

Date: May 17, 2023

Attendance:

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Agenda Item	Notes	Documents or Action Items
Norms, purpose, overview	Brief overview presentation to inform community members of the work completed by the Task Force to date.	16May23 Community Forum.pptx
Feedback collection	Participants had 1:1 conversations with members of the Balanced Calendar Task Force	

Feedback collected on following pages.

Summer weather!

Pros

- * teachers could get more creative with teaching / field trips / outdoor learning opportunities

Less chance to forget expectations.

Cons



Hot bus temps

- * No AC in classrooms
- * Can't open doors / windows for security reasons
- * It's when we want to be out with our kids
- * Ruining family traditions - that take place in summer months
- * Sports schedules - baseball tournaments often use Fri & Mon.
- * I will pull my child on a nice hot day
- * Me too! ↗
- * I don't want my breaks to be in crummy weather
- * Kids get "bored" during summer

Feedback about Draft 1

Aug 7th Start date - no way ☹️ } summer slide
June 6th out YES! } = 1-2 months review ☹️

Love 2 week Spring Break

Love getting out so early!

I like a break every month. (NO 2-wk Spring break!!)

could help travel

less summer daycare

I like the fall break

I like all the 4-day weekends - me too!

I like ~~Sept~~ Aug 30 start - mid-June end +

Start/end dates would be a hard sell

Summer doesn't feel over by Aug. 7 ~~to be honest~~

We know Aug. will be dry/hot. June may be rainy/cold still

- Like end/start date

- Less time April, use days to balance more time in Sept/March/May

Hate Aug. 7th Start date.

I'm all about being out of school during hot weather to spend time w/ my kids. June is often rainy so I'd rather them be in school in June.

Feedback about Draft 2

- Like the start date Mid August
 - Like 2 Week Spring Break
 - Like the week off in Oct.
 - Better start than Aug. 7
 - Don't Like 3-wk winter break! (cold, rainy) → unless there's intersession
 - Would like more time off in days before Xmas
 - would rather have time off every month
 - like mid winter + fall break
 - Don't like 2 weeks Spring Break - would rather a week in May (unless there is an intersession)
 - Split Oct, part around Halloween, part Sept
 - Spread out the extra week in April
 - Like Start/end dates
- * Don't like Aug. Start date.

* I don't want to change our schedules based on intersessions
I want our school schedules to allow intersessions

* | AGREED: ☺

DRAFT 3 Feedback

Start + ~~Stop~~ Date ~~is~~ Awesome!

Longer Memorial weekend +

- Don't need 10/31 & 11/1 OFF

- Don't need 3/14-18 off - What is the purpose?

* Don't like Aug. start date

* I like the break around Halloween.

- Like time around Halloween off

- Like the balance of days off during the year

- LOVE Halloween break

- Like start/end date

* August is the best weather and full of our traditional camping trips.

* August you'd be fighting the hottest temps of the year in classrooms and buses

* Don't like starting in Aug. I still prefer the wed. after Labor Day for family tradition reasons.

Dec/Jan break
way too long

Intersessions Feedback

- Ideas for H.S. age: Escape Room, Credit Recovery
- Prefer to do during Mid-Winter Break
- I like project-based, hands-on learning
- More fieldtrips (← warm weather intersession)
- 4-day weeks w/ Friday intersession
- More time for art, music, PE

CLASSES
Language
CPR/First aid
Sports

- personally, I probably wouldn't utilize this for my own kids, but I can see how intersessions would be great for some kids/families in the district.
 - what happens when the grant runs out?
 - If I were to put my kids in this program I'd only want to put them in for a couple days.
 - I'd only support this if and only if the money doesn't hurt the funds that we already have.
 - sporadic days instead of using the full week of breaks.
 - I like the idea, but is there a catch?
 - I would like benefits of the intersessions in the normal school year. I want project based learning and more for the High cap
- * I AGREE! ↗

DRAFT 6 Feedback

- Like Start/end date
- shorter Xmas break. Give a break in Feb/march

End date too late!
beg Jan break too long.

- Too late of a Start Date
- Need to have Mid ~~W~~ Winter Break a full WEEK.
- Would be nice to have FULL WEEK of Thkgvg OFF
- Less time in April, add to may/June

* Favorite start date!!!
* Would like to see the last day of school shift to June 27th. Shorter winter break to accomplish this?

- Better ~~holidays~~ weather in August - great start date!
- ~~Sh~~ - Still a Summer slide ;)
- Need more breaks!
- Need more winter breaks during SICK times! *

* I don't think school should be in at all in July.

* With 4th of July being insane for our area. I don't think it would be good to add end of school and graduation back to back to back.

* Prefer to take a 2.5 week break for Christmas or keep Christmas @ 3 weeks and lose a different weekend so we could out the last week of June.

DRAFT 5

Good Start Date / end date ☺

- Too late of Start/End Date
- No NEED for 10/31-11/1 OFF
- Like Start/end dates
- Shift 1 week in Dec to another month (May, June?)
 - * I like that idea too! → maybe break the week of May 5th or 12th? OR → remove one Christmas break week and instead, have last day of school June 27th
 - * I like the Halloween break. - me too.
 - * Love the Start date.
 - * End date at the end of June instead of July sounds better to me.
- * I like the idea of starting later in sept. Where I think that a Sept 4th start and June 26th out would be better.
- *
 - Too long at Xmas →
 - I like Halloween break → give more break for Thanksgiving
 - End before July
 - Build more winter snow days + need winter days off to accommodate sick/en

December break WAY TOO LONG. End date too late

→ or during high-illness months

Fall/winter = more dangerous time to travel. Also crap weather. I look forward to breaks during warmer, safer, LESS SICKNESS months

* I know

DRAFT 4 Feedback

More Break in Feb like now
1 week for Spring Break

* I'd rather have no school
in Aug. and lose the
two week spring break

- like start/end date (close to what we have now)
- move time from April to balance out March/May
- I like start/end date
- I like the actual Thanksgiving
- Don't like extended x-mas
break (~~unless intersession~~)
- Don't like 2-wk spring break (unless intersession)
- Need more breaks during "sick" months

Start date
too late.