

Community Input on 2016-17 School Calendar

QUESTIONS

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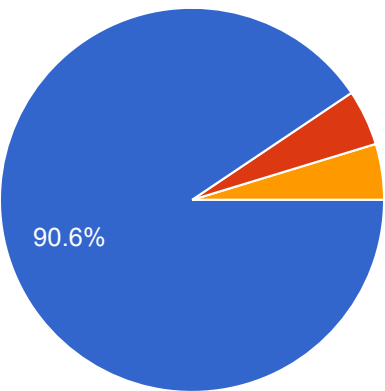
SUMMARY

INDIVIDUAL

Accepting responses ☒

The district is looking at starting school on August 23rd. This is the earliest legal date we can start. We feel starting on this date will allow us to have enough days in the first semester and still end the semester before Christmas Break. Please share your feelings on this start date below.

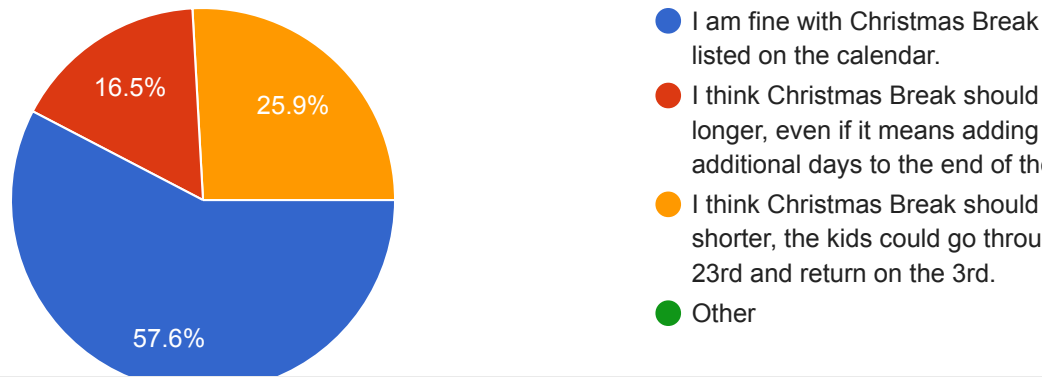
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- ☒ I am fine starting school on the earliest date, August 23rd.
- ☐ I believe we should start school that week.
- ☐ I believe we should start school following week or even after La Day, even though it means the semester will end after Christmas Break
- ☐ Other

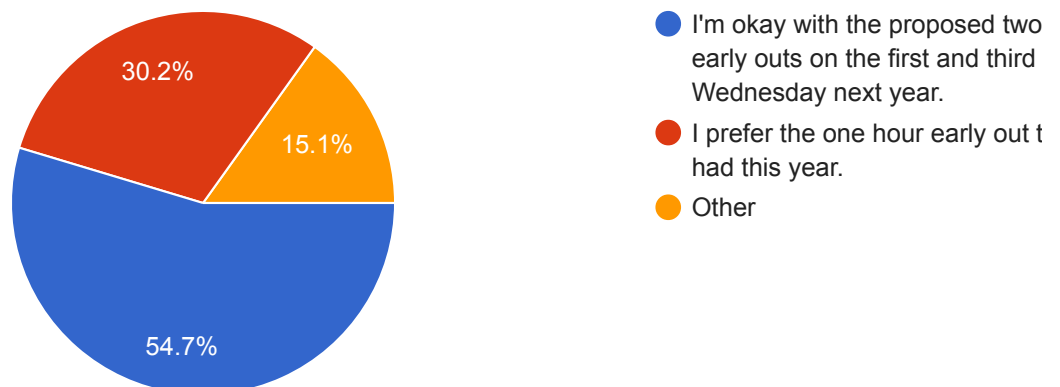
Christmas Break begins on December 23rd and ends on January 4th when the students return to school. Please select the option that best matches your feelings on Christmas Break.

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The district is looking to go to a two hour early out on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday each month. We hope this is less confusing than what we've done in the past. Professional Development is crucial to the growth of our teachers and improvement in classroom instruction. We use this time to learn new skills, improve existing ones, collaborate on ways to help struggling students, and review student data to see how students and classes are doing. With the new testing that is coming our way and other requirements we must meet, this professional development becomes more and more important each year. It's best to do it during the school year, because as something new is learned, it can be tried out and refined right away. Please select the option that best matches your thoughts on the Professional Development Days.

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Please share any other thoughts you may have on the calendar below. If you would like someone to contact you about any of your

thoughts, please include your name and contact information in your response. Thanks for your input!

(21 responses)

Email addresses and phone numbers have been blacked out.

The early outs on the days before vacation days are not necessary (9/2, 11/23, 12/22, 4/13). 11:15 dismissal on the last day of school is a waste of a day- especially since it's a Monday. Students should go all day or not go at all.

I personally don't like the professional development days on Monday's. I like the way it was in previous years with them all being on a Friday.

I see this year there is only 2 of them on Monday's but would like to see those moved to Friday's instead. Not Jan.16 or Feb. 13. But that is just my opinion. The rest of the calendar looks great. I like how the holiday's are scheduled. And I think I will like the 1st and 3rd Wednesday's 2 hours early out. It will be easier to figure out when they are. Thank you for all you do as the administration to help ensure that parents have the ability to express their opinions.

Is Easter not considered a holiday?

It is most important for HS students to finish their semester before break, HS grades are very important to their future plans. Wondering why this survey wasn't done at beginning of the semester???

Having The Monday after Easter off is cumbersome for most everyone that isn't a teacher as we go back to work and now need to arrange child care.

How does the school changing the early out Wednesdays effect the Lego league program at Carnegie or the library programs? There aren't many opportunities for kids that are too old for daycare but too young to stay home by themselves on these early out days. It makes if very difficult for families.

Is there a reason why the kids can't go to school on the Monday following Easter? I feel that this date should be utilized as a snow make up day or in the event a team makes it to state & there is no school this day can be used or just have it be a normal day to allow more summer for thw kids & families

I fail to see how the two hour early outs are any less confusing-in fact they seem more confusing. When looking at the calendar, you have the same problem as we have this year: SOME weeks it is not an early out. On this proposed one, it is not an early out on Sept 7, Dec 21, Jan 4, or any in May. The definition should be "first and third" not "first and third except", which is what it is now. The Jan 16 day is very frustrating to me as a parent. You are just getting the kids back into the routine after spring break, and bam, no school again. It seems like that day should be a few weeks later in January or in an entirely different month.

I am NOT in support of 1 hour early dismissals before Labor day, Thanksgiving, Christmas or Spring Break.

If we count hours for attendance, why are all snow days made up when we have extra hours built into the calendar? A neighboring district (How-Winn) is only making up the time that was not covered by their extra built in hours.

Have spring break earlier.

The early outs in Wednesday's help parents when scheduling Doctor, dentist, ortho, eye and other

appointments! Thank you! Thanks to the entire school board for all of their hard work and dedication!

I think we need to include snow days in the calendar instead of adding them to the end of the school year. The kids end up doing nothing of importance those extra days at the end of the year because all the teaching has been completed.

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2 hour early outs would be great for the teachers as well as students/parents all would be able to have more time those afternoons. Great idea!

By decreasing the Christmas Break by 2 days, opting for earlier summer break OR even a longer Easter break OR 2 days off at another time to give staff/students a break would be refreshing.

If NHSD school year is based on hours and excess hours beyond the minimum required are in the calendar, why are weather makeup days mid-year necessary? Couldn't the year be shortened with potential weather days identified at the end of the year?

I think building in a snow day or two would be a good idea. If none are used, maybe a couple of bonus early outs or Fridays off in the spring if going a couple of extra days creates too much expense (lunches, running buses, etc). Maybe even having a planned teacher workday in the wrestling state tournament time frame so parents who are not involved with wrestling can already have a plan for no school that day.

The early outs have created early morning practices on Wednesdays. When the weather is bad, delay and cancellation decisions are not always made early enough so that students who live in the country have adequate notice.

I feel that snow-make ups days should begin over the Easter Break.

I do not feel that all classes should be cancelled for sports-related events such as State Tournaments.

I appreciate having the 2nd quarter end prior to the Christmas Break. I feel it is in the best interest of the students' learning.

I think consideration should be given to setting starting and ending times for extra-curricular, school-sponsored activities given the abundant research around the amount of sleep an adolescent needs.

I do not require response, but would be happy to discuss further if you wish. Thank you for soliciting feedback.

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I don't think the teachers should have to start before the State Fair is over. This would only mean delaying the calendar by two days. I think we should also add a day or two at spring break for families to plan a small vacation at that time.

A longer spring break

I would like to suggest a longer Spring Break, like adding April 13 to the break. This could be used as a snow day if excessive days (over 3) are needed previously.
