school is a lot, because you are taking two specialized positions and putting them into one position. This also does not leave room for growing a program at the high school with one teacher taking on multiple duties. I hope this does not happen and would like to have a better explanation why this is being proposed.

I know staff who work at EVMS and all I hear is how difficult the split-block schedule is for students and teachers. Many teachers are feeling burnt out and I don't think it appeals to new teachers looking for jobs.

The research is clear-- more contact means better retention. Block schedule "hits the minutes" but misses the mark on number of contacts per week, and therefore lets our students down.

Memory research is clear-- more meetings per week is better than fewer.

I think a 7 day period could be beneficial for the following reasons: Students who miss regular days of the week (dr appt every wednesday/ sports thursday/friday) would miss less class. This would rid the need for circle up for these students. Students as a whole in today's age struggle with attention span a lot, I think shortening the duration but increasing the quantity would build more consistency in their learning. Consistency builds habits! Teachers would have more agency to help student build healthy life skills. A seven period day would also ensure that our routine is the same everyday, allowing teachers to grade and prep everyday. I do feel that certain art and CTE classes should have two period long classes to allow students the opportunity to practice after instruction and a clean up well.

It would help with teacher retention, specifically with only getting preps every other day it can be

difficult on the days you do not get one. Funding is hard, having a balance is hard. I think most teachers only think about their own world and don't look at the bigger picture or what it would take to get to a 7 class period day. Whatever decision is made I hope the teachers understand how lucky they have it here with the admin team the middle school has.

The block schedule is difficult for students to remain engaged which results in student burn-out and behavior issues.

I am in favor of switching to a 7 period day mainly because I believe it is a better format for teacher instruction and student retention and the high school level.
If a student gets to interact with the subject matter everyday versus every other it gives the student better mastery of the subject matter. The block schedule currently allows for a student to potentially miss the same class for a week's time if he missed 2 of the same days. Instructionally, I see a lot of wasted downtime in the 90 minute blocks at the high school. Keeping the attention of the students over 90 minutes can be difficult. I think the instruction can be more targeted and manageable with a 45 minute period.
Bottom line on this discussion is truly the quality of instruction coming from your teaching staff. If it is 90 minutes or 45, the quality of instruction needs to be there. So regardless of what is decided, I believe aiding in our educators ability to use the time effectively also needs to be addressed. Yet my personal opinion as an educator is that 7 periods a day is more beneficial for the learner.

Staff NO Comments

I worked for 8 years under a 7 period day and it is exhausting! I have 140 students, and taking role every 50 minutes would be overwhelming. More importantly, you lose class time because it takes 3-5 minutes to settle into class and pack up after class, for a total of 6-10 minutes lost.

Block schedule is beneficial for students to cover more in-depth content, increased instructor support for students and reduce outside of class homework. It is especially beneficial for CTE courses and hands-on learning to provide adequate time for students to dive into activities or projects. I am also in favor of the 4 period block schedule as when students are absent for activities, they are only missing 4 classes rather than 7 classes so they don't fall as behind. Block schedule is supposed to encourage more in-class support and work time and limit outside of class homework as well which is helpful for our busy student's schedules. From a CTE perspective, a 50 minute class period quickly becomes a 30 minute session of working through a hands on activity or lab experience once students set up and have time to clean up; in which the experiences are limited. Also, a common comment I hear from my students is a plea for consistency in our school scheduling since it has changed every year of their high school experience. If we move to a 7-period day, I would also suggest consideration for CTE teachers to be able to have double period blocks for some of our advanced level courses, similar to other MT districts. The shift this year from eight periods to seven periods with circle up has been very beneficial in providing support to students who need extra help with content covered in class, students who need to make up missing work, improving students grades, and their participation in CTSOs since they can

use this time to work on these projects as well. I hope that circle up or advisor is continued for our district as well. Thank you for the opportunity to share feedback on our schools scheduling.
45 minutes is not long enough to teach studio, hands on classes. 90 minutes allows students to have successful instruction and time to create or experiment depending on the class. Every year the schedule has changed in some way. Let's have consistency and keep it the way it is.
Block schedule has created a culture where students can hold jobs in high school and have flexibility. Block schedule also creates the opportunity for classes to hold full labs without rushing through and gives students more in class work time which has eliminated a lot of work done at home.
I don't believe that we have enough staff or rooms to accomplish this goal
No 7th period

Staff NEUTRAL Comments:

For high school, some classes benefit from having 90 minutes, while others benefit from the shorter sessions. For example, 90 minutes is great for culinary, pottery, welding, etc. Classes that tend to need the extra time, but 90 minutes of some core classes can be harder on kids.
Don't have an opinion
Unsure about going from one subject to teaching multiple subjects/elective

Parent YES Comments:

With two kids in sports and the travel schedule they currently have they miss a week of school sometimes due to the block schedule. This has put a huge amount of anxiety on my daughter.
I see a lot of wasted time for my students where they could be learning. This doesn't work for most kids who are above average.
I think the teachers and kids get burned out during the longer periods, and there seems to be a lot of wasted time. It seems like the kids would learn more with shorter, more frequent class periods.
I asked my middle schooler as I am more of a neutral party. I had every class everyday. He voted to change to every class shorter every day.

Teenagers attention span is not 90 minutes and I feel instruction may not be happening the entire 90 minutes. Shorter instruction time more often results in a better learning environment.
With having a freshman student I would like to have the schedule changed so that it challenges him to compete tasks on time and if needed, complete them as homework. I feel this is necessary for him to develop time management skills
I would love to be have a four day school week. It'd be such a amazing schedule for our family! 😄 I know families who's children do this and they love it. I am so hoping East Helena does as well!
I feel it would help students after missing a day, having to wait makes it easier to fall further behind without the daily check-in.
I think ultimately you should do what the teachers think is best for the kids. They are the experts and know the kids best at school, I trust their judgement.
Works better for attention, individual lessons, music classes
The shorter periods are good for attention spans and homework planning for our daughter.
There are pros and cons to both sides for sure. I always err on the side of consistency. If things are the same everyday, it helps students who struggle with knowing what is happening everyday if they are seeing their teachers everyday. Students who have appointments/are out for sports/sick only miss one period opposed to 3 periods worth of information. Courses like band/choir/gym may be tricky with 90 minute blocks. A band/choir/ gym participant's facial muscles, voice, and physical endurance can only hold up so long. Those teachers are superstars for working with the current block schedule.
I feel that longer time in each class per day is more beneficial to the students than splitting up the class.
My daughter often texts me to tell me that they have finished with their work for the day, and she will be spending the next 45 minutes, or so, with free time (phone, games, chatting, etc.). I think shorter periods of time would enable kids to break up the learning a bit, and encourage more productive time while in class. Also, if missing classes for sports, they would not necessarily miss so much work for one course.
I don't mind the High school being on block schedule, but middle school does not work
I think there are proven benefits to both, but unless the 90 minute block is structured where all the time can benefit the student, it could be difficult to keep the attention and engagement of the student. Maybe 7 period for EVMS and 90 block for EHHS to determine effectiveness of each?
It is incredibly hard for this age of kids to stay focused in these long classes!!! They get bored and end up hating school! This should have been fixed after Covid!!! We are 100% for going back to 7 classes per day. Immediately!
I attended EVMS and enjoyed the 7 period day structure during my time.

7 or 8 periods a day with all your classes the same day. 1.5 hours in a single class??? I'd be sleeping.
Easier for kids with anxiety to navigate because it remains the same.
It’s better for the high schoolers because then they aren’t stuck in the same class for so long.
I had the 7 period schedule growing up and it was great. 90 minutes in each period just seems a bit much.
90 minutes is too long to hold the attention span of kids trying to fully learn.
There is too much wasted time and jids lose focus
The way the schedule is set up for the middle school doesn't make a lot of sense. If the block schedule was set for longer periods you might be able to tackle more information.
Shorter classes may allow for better sustained student attention.
These students are exhausted by being in the same class for the length of time they currently are. They need to be able to have 7 classes a day instead of 3 or 4 classes per day. Not to mention your students in activities are missing a week at a time some weeks. The teachers are also exhausted from not seeing those kids for a week and then having to back track to get them caught up. At the middle school the teachers tried to switch things up and it worked for a little bit but now that isn’t working well either. I have heard from several that they want a 7 period schedule and have let their wishes be known but it always seems to be landing on deaf ears. Some are in currently looking for new employment from other school districts.
The middle school definitely needs to be back on a seven period day. Ms. Morris did a good job this year by working with the block schedule to break it up, but it would be so much better if they could go to every class, every day. There’s more accountability, fewer missing assignments, better retention, and more opportunity for teachers to mentor/be aware of student needs. For high school, there are pros and cons to consider. However, I would ultimately say that a traditional schedule would benefit them more than a block schedule does. For instance, when I substitute at Helena High school, I notice that the students are engaged longer and get more work done in 45 minutes than many of our students do in an hour and a half. Block schedule seems to have conditioned them to not prioritize their time. If I had to choose, I think that the same benefits listed above for middle schoolers would apply to high schoolers. I come at this from a parent perspective and an employee perspective.
With having the experience of the 7 period schedule, I feel this is better suited for students to have more opportunities to meet with their teachers to address questions regarding the current study topic they have at that time. There would also Beno need to determine A days vs B days and the switching on and off that is a constant nuisance and not rooted in reality and how life actually is. I feel the current

schedule format hinders students more than it helps.
Great Idea
A seven-period school day promotes academic flexibility, personal development, and better preparation for future goals. It gives students more opportunities to learn, grow, and succeed without sacrificing balance. Block schedules are not conducive to athletic activities.
Current schedule is hard to follow, and not helpful when children need assistance on a subject. The core subjects lose the forward momentum that class everyday provides, With the "block" schedule it can benefit the technical classed like art, music and gym but these are not the important partes of are students school hours.
Thank you for letting everyone weigh in on this.
I think it would be easier on the kids if they missed a day to make up if classes were shorter and daily I stead of long and every other day
I believe that a schedule allowing students to attend each of their classes daily provides the best opportunity for them to stay caught up with their coursework. In my view, daily sessions offer sufficient time for learning without exceeding the students' ability to remain focused. Additionally, this gives kids the opportunity to get up and move around more and give mental breaks that are very necessary. I feel the current schedule of attending one class twice in a day is very inefficient.
Kids do not have the mental focus for 90 minute periods. Most adults don’t even have the stamina to focus that long. Also, meeting every other day limits consistency and retention. There are also many peer reviewed studies on why block schedules don’t work for kids.

I think that the kids should be able to be in every class daily. It will Give them a better chance to stay on top of learning instead of waiting another full Day to try and restart whatever they are learning about.
My children have expressed that a 7 period per day would be less intensive per subject and more productive accumulatively.
A 7 class schedule will be better for the children. I think that the same class twice a day makes no sense. One classroom for each class once a day is better in my option.
I believe the Blue/Silver schedule is so very confusing and makes life much more difficult to keep straight.
It makes more sense to have a class every day. That way you retain the information that is being taught easier. Plus if you have Gym. Then you're getting cardio everyday. Which a lot of kids don't get.
The block schedule never made sense
The the students would have more access to the teachers, be able to do their homework and possible more understanding with everyday contact rather than the four days they have now.
I think it's important that the students receive instruction and interaction from their teachers each day. Also, a 7 block schedule allows for students to be up and moving a little more due to the transitions. Even as adults it can become difficult to sit and listen to a certain topic for longer periods of time.
My child gets bored easily so 90 minutes seems long
My child has a hard time focusing with the long class periods.
I would like 7 periods to have shorter classes that are missed when students are gone for a day. It also would get rid of that last period where kids are getting called out
I think it is easier for kids to retain knowledge touching on information each day. Also when kids travel for various activities they may not miss as much work for the different classes.

My son is a junior this year and taking the heavy classes. It has hit him like a brick. He has had block since 6th grade (mega block.. I believe). He has always had tons of time to do his school work at school. He failed to adequately build the exe functioning skills of organization, time management, and planning in regards to balancing his job, homework, and chores. Now he has homework with 2 AP classes, calc, and chem. He is now developing those skills, but it has been a struggle. Chores have had to go by the wayside. His room smells like someone peed on a gym sock, stuffed it with leaves and threw it on a Christmas tree.

I am not sure that the block schedule is prepping our kids for college. College instruction is very different. It is one hour lecture and that reading/assignments on your own. Now, they have the lecture and all the assignments in the same 90 min. Unless.. they get into the tough classes then they get to develop those skills a bit more.

I also know that students have a certain stamina for a subject. Too often, following a lecture, they move to screens and I question if TWO lessons are ever presented during a class period which will lead to rigor erosion.

On the flip, I imagine that certain hands-on courses (cooking, art, automotive, etc). are better suited to a 90 minute block. They can gain momentum.

my student struggles with some classes and does not enjoy all of them. She has come to hate a or b days. Usually on day is fun and the other she hates. It would be nice to be able to have all classes every day so she can enjoy EVERY day and not A or B days. Plus I think daily repetition is helpful

An hour and half class is too long, and doing the same class twice a day is absurd. All periods should be fine everyday.

I really think the Circle Up times, advisories have been a waste of time for the kids. While I won't check my kid out during these times unless absolutely necessary, my kid has asked to be excused because they feel it's a waste of time.

There is a vast amount of research detailing youth attention span that lends itself to shorter class periods and frequent breaks. A seven period day would suit this attention span and frequent break recipe for success.

A seven period day would eliminate the continuous change to 'filling time' disguised as circle up this year, but a variety of other brands in recent years too. While, in theory, this time would be ideal, it's an additional thing for teachers to plan for and an ambiguous time for students. While some may use it productively, there are a slew that don't attend, even more that doddle and yet more that do not have the attention and skill set to utilize it productively. Eliminating this frees up instructional time for ...

Instruction!

A seven period day allows students to interact with content area information each day, without a gap in instruction between days. Math everyday vs. Math every other day, for example, creates continuity and allows for immediate feedback and consistent practice.

I am in favor (tenfold!) of returning to the seven day period model. For the sake of learning and student success, I truly believe it better than the block.

Thanks for collecting feedback from stakeholders! Much appreciated!

I believe that it would help with student retention of subjects being taught every day as opposed to every other day. I also believe that the shorter class period for the subject would also help keep students focused and not cause teachers to have to manage behaviors when students begin to tune out in the longer class periods.

I grew up with 7 periods a day

I think it is easier for a student to stay focused in each class with the more traditional 7 period day.

I believe the block schedule was adopted due to COVID return. Students do not like it, they are not as engaged, and they want to go to the classes they love everyday! I know my children are bored and would do much better with 7 classes/day.

Parent NO Comments:

My daughter loves the schedule because it allows her to get her work done each day, and also gives her the chance to go back and work on something she may have forgotten to do during the first part of

the class. She doesn't feel rushed each class trying to learn in a short period of time, and she enjoys having a "day off" from classes with the A B schedule.
Prefer 4 periods per day but longer classes vs 4 classes twice a day
My child really enjoys the ability to have more focused time for classes, discussions and work.
I really like how students can get homework done at school in class with the longer periods. This helps a lot at home with after school activities and family time.
My kids have loved the block schedule and do not want to go back to a traditional schedule
The block schedule allows students to have ample time to work on assignments without homework. Those students who are athletes or have a job need all the time in school so they don't have to stress about getting their homework done late at night. It opens up all students to be able to better in their classes.
I can see the benefit to it, but I think this current system works out better for a myriad of classes. Specifically the arts and trades we're having the extra 30-45 minutes of work every other day allows them to better immerse themselves in it. For my dependent, who has a disability, having to not walk back-and-forth each and every day to each, and every class is definitely a bonus. I totally understand the school looking at going back to a seven class a day schedule. It's what I grew up in and this current schedule took me a little while to come around on from a guardian perspective.
The current block schedule allows time for both instruction and work time while instruction is fresh. Students are able to ask questions, seek help and complete their work assignments. It's imperative that kids that are working and contributing to households in other capacities continue to be able to complete their school day, at school. This also teaches them that work life balance is important.
My child at EVMS seems to be doing well in the current block period setup. I think it's better time spent on focusing on a few classes per day than 7. It gives them time for their lessons and to discuss and work on their assignments/material for that day. Please note my student is in 227 Academy. I will have my child do a survey, also.
This was the one thing my kids loved about moving to Helena and EHH they love that they get more time in class to do the work and ask questions. I as a parent have noticed better grades as well if you switch to the 7 period you will have more kids that will not do so well it's nice to have a break from each class. Highly don't recommend this.
Our rising seniors have only known block since 7th grade and it will drive a complete change in their learning styles and time management skills before college (which is closer to block). I also have an athlete that misses class and making up stuff with twice as may teachers is hard. Finally, many classes benefit from the longer work period as well as time for teaching then application in one sitting. Please don't change…our kids who had Covid in 6th grade (when they jumped from 1 teacher to several) are finally recovering academically and showing signs of college preparedness.
Kids are used to the schedule now. It will throw a lot of kids off if it changes. Thank you

Students will be too rushed in a 7 period school day.
I believe the existing block schedule allows for a more in depth discussion, interaction, and learning experience for students and teachers and it should remain
I feel my EVMS student really benefited this year with the new changes that were made to this years schedule. My student struggles to keep their focus with long durations The shortened periods/break in class time was positive for them, their overall gpa significantly improved 90 minutes classes are too long
My student, a freshman, feels it's better than have the same class every day. More time to get help from teachers and to do the extra work assigned.
I think the block's give the kids time to get most of their homework completed in school and that helps with getting to bed after all the after school activities because they don't have to sit down at 9:00 pm to start a bunch of homework. Also seem to be fewer distractions s and wasted time between periods.
I believe the block schedule is a great way for student athletes to miss less classroom time while traveling. My student loves the block schedule and would hate to see it changed. I grew up with the 7 period per day schedule and would frequently miss class due to sports and sometimes it was hard to make those days up and catch up with the curriculum. I see only pro's with sticking to the block schedule.
As a parent of students at EVMS and EHHS I am in favor of keeping the current block schedule as is. It is nice to have more time in each of the classes to be able to get their work done. It's nice that the students only have to worry about 4 classes a day and focus on those instead of shorter periods and not enough time to get school work done in class.
Having experienced both a traditional seven-period schedule and a four-period block schedule during my time in high school, I have seen firsthand how each structure shapes the academic experience. While both models present advantages and challenges, I strongly favor the four-period block schedule based on the impact it had on my own learning and overall academic growth. One of the most significant benefits of the block schedule is the extended and consistent face time with each teacher. Longer class periods allowed for deeper engagement with material, more thorough instruction, and meaningful discussion. Rather than feeling rushed to cover content within a limited timeframe, teachers were able to explore topics in greater depth. As a student, this created space to process information more fully and participate more actively in class. Additionally, the block schedule provided more opportunity to ask questions about homework or concepts that required clarification. Because classes met every other day but for longer periods, there was intentional time built into lessons for review, discussion, and guided practice. I found that this

structure reduced confusion and strengthened my understanding before moving forward. It created a rhythm of learning that felt both manageable and supportive.

In contrast, the seven-period traditional schedule often resulted in a heavier and more fragmented workload. Managing assignments, projects, and assessments across seven different classes meeting every day could quickly become overwhelming for both students and teachers. The pace frequently felt compressed, and transitions between shorter periods sometimes limited the depth of instruction. With so many daily classes competing for time and attention, consistency in lesson delivery and comprehension varied more noticeably.

From my perspective, the block schedule fostered stronger academic relationships, improved focus, and a more balanced workload. It encouraged depth over breadth and allowed for intentional engagement with each subject. While no system is without its drawbacks, my experience suggests that the four-period block schedule provides a more effective and sustainable learning environment for both students and educators.

I have older kids that have had the 7 class
Schedule and I will say my kids that have block schedule seem like they do better in class, my high schooler is considering Dillion for college because of the block scheduling they offer. I also will say it seems easier for kids in sports to make up school work when they miss for games etc. or even miss because of illness.

Changing it to a seven period day will overwhelm the students. When they have four periods they can focus more on each subject while having a higher quality of work. If most universities don't do seven classes at once why should the high school?

I enjoyed 4 period classes when I was in high school mostly because I could do 2 years of Spanish credits in 1 school year.

The block schedule allows students time to ask questions on assignments, focus on 4 classes for a day as well as homework is more focused at night, complete larger activities during their class period which is beneficial for many of the elective classes and labs and requires students to carry less books at one time between classes as there is little time to get to a locker and swap books given the bell schedule.

I move a lot as a kid and got to experience firsthand both a traditional and block schedule. I preferred block - but if a 3rd option is on the table, my favorite was a 'balanced block'. We had periods 0-7. Tuesday/Thursday was even periods, Monday/Wednesday was odd periods. This was by far my favorite schedule. A sample of that can be found here https://timpview.provo.edu/school-calendar/

Both of my daughters prefer the 4 period day. They find it less stressful to catch up on work if they miss a day of school.

My children have had greater academic success with the block schedule. Thank you to all the amazing

staff at EHPS.
Having been taught through the traditional 6 periods a day i felt like I did not get enough one on one instruction when I was struggling with an assignment and constantly had to take homework home to complete. With the 4 period students get more one on one time to get assignments completed snd a better understanding of the material. Dont fix something that isn't broke.
We like block schedule better
I appreciate the block schedule because it allows students to get work done during the school day. Homework is very difficult due to the demands of all the extracurricular activities.
Block schedules allow for more uninterrupted time in the class/lesson, kids learn more, bring home less homework, and it's a smoother transition into next units. Longer block style classes also prepare them for longer lab/lecture type classes in college. Kids also feel less rushed in the block schedule. As a parent who has had 2 kids go through 7 period days, and 2 who participate in block schedule, the block scheduling is what all my kids would choose over 7 period days.
My students prefer the block schedule currently in place
The block schedule lets the kids concentrate on 4 classes a day instead of all 7, allows more time in class to complete work and overall has been beneficial for my kids.
Both of my daughters like the schedule the way it it.
I can see that the block schedule has its benefits. There is more time in class for students to do their work. (My kids rarely have homework because they get most of their work done in class) classes like electives (foods, art, woodshop, PE/weights and welding) benefit from the extra time in class with a block schedule. Perhaps having a block schedule Monday-Thursday and all classes on fridays would work well.
Having a day between homework due and the amount of class time to really invest in a subject is helpful to my child.
You are now having more intervention time for students to get help. If you go to 7 periods you lose that time. More kids will fail more classes. What does your data say on this. The only thing I don't like is that students from EHHS do not have study skills. They can get their work completed during the day but then when they have home work they don't know how to manage their time. They don't know how to study for tests right now. This is really important when they get out for college. They don't have the study skills. I am not sure if teaching that part will help during intervention or once a week do a study skills part.
Block works for teacher instruction and then having time to get assignment done and ask questions.
The day in between classes helps them have time to focus on other classes. Not just all classes eveey

single day.
I think the block schedule gives more flexibility for absences. For instance if you miss 2 days you only miss 1 class period in each class. I also think it gives variation in the weeks for teachers and students. Longer instruction time. It also provides students a break from classes they do not achieve as highly in or may not like as much.
I think the block periods are very beneficial! The length of the classes is great, I feel like I have learned so much in my highschool years because I get so much time to learn and engage with the lesson and the long periods have helped me get closer to many of my classmates. Probably not the cause that I'm getting closer to new people but whatever block days are better.
I think the block schedule allows for a better learning experience.
Kids like to have the extra time for work in school vs bring it home.
I personally think it’s great for students to have a longer time in each class. After instruction being taught, the students have time to get assignments done. If they have questions, they have time to ask the teacher for help. With my daughter being a student athlete, it is very helpful this way so they can get all they need done. After school they are mentally drained and physically drained from practice. Most of us parents don’t understand the new teaching ways and have no way of helping a drained and wore out kid at home to help with homework. The kids should be able to get all the work done in class with the help at school available.

Parent Neutral Comments:

I like a 90min block when it's all at once so that a subject can have to time to dive deep. That being said, these are covid/technology raised children so I don't have the knowledge to know if they could handle that chunk of time all at once. I do find it interesting that my kiddo feels like with the schedule now that the 2nd time a class happens each day it's just review and she has expressed she would like it to continue rather than review. (I'm sure if this is true or not, just her words) It would be interesting to see if it was changed to a 7 period day, how teachers and students felt about it.
From my perspective I would defer to the education experts.
(I was once a high school student that had a block schedule) I really enjoyed alternating my class schedule each day. I also valued the amount of time we had during class periods to get through material and accomplish more without feeling like everything was rushed. I also attended a school with a regular 7-period schedule and the passing periods being only 2-3 minutes was chaotic. Especially having to use the restroom or get something from a locker in that time

They both have their pros and cons. Block classes are easier to make up work, but 7 periods a day keeps attention more.
Leaves kids to be more apt to getting into trouble or causing chaos. There’s not enough things to do here and would prefer the standard schedule.
In my day we had 7 periods. Some subjects were 2-period classes allowing time for Art, Shop, Labs, advanced classes, etc. I believe 3&4 or 5&6P. Students could take a 2-period class M&Th and another Tu&F if they chose. Or take 7 classes. W was 7 period for all. Stidents needed to give thought to their schedule when choosing classes. Time is needed for many lessons and class activities in a 2-period or block schedule. However, I do not like block when a student doesn't have a class and is idle (sleeping or goofing). And I do not like the Blue/Silver days and inconsistent schedule of when a kid is/isn't to be at school. We all had standard 1st, 2nd, and 7th to keep the bus schedules and give everyone standard times and places to be at the start and end of the day.
I think there are pros and cons to a 7-period day and to a block schedule. The current block schedule makes it challenging for student athletes to keep up with their missed work when traveling due to athletic and club activities. The current schedule also loads students with 6-7 courses, depending on their classes, in which some cases they don't revisit for 3-4 days depending on the "color" of the day, or missed school days. Block scheduling however, allows teachers and students to spend a longer amount of time focusing on one subject matter, and therefore diving deeper into the topic, and potentially retaining more information. I would suggest the school district looks as possibly moving to a 1/2 school year block schedule - where students take 4 classes for 1/2 the year, 90 minutes per class AND then mid-year switch to 4 different classes. Student athletes may experience continued challenges around missing class due to participation in athletes and club with this model however, students are able to focus on 4 subject matters each 1/2 of the year.
I appreciate that when my child does have homework in the current block schedule format, she has over 24 hrs to complete it. With extra curricular activities and a far commute, that extra time lowers stress and pressure. That being said, I also find it impossible as an adult to remember which day is which each morning in regards to the block scheduling.