

STUDENT FOCUSED BALANCED CALENDAR UPDATE





- The Mount Vernon School District has been exploring the idea of a **modified balanced calendar**.
- The efforts spanned multiple years, but was essential to the process.
- The district collaborated with staff, students, and the community to identify options that align with our district's goals
 - **Short Term**: To promote a more student, staff, and family life balance
 - Long Term: To address equitable outcomes due to Learning Loss (Summer Slide)

THE PROCESS



2021 - 2022

• The MVSD Board began discussing and exploring the concept of a modified calendar to address <u>summer learning loss</u>.



 MVSD <u>applied for and received a state grant</u> to explore the idea of a modified calendar and if it might work for our district.



We began exploring this concept which included <u>learning from</u>
 <u>other districts</u>, <u>participating in state-wide summits</u>, <u>school visits</u>,
 <u>and book studies</u>.

THE PROCESS



2022-2023

- The <u>Stakeholders Steering Committee</u> was formed. The committee, which includes <u>parents</u>, <u>labor partners</u>, <u>staff</u>, <u>students</u>, and <u>community members</u>, began meeting and exploring more in depth the idea of a different school calendar. The purpose of the committee is to <u>represent the</u> <u>community and provide guidance</u> to the Superintendent.
- The district developed a learning program, <u>SFBC 101</u>, to ensure that staff members received information about the balanced calendar concept and to create a platform for staff to share their input. <u>395 staff members</u> shared their thoughts. <u>Tea with Dr. V</u> conversation with Experts.
- Interested staff participated in a <u>state-wide book study</u> provided by OSPI.
- The district created and shared <u>informational videos for staff and the community</u> in with National experts
- In spring of 2023, the district hosted 4 community forums.

THE PROCESS



2023-2024

- In the fall of 2023, the district introduced a **modified calendar idea** to middle school and high school students. **1336** secondary students provided feedback on three sample calendar options.
- Staff were once again surveyed on the **three calendar options**, and **240** staff responded to the survey.
- The <u>Stakeholder Steering Committee</u> met to analyzed the feedback from staff and students. Utilizing the <u>staff and student absentee trends</u>, the committee created <u>two</u> calendar options to share with the community. With the help of MVHS teacher, Lisa Harpel, the Stakeholders Steering Committee simplified the calendars into a comparison chart.
- The district created an SFBC Calendar Comparison and Questionnaire survey that was shared with all families. 603 responded to the survey.
- The <u>Committee reviewed community input</u>, coupled with staff and student feedback to refine the calendar recommendation to the board.

MEMBERS OF THE STAKEHOLDER STEERING COMMITTEE



2022-2023 / 2023-2024

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DATA







SFBC 101-STAFF SURVEY

2022-2023

395

Survey responses



COMMUNITY FORUM SURVEY

Spring 2022-2023

89

Survey responses



STUDENT SURVEY

Fall 2023-2024

1336

Survey responses



STAFF SURVEY

Winter 2023-2024

250

Survey responses



COMMUNITY FORUM SURVEY

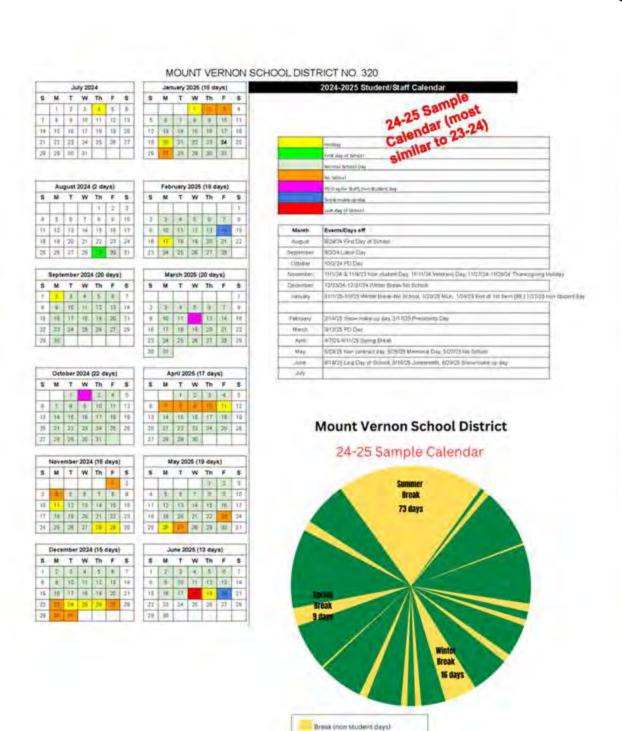
Winter 2023-2024

603

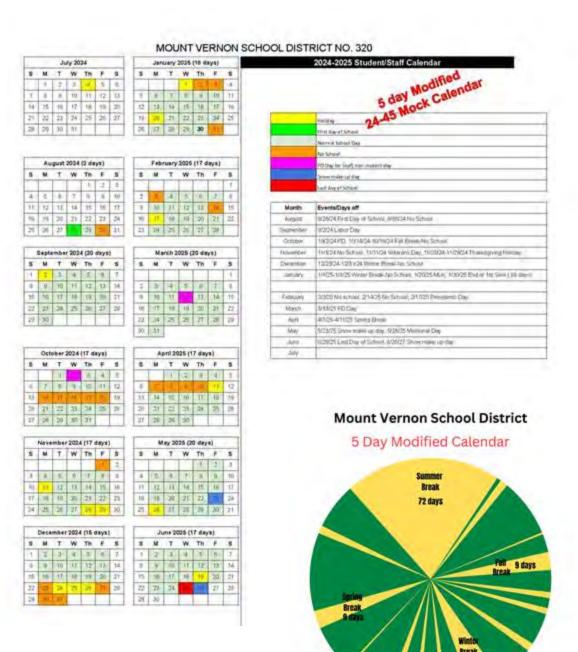
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2023-2024 STUDENT AND STAFF SURVEY CALENDAR OPTIONS



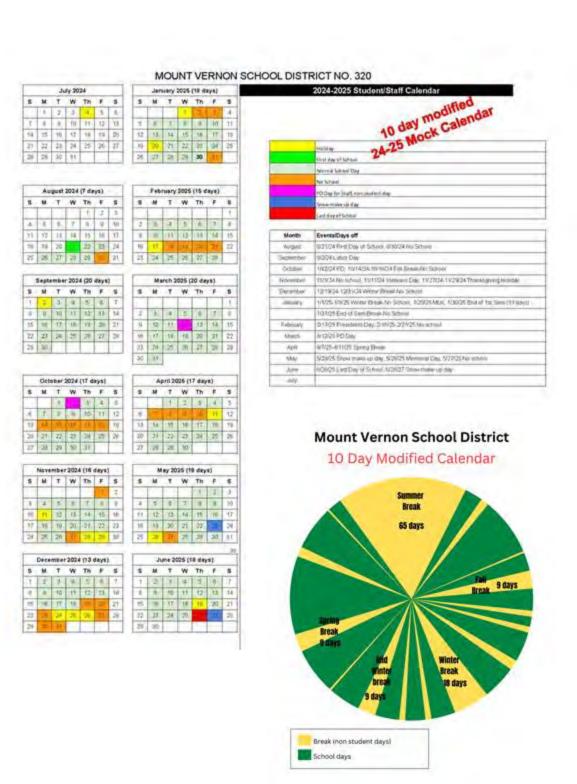


School days



Break (non student days)

School days



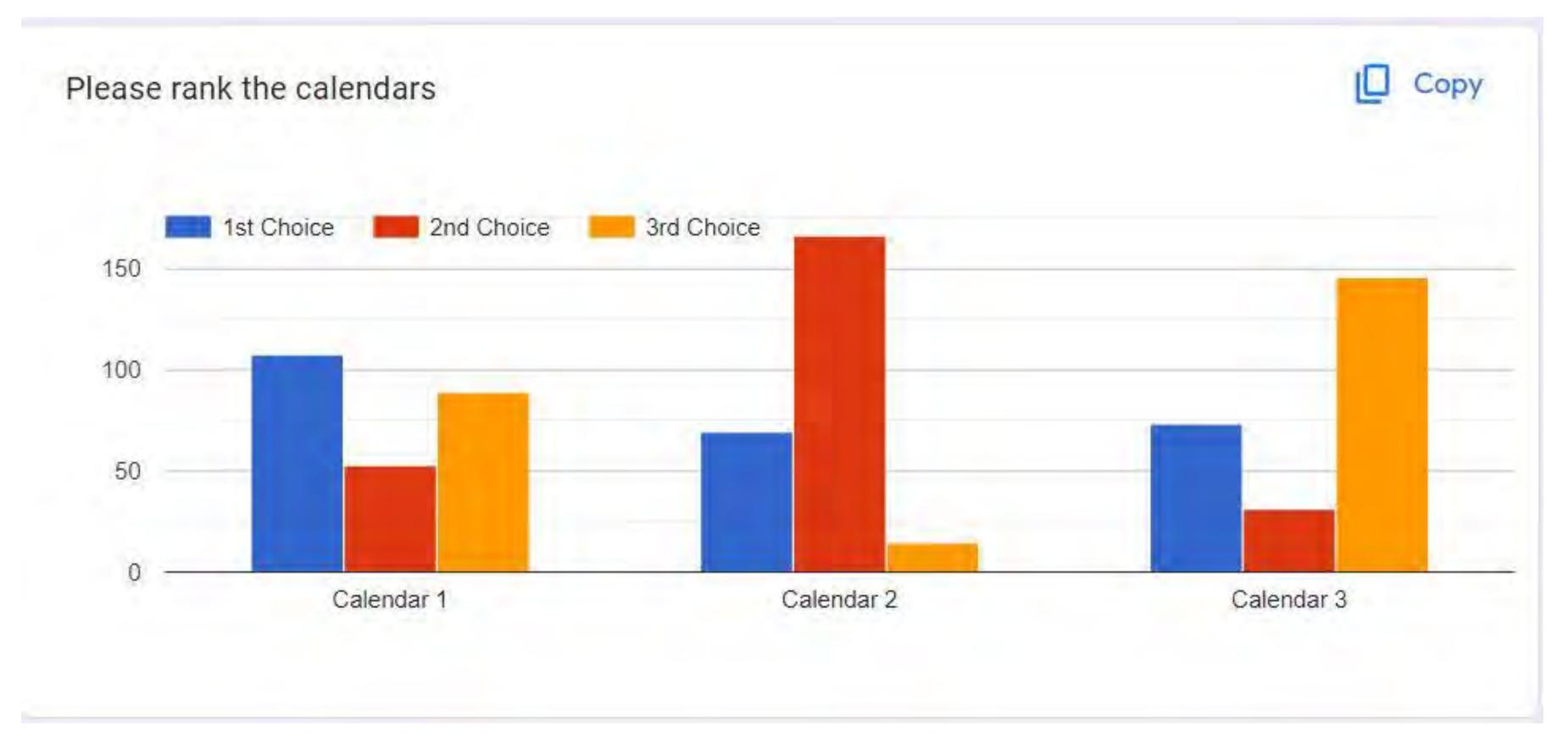
2023-2024 STUDENT SURVEY RESULTS





2023-2024 STAFF SURVEY RESULTS

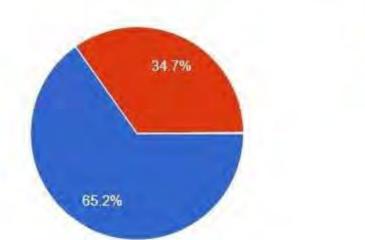






After viewing the calendar options, which sample calendar do you prefer?

Después de ver las opciones del calendario, ¿qué calendario de muestra prefieres? 603 responses



- Sample Calendar A/Calendario de muestra A
- Sample Calendar B/Calendario de muestra B



CALENDAR COMPARISON CHART

Comparison of MVSD 2024-2025 Sample Calendars number of student school days off including holidays, Professional Development, and Emergency make-up days

Calendar	Sample Calendar A	Sample Calendar B
School Days	180	180
Start Date	Aug 28	Aug 28
September	1 day	1 day
October	2 days	3 days
November	2 days	2 days
Thanksgiving	2 days	5 days
Winter Break	10 days	10 days
January	2 day	2 days
Between Semesters	1 school day	1 school day
February	1 day	1 day
March	1 day	2 days
Spring Break	6 days	6 days
Memorial Weekend	3 days	3 days
June		1 day
Last Day	June 18	June 26





RECOMMENDATION

SAMPLE CALENDAR A

The recommendation to the board is to move forward

Sample Calendar A.

NEXT STEPS

COLLABORATE WITH KEY PARTNERS

Work with our Labor

Partners, Human Resources

Dept., and Administrators to

create the 2024-2025 school

calendar.

FUTURE GOALS

EXPAND SFBC CONCEPT

Our goal is to <u>continue exploring</u>
potential modifications that
could include things like a
<u>different start day, multi-year</u>
<u>calendars, or intercessions</u>.