Calendar Development #2

DEIC

November 6, 2024

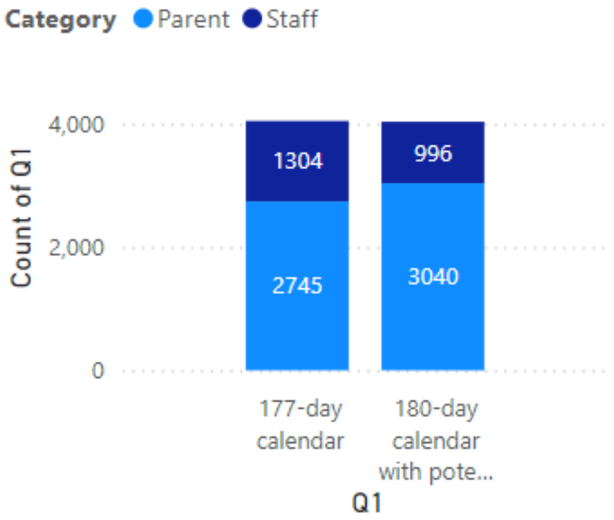
Input from Stakeholders

Survey Questions 1-4

Multiple selections

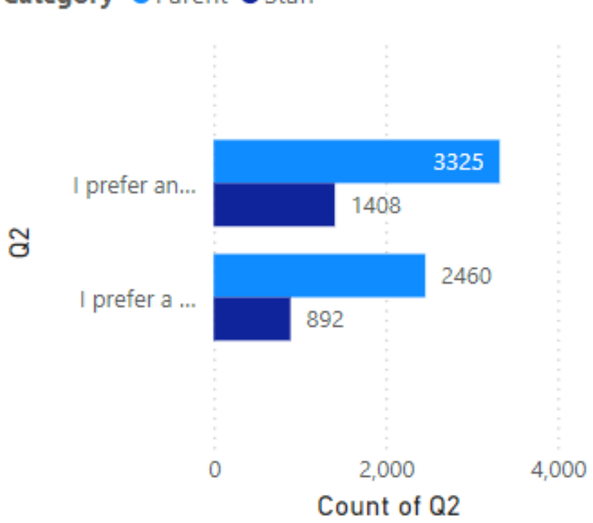
Category	Count of Category
Staff	2300
Parent	5785
Total	**8085**

1. Considering the Additional Days School Year (ADSY) initiative, which offers funding for adding up to 30 instructional days for elementary schools under a 180-d...



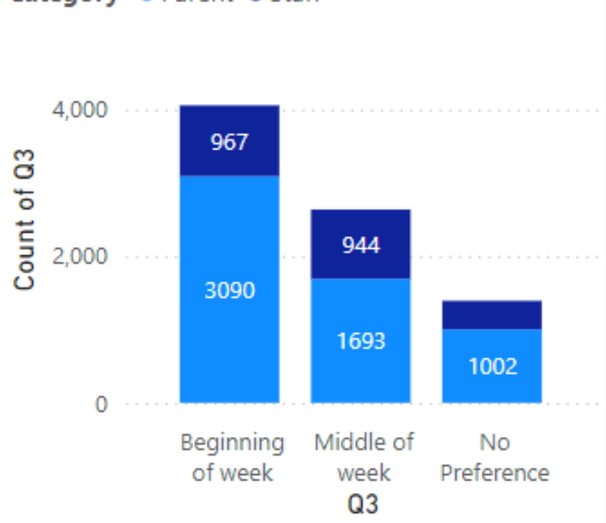
Q1	Count of Q1
177-day calendar	4049
180-day calendar with potential additional days of instruction and funding for summer programming	4036
Total	**8085**

2. Please select when you would prefer the school year to START and END.



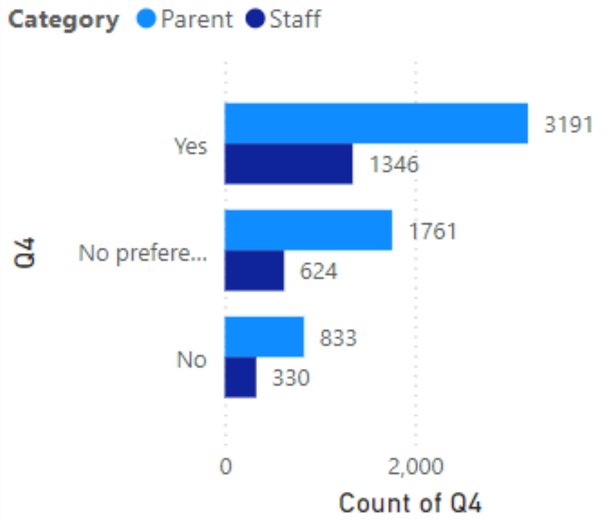
Q2	Count of Q2
I prefer an early August START and END before Memorial Day	4733
I prefer a mid-August START and END after Memorial Day	3352
Total	**8085**

3. Please select the DAY you prefer the school year to start.



Q3	Count of Q3
No Preference	1391
Middle of week	2637
Beginning of week	4057
Total	**8085**

4. Would you like the late arrival or early release of students to be considered in the calendar to facilitate collaboration between teachers and review of student dat...



Q4	Count of Q4
Yes	4537
No preference	2385
No	1163
Total	**8085**

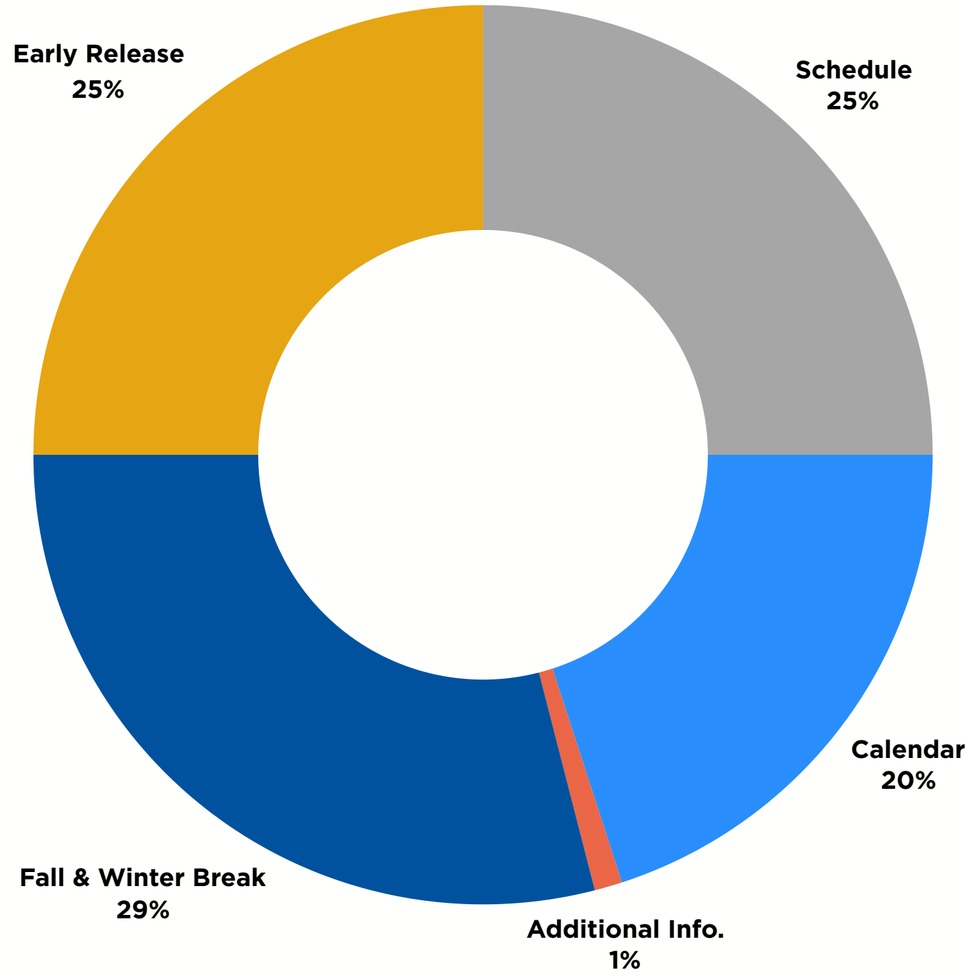
Survey Question 5
Qualitative Feedback-Fall and Winter Breaks

Topic: Winter Break
Feedback:

- 10 school days of Winter break for teachers.
- Prefer Winter Break to begin closer to Christmas and return a few days after January 1.

Topic: 3-day weekend/Holiday Early Releases
Feedback:

- Consider early release days on the Fridays before Thanksgiving and Christmas break
- Add a Friday off per quarter or semester that is not a national holiday for travel w/o crowds
- Please help teacher morale by giving us a day off every month, like the students get!



Qualitative Feedback-Early Release Days

Topic: Consider providing afterschool tutoring or additional KINS program to help support working parents during early release days.
Feedback:

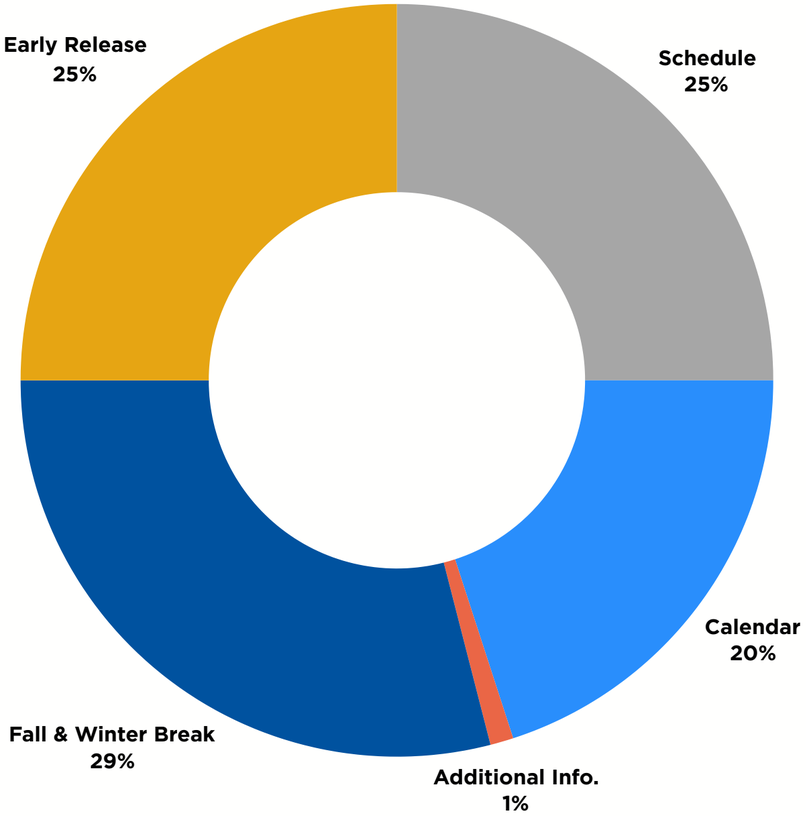
- Allow parents to use KIN on early release days. Very difficult to find childcare for working parents
- Be considerate of working parents who can not pick up their kids at 12:30. Thank you
- Early release does NOT help working parents at all. Please stop this every month.
- Afterschool tutoring should be considered for early dismissal days

Topic: Consider moving early release days to the end of the week as this helps working parents accommodate pick-up.
Feedback:

- Please put early release days on Fridays to help with daycare coverage.
- Early release days on Friday are much easier for lots of parents.
- Early release days on Fridays. We use vacation hours and then can't leave town or do anything mid-week

Topic: Consider combining early release days to allow for more full days off
Feedback:

- Removing half days and putting in just full days off for teachers. SCUC has done this works great.
- Half days do not add extra ease. No half days and just have full days off are better.
- Decrease early release days and condense into full days off. It's inconvenient to halt work.



Qualitative Feedback-Calendar

Topic: Consider aligning Spring Break and Other Holidays with surrounding districts as families may have students in different districts/colleges.

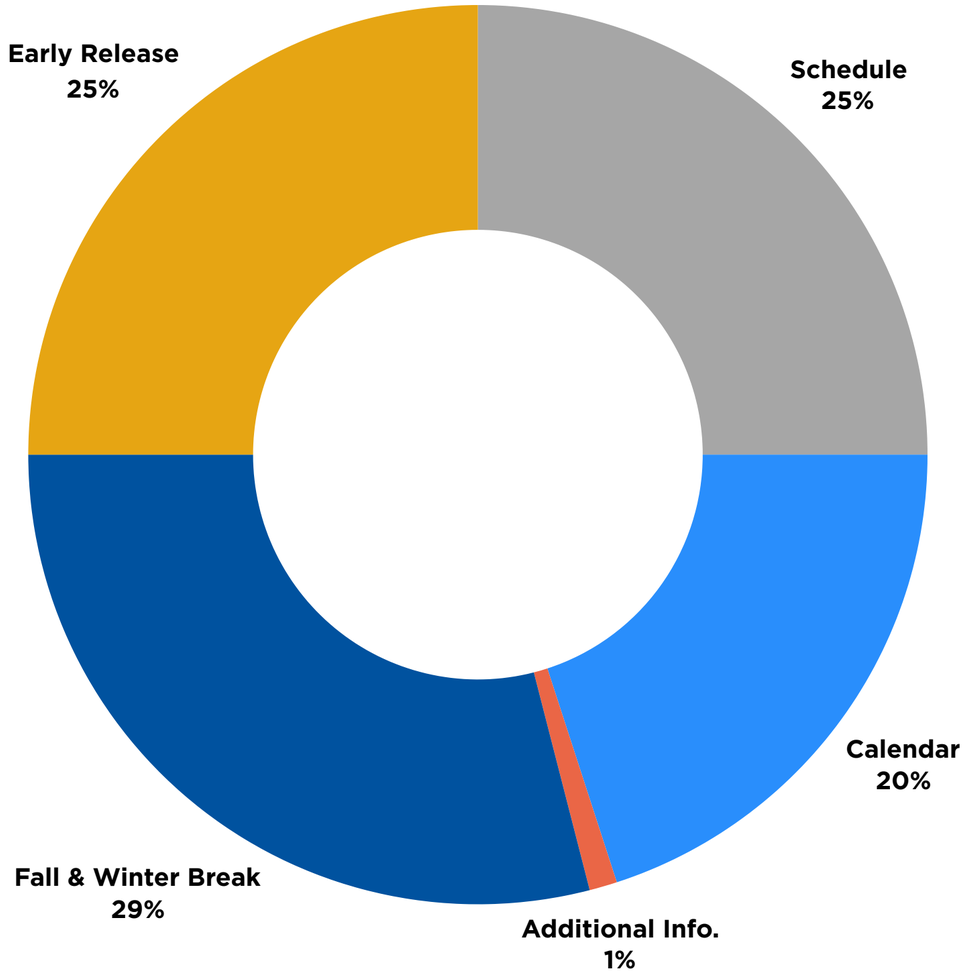
Feedback:

- Coordinate calendar with other SA school districts
- As much as possible, align calendars with neighboring school districts.

Topic: Consider adding Non-Traditional Holidays to the calendar to account for high student absences during those dates.

Feedback:

- District holidays for high volume absence days, especially the day after Superbowl (Feb 10, 2025)
- Consideration of non-Christian holidays
- Days that we can account for increase in absences e.g. SuperBowl Sunday (Mon.), Easter Sunday (Mon)



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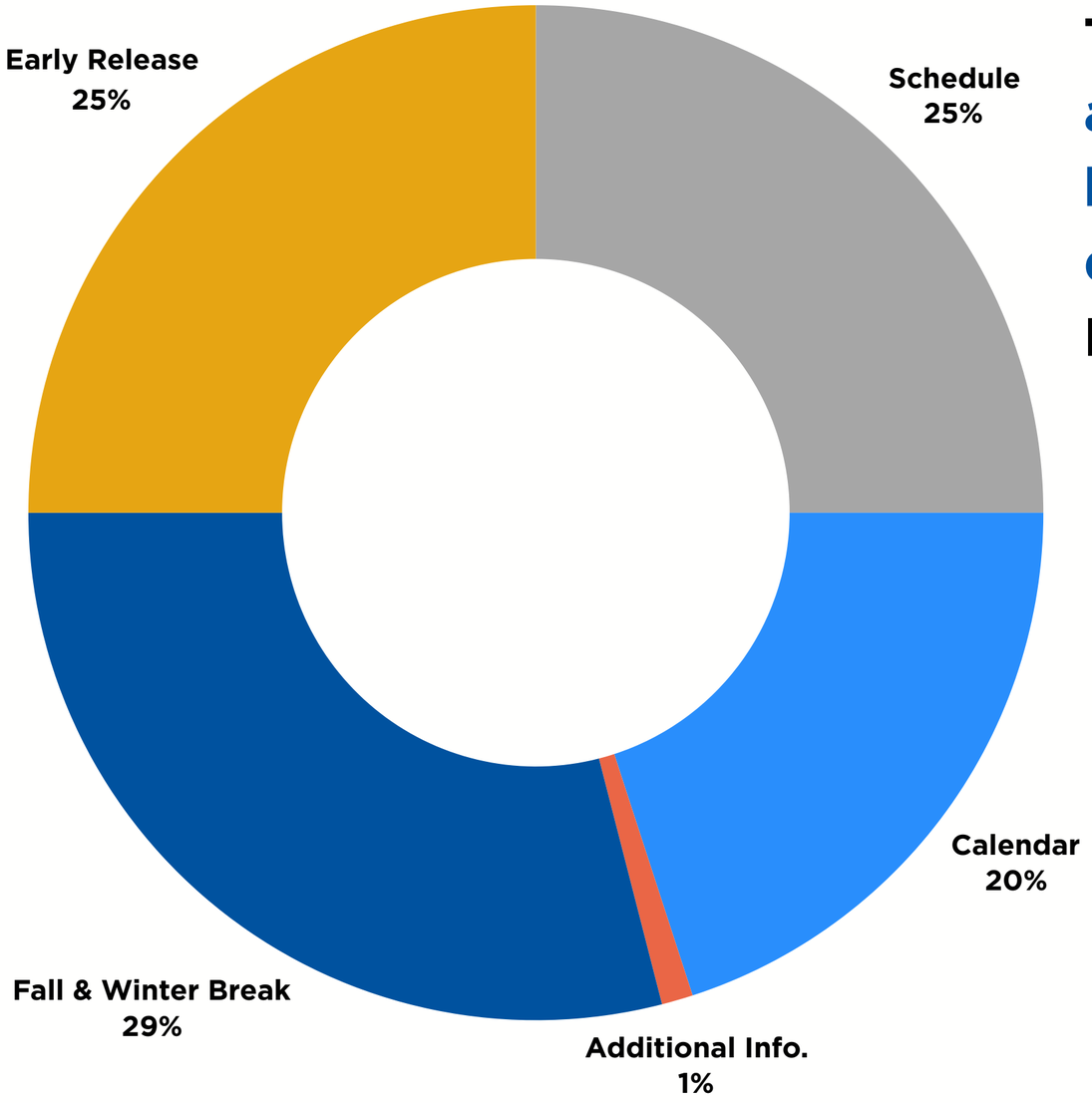


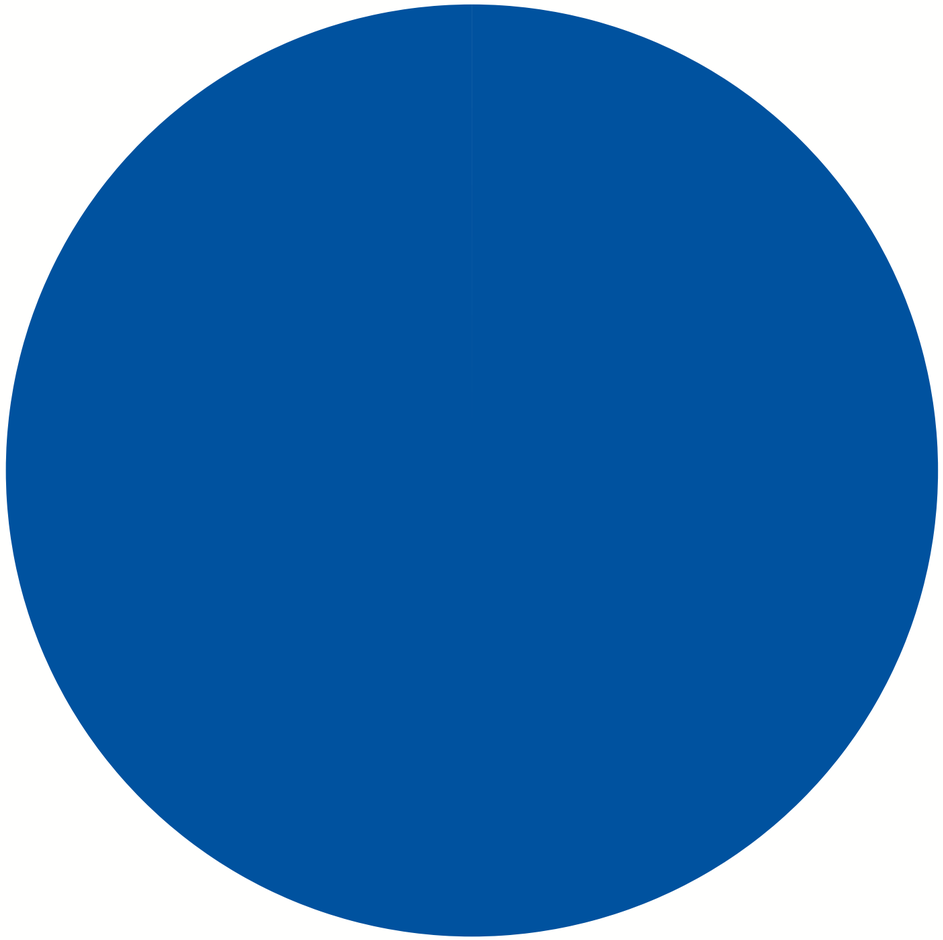
Topic: Consider building in more planning days and PLC time, to allow for collaboration and help reduce the paperwork teachers have to do.

Feedback:

- I would like planning days or half days to have PLC time to collaborate more.
- More PLC time and more opportunities to do it. Currently, there is too much pressure and paperwork.
- Please prioritize teacher planning/work days. They make a huge impact on the quality of instruction.

Student Voice Feedback

Which calendar option do you prefer?



180 Days
100%

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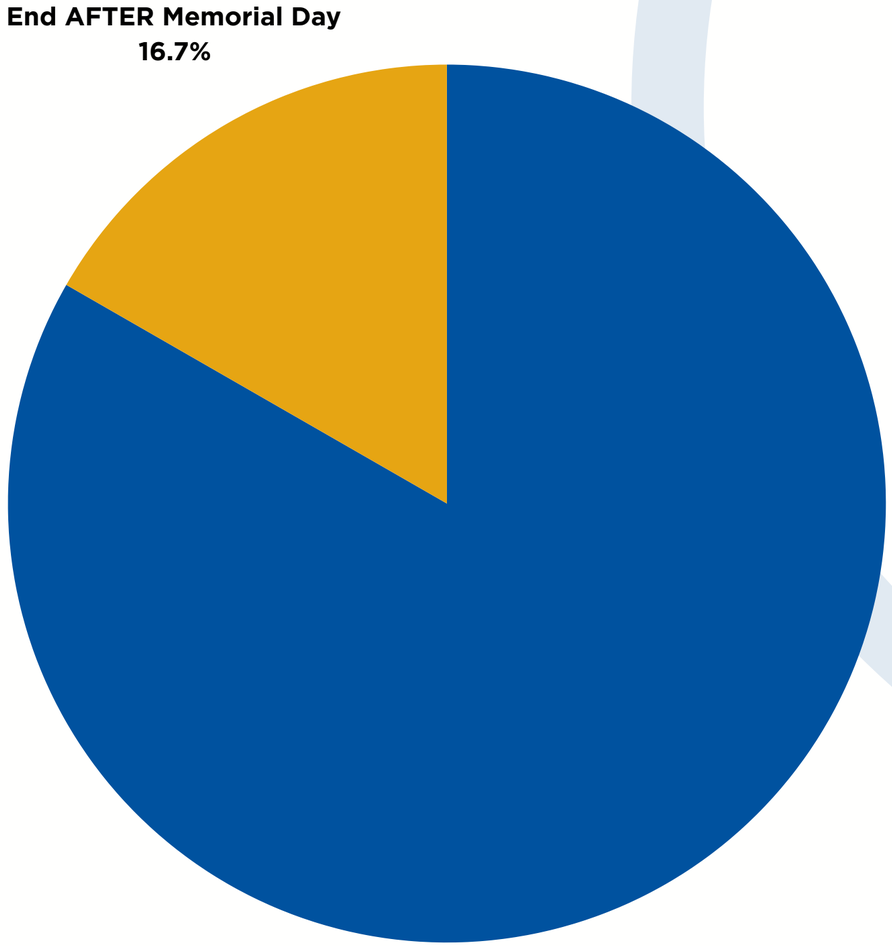
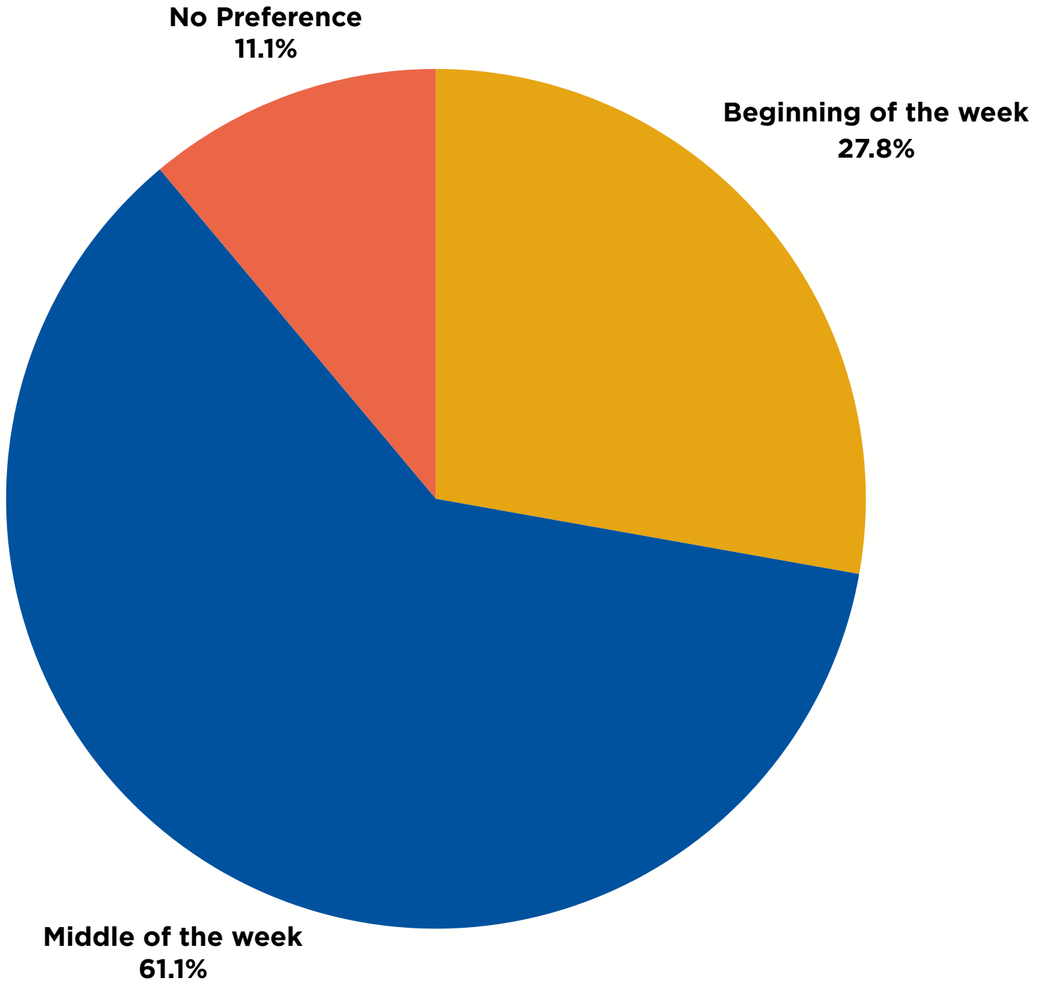


End AFTER Memorial Day
16.7%

End BEFORE Memorial Day
83.3%

Student Voice Feedback

Please select the day you prefer the school year to start.



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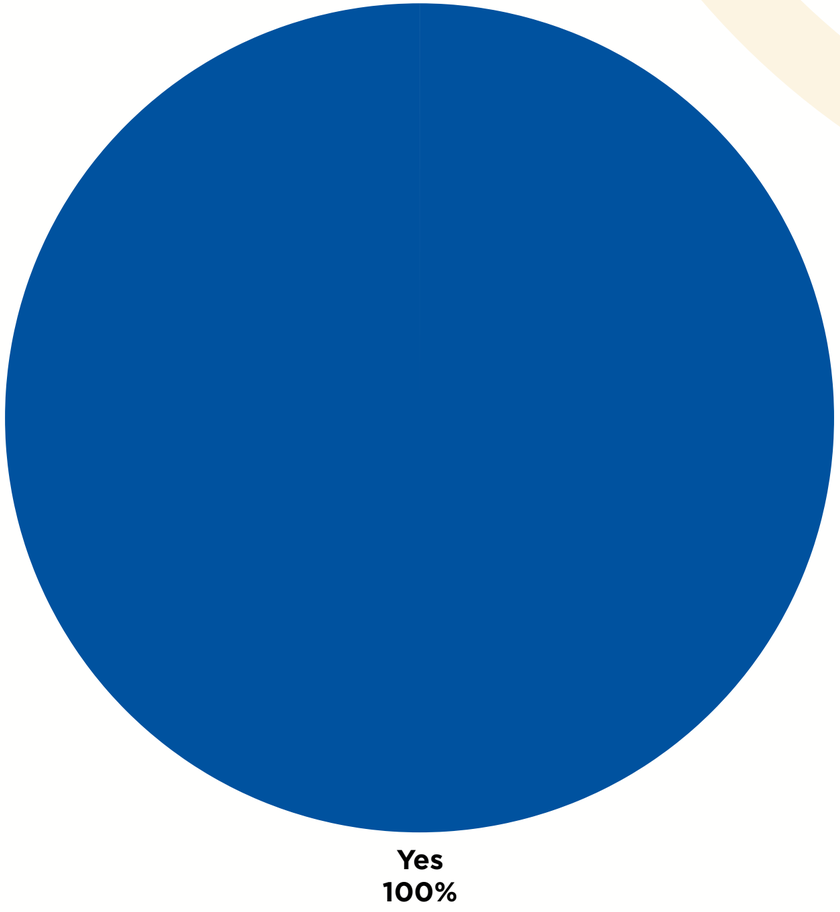


Student Voice Feedback

What else would you like us to consider when building calendar options?

- Consider the holidays
- Consider sports
- One day early release a week
- More consistent early release days
- Consider trying to assign early release days on weeks where we are scheduled for three day weekends, it extends the time for students to relax which I believe would improve mental health of students and assist in giving teachers ample time to plan and relax.
- Early release at the end of the month

Calendar Design Committee

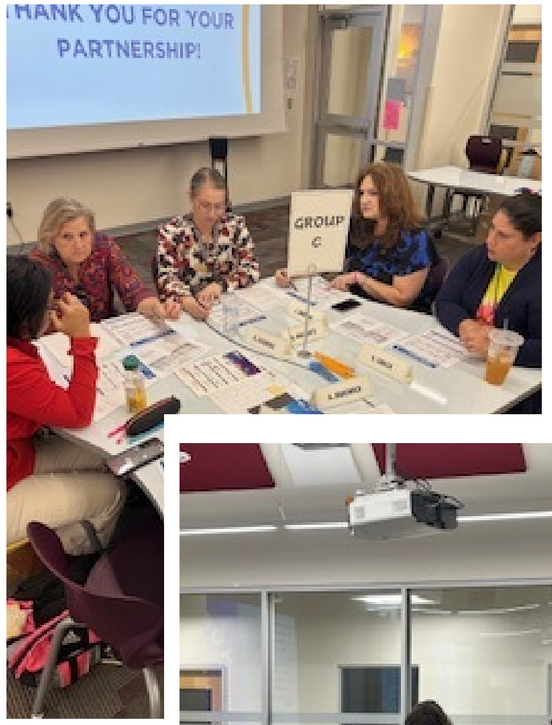
Campus Principals

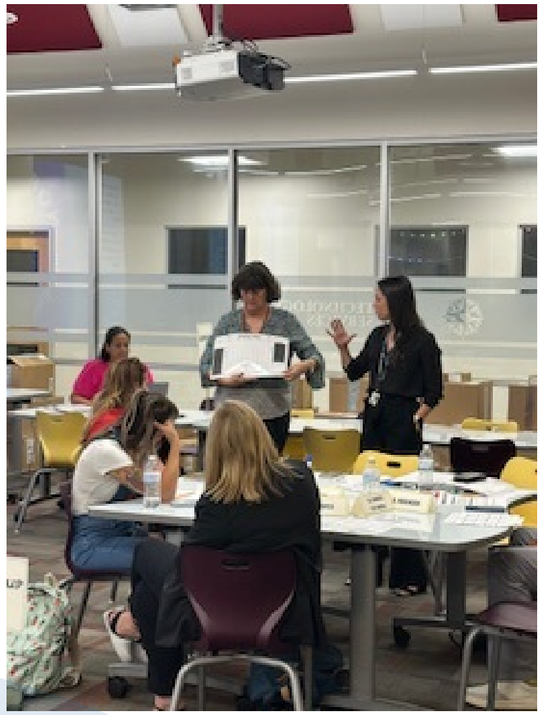
Magnet Directors

Teacher Leaders

Magnet Teachers

Central Office Staff





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