# Marple Newtown School District
# 2027-2028
# Academic Calendar Presentation

# MNSD Calendar Survey Results

2026

# Administration recently surveyed our families and teachers for their feedback on the District calendar

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| Total Responses | **1078** |
| Elementary Families | **325** |
| Middle School Families | **120** |
| High School Families | **202** |
| Families with children in multiple grade levels | **255** |
| Teachers | **176** |

## 1. What is your relationship to Marple Newtown School District?

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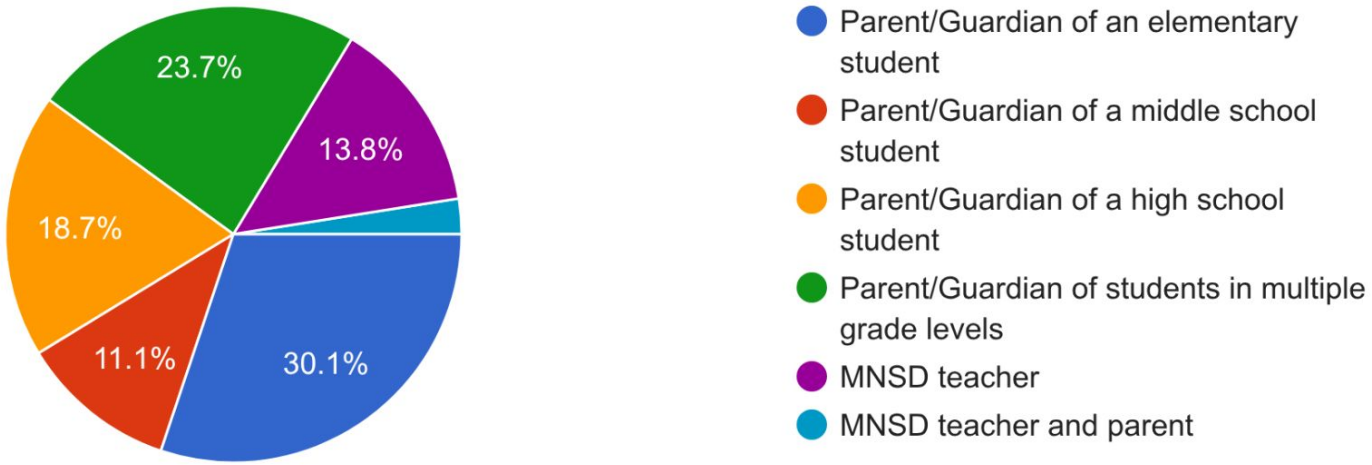

## 2. Overall, how important is the school calendar to your family's planning?

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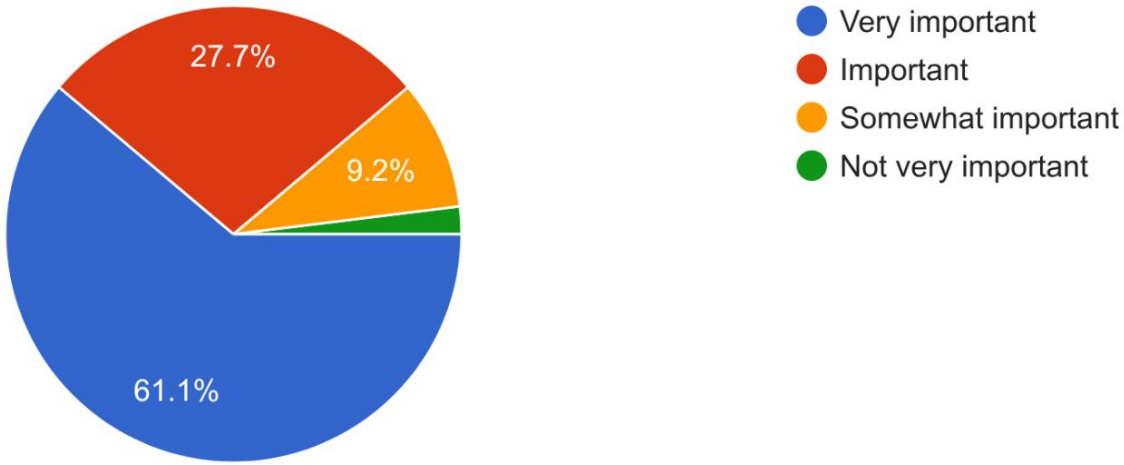

3. This school year, students began school on September 1, before Labor Day (which was September 7). How satisfied were you with that start date?

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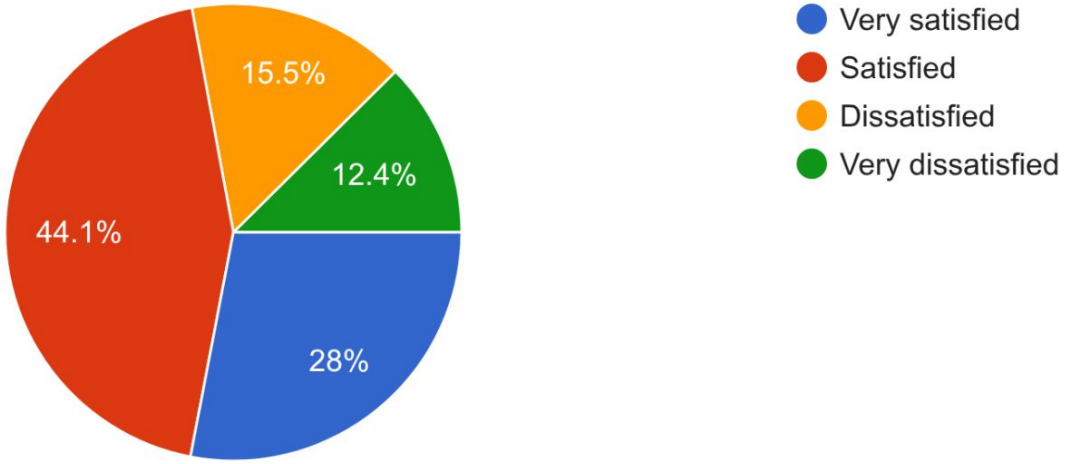

4. Because Labor Day fell later this year, students began school before the holiday. How satisfied were you with the four-day Labor Day weekend included in the calendar?

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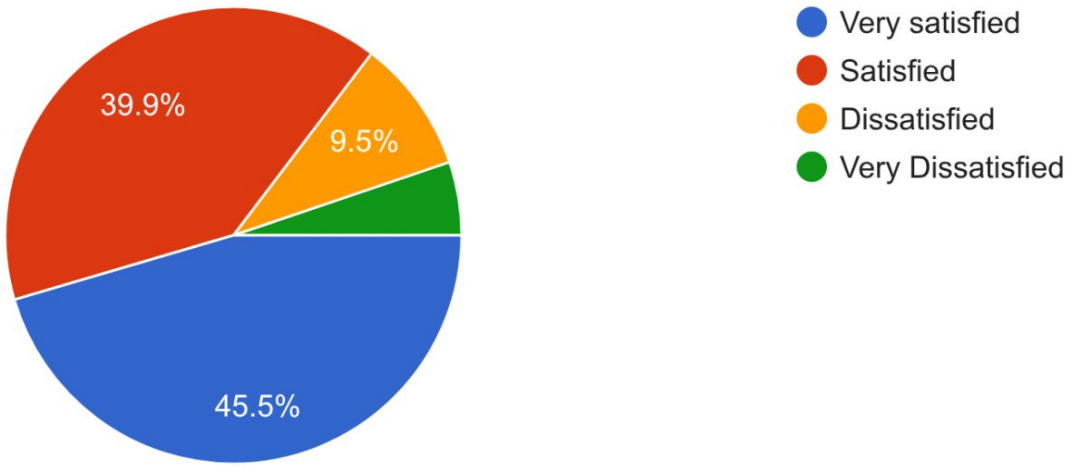

5. How important is the timing of Labor Day in relation to the start of the school year for your family?

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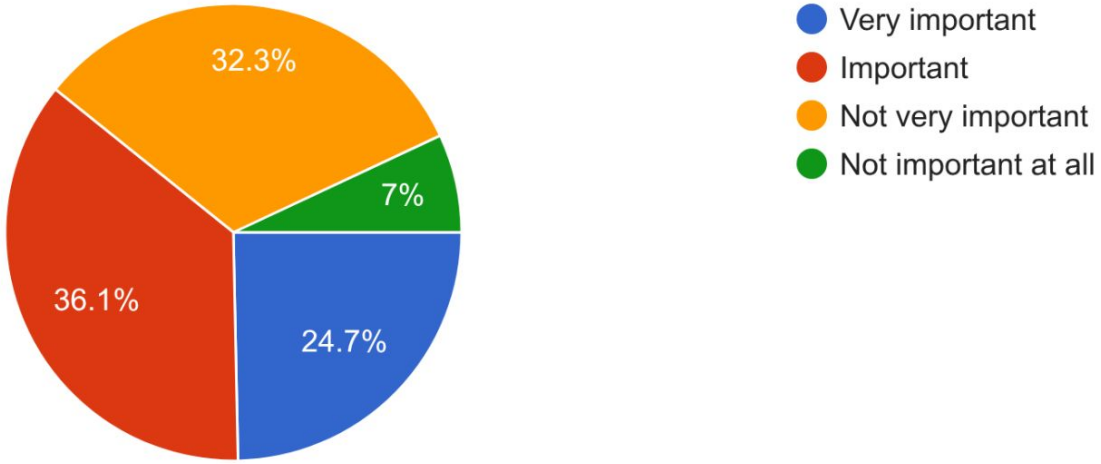

6. In an effort to make our calendar more predictable for families and teachers, would you favor the District starting the student school year on the fir...y of September each year, regardless of Labor Day?

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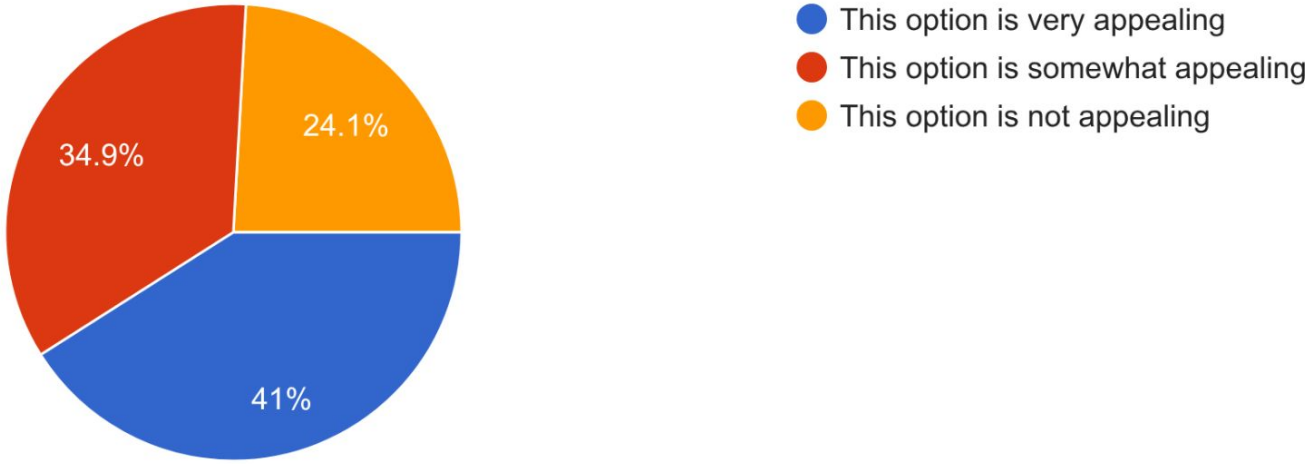

7. How important is it to your family that the school year end as early in June as possible, while still meeting all Pennsylvania Department of Education requirements?

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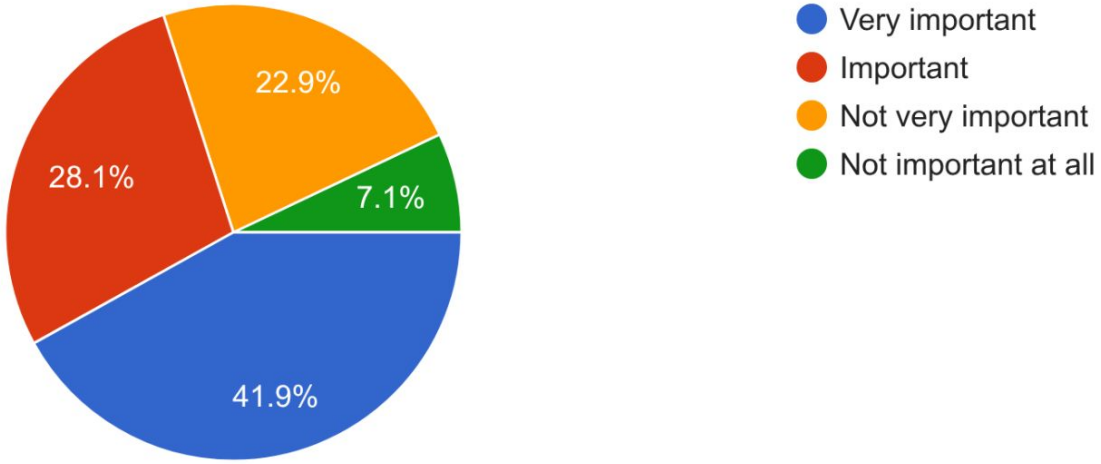

8. If the District starts school after Labor Day, would you support a shorter spring break or fewer days off during the school year in order to finish by mid-June?

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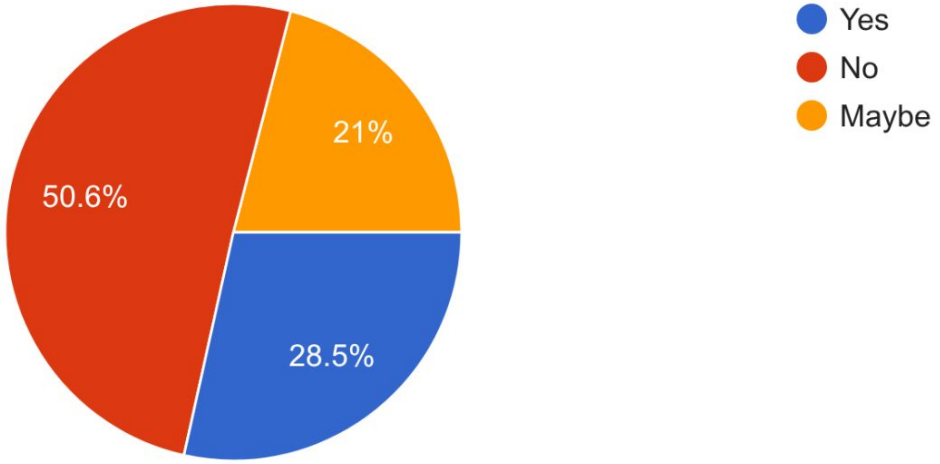

9. How important is it that the District calendar align closely with the calendars of neighboring school districts?

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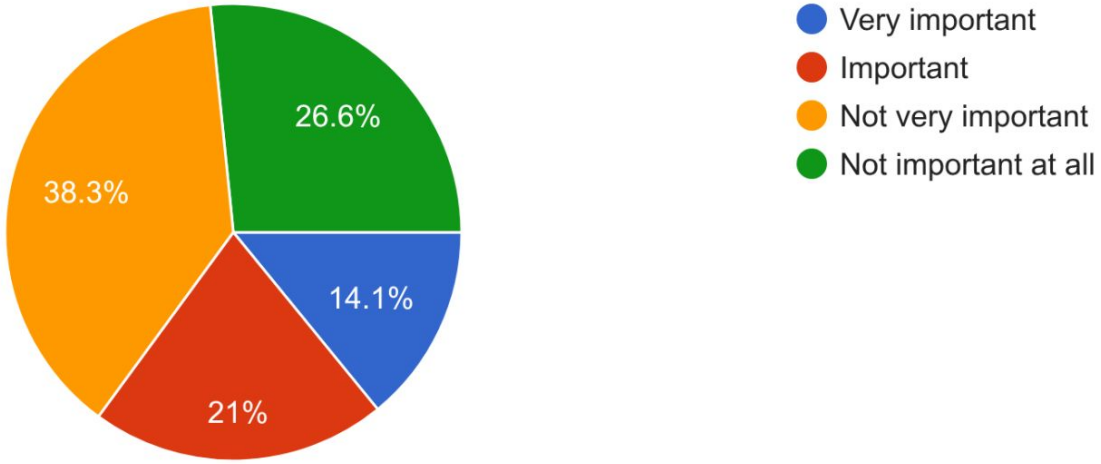

## 10. Which calendar tradeoff would your family prefer?

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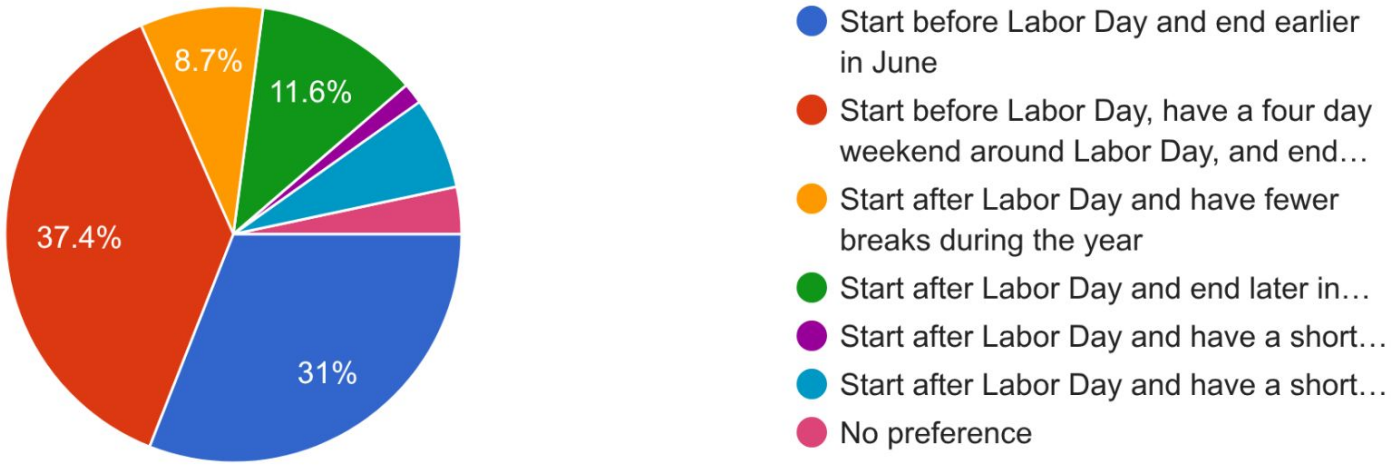

11. How important is it to you that students have a full week off from school for winter and/or spring break?

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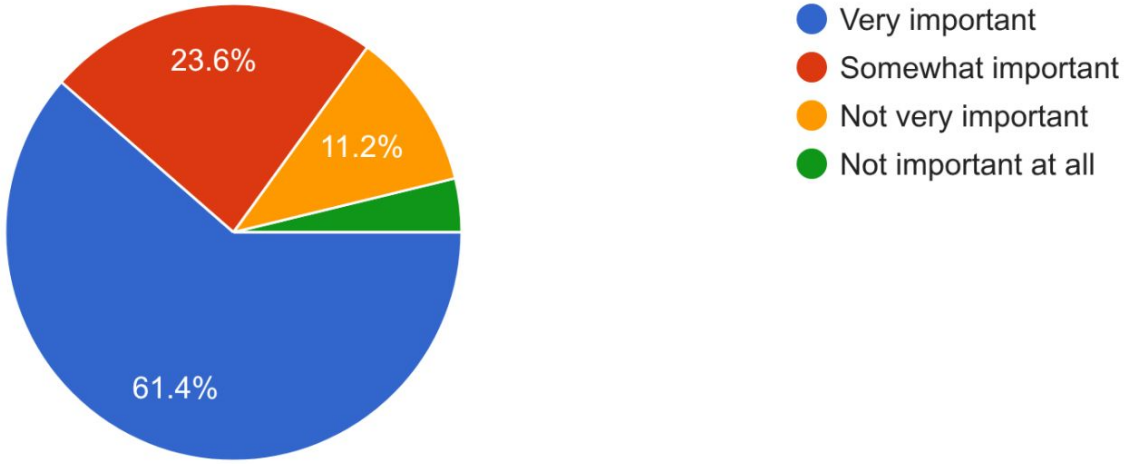

12. Some local school districts begin the student school year toward the end of August, potentially allowing more instructional time prior to state assessments and calendar flexibility. This option is ...

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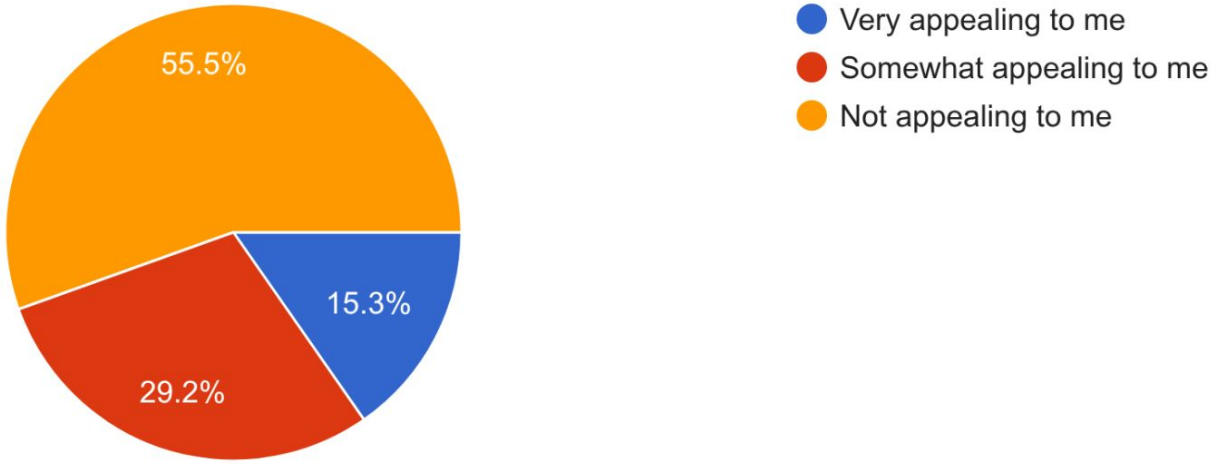

## 13. What are the most important factors the District should consider when developing the school calendar? (select up to three)

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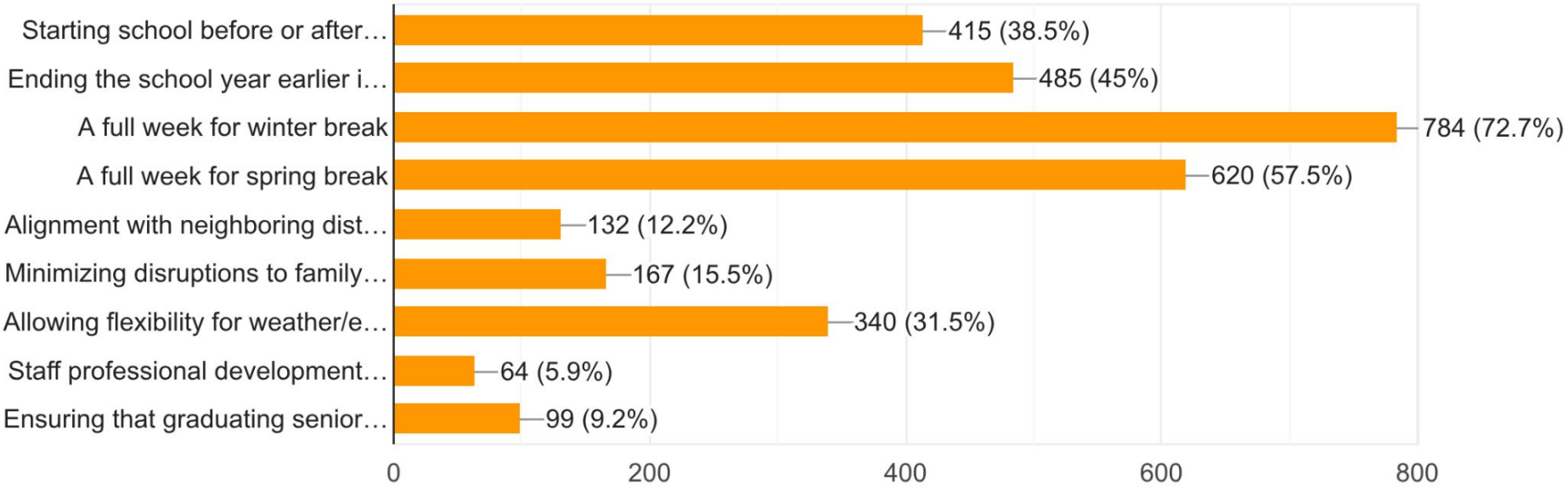

14. Of your responses to questions 2 through 13 above, about which do you feel strongest?

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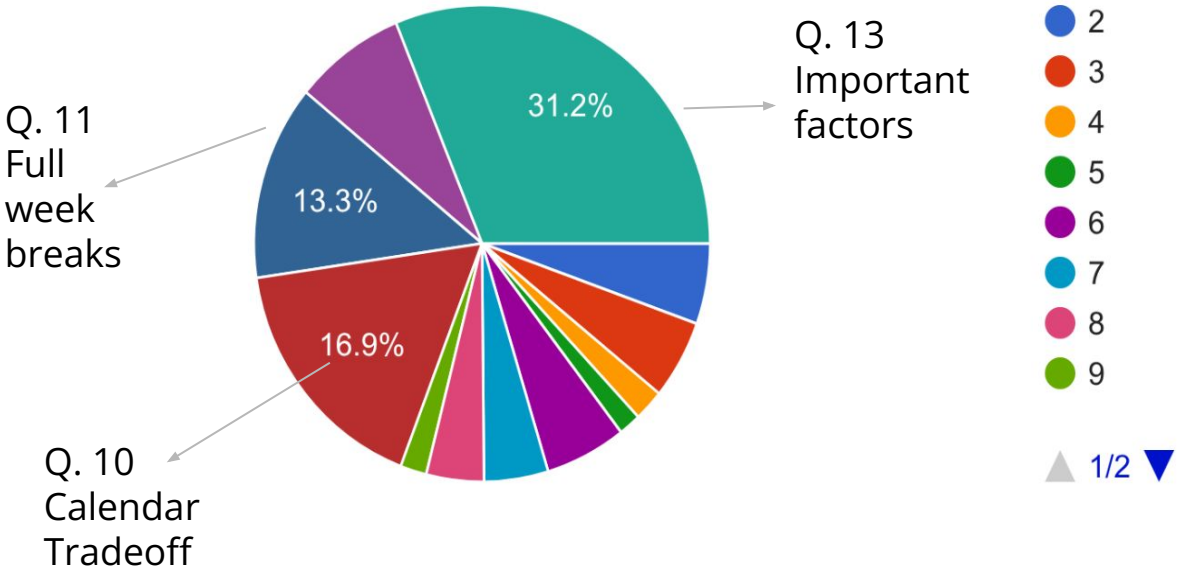

# Takeaways from the survey results, part 1

The calendar is important to respondents.

- 88.6% said the calendar is Important or Very important to family planning.

Respondents were satisfied with this year's calendar.

- 72.5% were satisfied with the September 1 start.
- 85.4% were satisfied with the four-day Labor Day weekend.

# Takeaways from the survey, part 2

A before-Labor-Day start was a preferred tradeoff.

- 68.2% selected one of the before-Labor-Day tradeoff options.
- The two most popular overall choices were:
  - Start before Labor Day, have a four-day weekend around Labor Day, and end around mid-June: 36.6%
  - Start before Labor Day and end earlier in June: 31.5%

Full-week winter and spring breaks were priorities.

- 72.2% selected a full week for winter break as a top factor.
- 56.7% selected a full week for spring break as a top factor.
- 60.8% said full-week breaks were Very important.

# Takeaways from the survey, part 3

Ending school earlier in June was preferred.

- 69.7% said ending as early in June as possible was Important or Very important.

Most respondents do not want a later start if it means shortening breaks.

- The most common answer was “No” when asked about shortening spring break or reducing days off to allow a post-Labor-Day start.

Alignment with neighboring districts was a lower priority.

- 64.7% rated alignment as Not important at all or Not very important.

# Two calendar proposals

Based on many factors, including the recent survey feedback from our school community, we have two calendar proposals.

Labor Day in 2027 is Monday, September 6

**Calendar A**: School begins for students on Tuesday, August 31 and ends on Thursday, June 8, 2028

**Calendar B**: School begins for students on Tuesday, September 7 and ends on Tuesday, June 13.

*Let us take a closer look at the two proposals ...*

# August and September 2026

## Calendar A

| AUGUST '27 | | | | | | |
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| 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 29 | 30 | 31 | | | | |
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8/9-8/12 Induction Days
8/17-8/19 and 8/23-8/26 In-Service Days (Act 80)
8/31 First Day of School

Teacher Days 8
Student Days 1

| SEPTEMBER '27 | | | | | | |
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9/3 Schools Closed
9/6 Schools and Offices Closed

Teacher Days 20
Student Days 20

## Calendar B

| AUGUST '27 | | | | | | |
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8/16-8/19 Induction Days
8/24-8/26 and 8/30-8/31 In-Service Days (Act 80)

Teacher Days 5
Student Days 0

| SEPTEMBER '27 | | | | | | |
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9/1 -9/2 In-Service Days (Act 80)
9/6 Schools and Offices Closed
9/7 First Day of School

Teacher Days 20
Student Days 18

# October and November 2026

## Calendars A/B

| OCTOBER '27 | | | | | | |
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| 31 | | | | | | |

10/11 Schools and Offices Closed
10/29 All Students Half Day In-Service (Act 80)

Teacher Days 20
Student Days 20

| NOVEMBER '27 | | | | | | |
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11/2 No School for Students, In-Service Day (Act 80)
TBD End of MP 1 Sec.
11/22-11/23 All Students Half Days, K-12 Conferences
11/23 Evening Conferences
11/24 All Students & Teachers Half Day
11/25-11/26 Schools & Offices Closed

Teacher Days 20
Student Days 19

# December 2026 and January 2027

## Calendars A/B

| DECEMBER '27 | | | | | | |
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TBD End of MP 1 Elem.
TBD HS Keystone Exams
12/24 Schools & Offices Closed
12/27-12/30 Schools Closed
12/31 Schools & Offices Closed

Teacher Days 17
Student Days 17

| JANUARY '28 | | | | | | |
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1/14 All Students Half Day In-Service (Act 80)
1/17 Schools & Offices Closed
TBD End of MP 2 Sec.

Teacher Days 20
Student Days 20

# February and March 2027

## Calendars A/B

2/11 All Students Half Day
In-Service (Act 80)
2/14 Schools & Offices Closed
2/17 HS Evening Conferences

Teacher Days 20
Student Days 20

**FEBRUARY '28**

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3/2 MS Only Half Day
Afternoon & Evening
Conferences
TBD End of MP 2 Elem.
3/16-3/17 ES Only Half Day
3/16 ES Evening Conferences

Teacher Days 23
Student Days 23

**MARCH '28**

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# April and May 2027

## Calendars A/B

TBD End of MP 3 Sec.
TBD PSSA ELA, Math,
Science & Make-ups
4/10-4/12 Schools Closed
4/13-4/14 Schools and Offices
Closed

Teacher Days 15
Student Days 15

| APRIL '28 | | | | | | |
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TBD Keystone Exams
5/16 No School for Students
In-Service Day (Act 80)
5/26 All Students & Teachers
Half Day
5/29 Schools & Offices Closed

Teacher Days 22
Student Days 21

| MAY '28 | | | | | | |
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# June 2027 and Summary

## Calendar A

6/6 HS only Half Day
6/7 MS and HS only Half Day
6/8 MNHS Commencement
6/8 All Students Half Day and Last Day of School
TBD End of MP 3 Elem.
TBD End of MP 4 Sec.
6/9 In-Service Day (Act 80)
6/12 In-Service (PLM)

Teacher Days 8
Student Days 6

**JUNE '28**

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**Please Note:**
Teacher Days: 193
Student Days: 182
Senior Days: 182

**Make-up Snow Day if needed:**
5/16 (asynchronous)
4/10, 4/11, 4/12

Induction for New Teachers
Teacher In-Service, School Closed
Schools and Offices Closed
First Student Day
Schools Closed
Half Day for Students and Teachers and for In-Service or Conferences
Evening Conferences
Half Day for Students and Teachers
Last Day for all Students – Half Day

## Calendar B

6/8 HS only Half Day, MNHS Commencement
6/9 MS and HS only Half Day,
6/12 All Students Half Day
6/13 All Students Half Day, Last Day of School
TBD End of MP 3 Elem.
TBD End of MP 4 Sec.
6/14 In-Service Day (Act 80)
6/15 In-Service Day (PLM)

Teacher Days 11
Student Days 9

**JUNE '28**

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# A special note about May 16th in Calendar B ...

For our graduating seniors, the bookends to the school year are the first day and Commencement, which traditionally is the second Thursday in June.

In order to meet that criteria and fit in the PDE-mandated 180 days, May 16th would be an asynchronous learning day for seniors.

# What is an asynchronous learning day?

Marple Newtown School District has approval from the Pennsylvania Department of Education to utilize five (5) Flexible Instruction Days (FID). These days require advance preparation. FIDs count as official school days. Teachers are required to account for attendance.

**What Students Should Expect**

- Assignments and virtual meeting links will be posted in *Schoology* for each class period.
- Students will complete assigned work independently by accessing materials through *Schoology*.

**Virtual Support**

- As scheduled, teachers will be available virtually to:
  - Review expectations
  - Answer questions
  - Provide guidance and clarification
- Students may join the virtual sessions for support. Participation is optional. Cameras are not required.
- Teachers will monitor email throughout the day to assist students. Parents with questions may email the appropriate staff member and can expect a timely response.

# Calendar recommendation of school administration

All things considered, we are recommending **Calendar A** as presented tonight.

- Four-day Labor Day weekend
- Comparatively more instructional days prior to PSAT, SAT, AP and state testing
- More than a week off for winter break
- A full week for spring break
- No need to reserve May 16 as an asynchronous learning day for seniors
- Earliest possible end to the school year (June 8) while maintaining all PDE requirements

# Labor Day Holiday Dates 2027-2032

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| 2027 | September 6 |
| 2028 | September 4 |
| 2029 | September 3 |
| 2030 | September 2 |
| 2031 | September 1 |
| 2032 | September 6 |

MNSD Administration proposal to Board-approve the 2028-2029 Academic Calendar this spring in order to provide everyone with advance notice.

# Questions?