

## Q13 Please provide any additional thoughts or comments you would like the Calendar Committee to take under advisement and/or for consideration.

Answered: 449 Skipped: 929

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Please keep winter break the week after the Massachusetts schools' winter break.	10/7/2017 9:08 PM
2	: )	10/5/2017 10:32 PM
3	I strongly support using hours and not days for making sure we meet minimum requirements. Please consider a half day for students once per week. That would help build in meeting times for teachers, allow for more meaningful opportunities for PD, and give teachers more prep time so that they aren't frequently leaving class for meetings or taking off days for PD or having to stay after school.	10/5/2017 5:28 PM
4	I really hope the committee really considers changing things around	10/4/2017 1:29 PM
5	Have high school start later and have doing sports a credit so you make up for time	10/3/2017 10:03 PM
6	Please thoroughly consider changing our weeks to 4 days and having school end later	10/3/2017 9:21 PM
7	I want to get out of school in early june	10/3/2017 7:14 PM
8	I believe that Winter break should be 2 weeks. It's the biggest religious time and families want to see loved ones but can't because we have 1 week. The year we had 2 weeks I went to California to see my family and it was so relaxing and helpful to celebrate the holiday with my loved ones	10/3/2017 6:55 PM
9	That the teachers shouldnt be saying bad words!!!!	10/3/2017 6:50 PM
10	Eliminate February vacation because it is completely pointless. It's right after Winter break and before spring break. If you eliminate it we could get out of school earlier in the year or have more make up days and still get out around the time we would be scheduled to if it were in place.	10/3/2017 6:44 PM
11	I think we need to have no homework and more summer	10/3/2017 6:19 PM
12	None	10/3/2017 2:24 PM
13	Thank you for this survey	10/3/2017 1:52 PM
14	I think moving to a year-round calendar with shorter, more frequent breaks would improve student learning. I am in favor of this option. However, I think we would need to have air conditioning in the schools to make this viable. I also think a four-day week for students should be explored, possibly with the fifth day being used for teacher preparation and meetings. Or four days for teachers and students and then teachers could actually have two days off and use the other day for preparation.	10/2/2017 8:52 PM
15	I think that there should be a later start time for the middle school and high school because it has been proven that teens learn better when they have gotten more sleep. Because our clocks are set differently, we tend to stay up late, and sadly get up early. We should get to sleep in at least a little. Also, in this stage of our life, we want to look our best because it is part of the insecurities we feel. We should have adequate time to get ready in the morning.	10/2/2017 1:48 PM
16	Some thoughts that I have being a student is that I'm not a fan of February breaks. I would rather get out of school earlier, then have a break right after Christmas.	10/2/2017 1:48 PM
17	Find a way for there to nto go to late into june	10/2/2017 1:48 PM
18	We should not have to make up days on winter break because that is when we have time for our selves.	10/2/2017 1:47 PM
19	Start the high school last, and start the elementary before the high school.	10/2/2017 1:46 PM
20	I would like if we combined more vacations into one.	10/2/2017 1:46 PM
21	No thanks	10/2/2017 1:46 PM

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22	The hours instead of the 180 day would seem to be easier	10/2/2017 12:55 PM
23	I think we should have the least amount of school possible.	10/2/2017 12:54 PM
24	For snow days if possible we should try to have half days instead so that it is counted as a day.	10/2/2017 12:54 PM
25	bigger weekends ex. week on week off, except maybe less extreme like 3 day weekend or 4 if possible.	10/2/2017 12:54 PM
26	For the most part I think the school year is fine the way its is.	10/2/2017 12:54 PM
27	yes	10/2/2017 12:54 PM
28	I think we should keep the regular schedule but have a 5 day snow day rule. That is where you have a total of five snow days in tell they start adding up.	10/2/2017 12:53 PM
29	I think when we have snow days the work should be sent home, to be done, and if a certain percentage of kids do it, it will be counted as a full school day.	10/2/2017 12:53 PM
30	Eliminate block scheduling	10/2/2017 11:21 AM
31	None	10/2/2017 11:08 AM
32	I think it is worth investigating 4 day week and year round schooling but expect there would be an extensive and inclusive dialogue if either of those options seems to be a possible option for SAU29. RE: Feb. break: it seems to me that we always need a break in the illness cycle at that time of year. Jan to end of April is long. If we "combined" Feb. and Ap. break, are we talking ten school days off or only five? Would the break come earlier in April? Jan to the end of April is a LONG time. Thanks for your work on this, and for including all of us at this stage.	10/2/2017 10:24 AM
33	Too many vacations.. Keep spring break, one fall break, a four day weekend for thanksgiving and one week over Christmas holiday..	10/2/2017 10:08 AM
34	Way too many days off for early release days and teacher's work shops... For the taxes Keene residents pay - and 180 days of school with 172 days off, well you do the math. Ridiculous...	10/2/2017 9:49 AM
35	I agree with shifting to number of hours for the school year, as long as the school year does not exceed 180 days. Snow days should be planned into the school year's length, then subtracted from the last day of school if unused.	10/1/2017 8:36 PM
36	I think that five days a week of school is fine as long as we get the learning for five days not four.	10/1/2017 8:20 PM
37	eliminate one of the school vacation weeks (I would prefer winter) to allow the students to get out a week earlier in the summer	10/1/2017 5:13 PM
38	We are stressed and bored, hands on activities are more intriguing.	10/1/2017 1:47 PM
39	Later start time for high school students!	10/1/2017 12:01 PM
40	I work at a school (in a different district), and I very much appreciate that you are asking these questions!	10/1/2017 6:58 AM
41	Going to hours would eliminate making up snow days and going to the end of June. I do not know of any of the school to have air conditioners and it must be brutal in the classrooms come June. I can't imagine learning is easy at that time for The students.	9/30/2017 5:47 PM
42	One item I've read about and fully support would be shifting the schedule so that elementary school children start first and high schoolers go in later. Teenagers really weren't meant to get up so early, especially those who live further away and have to catch painfully early buses. Think SAU29 should really take a peek at this.	9/30/2017 5:47 PM
43	Thank you	9/30/2017 4:33 PM
44	No change in the time school starts or year round school. Should go by hours not 180 days	9/30/2017 4:23 PM
45	definitely think that we need two vacations in spring- as far as heating changes and for the benefit of cleaning out the schools of virus	9/30/2017 3:47 PM
46	Morning start times for middle and high school.	9/30/2017 3:23 PM
47	Question #10 ended with a preposition. This question is asking my opinion of which I know nothing about. Therefore, I can't give you valuable feedback. Please, please send information about the implications of both options. This does sound very important. Also, I don't want our district to do the minimum. I would like the focus to be directed at achievement, not hours in the school. I am not sure the law has the student's best interest in mind.	9/30/2017 1:46 PM

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48	Please move to the hour based calendar instead of days--for those of us who need summer care and use camps to help, extending the school year makes it impossible to know when to start or risk losing our deposits/fees	9/30/2017 10:21 AM
49	I would love to have school start the day after Labor Day (or at earliest, if necessary, a few days before Labor Day, not 2 weeks before). Eliminate the unnecessary February/winter break (at that time of year, they have just had holiday break, then they have MLK and Presidents' day, a workshop day, and usually a couple snow days. The last thing my kids needed in Feb was another week off at that time!) Those 5 days could be applied to storm days so that they don't have to go even later in June. Thanks for the opportunity to comment on the academic schedule.	9/30/2017 10:08 AM
50	I like that sau29 is willing to think outside the box! It is good to examine what is best according to educational research, and I like trying to come up with a way to make school not go so late into June, because I think everyone is just "done" by then and not much significant learning happens. But building in make up days could interfere with travel plans? And of course all time off from school requires adjustment from working parents. But summers off are great in terms of the psyche having a long time to relax? I don't know...perhaps my thoughts and answers would change with more education and knowledge about the research and economic impacts, etc. Please do very public and well advertised community forums to address these topics so that we can learn and have a voice! My intellectual creativity is bound by tradition, but I'm willing to be challenged on that.	9/29/2017 11:52 PM
51	Earlier start or late release to make up for snow days, this can only done with a school year based on hours.	9/29/2017 9:22 PM
52	Please do not make the school year be year round, the long summer break is very good for family and other vacations	9/29/2017 6:15 PM
53	Definitely don't do year round schooling	9/29/2017 4:51 PM
54	no thoughts	9/29/2017 3:07 PM
55	Nothing really. The test was fun and was important for kids to vote to and have an opinion too	9/29/2017 2:21 PM
56	get a thousand dollars a day or a big prize every week because then everybody would love this school that is my opinion.	9/29/2017 2:21 PM
57	no	9/29/2017 2:19 PM
58	Thank you for the survey Mr.Malay.	9/29/2017 2:17 PM
59	everybody's birthdays, special events,pancake breakfast	9/29/2017 2:16 PM
60	Include pancakes breakfast,spiecal events	9/29/2017 2:16 PM
61	Include pancake breakfast speacil events	9/29/2017 2:16 PM
62	I like the way it is today	9/29/2017 2:14 PM
63	nothing	9/29/2017 2:14 PM
64	I think we should have longer weekends and breaks	9/29/2017 2:13 PM
65	have longer breaks	9/29/2017 2:11 PM
66	It is likely beyond your scope, but please consider later start to the school day, especially in high school.	9/29/2017 12:07 PM
67	Get out of the beginning of June	9/29/2017 10:59 AM
68	None	9/29/2017 10:57 AM
69	No	9/29/2017 10:56 AM
70	Every Monday should be a delay.	9/29/2017 10:12 AM
71	I would like less homework and a longer recess time please.	9/29/2017 10:12 AM
72	There should be a 2-hour delay the day after Halloween.	9/29/2017 10:11 AM
73	Instead of having a february and april vacations, sau 29 should consider having all of march off from school.	9/29/2017 10:11 AM
74	Eliminate winter break. Keep Spring break	9/29/2017 9:10 AM

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75	I have a child who attends an all year around school and he loves it. No brain drain from summer vacation	9/29/2017 9:00 AM
76	Don't change the April Vacation week; warm-weather timeshare week for our family.	9/29/2017 8:46 AM
77	Winter and Spring break are too much. Only one break needed.	9/29/2017 8:45 AM
78	Next time DON'T eliminate a holiday from the school calendar once it has been approved. Thank you	9/29/2017 8:41 AM
79	Please do NOT change the start time of the school day which some people are advocating for. This would be VERY hard on working parents. Many of us start work at 7:30 or 8 am and do not have bus stops that are located near our homes (mine is two miles away for example).	9/29/2017 8:37 AM
80	The gradual start, 3, 4, 5 days as in the past is best for kids. We should move to an hours based calendar to avoid the snow day mess.	9/29/2017 8:34 AM
81	I believe that school (especially for the high school) should start later. It is very hard to get teenagers to wake up and be ready to start school so early in the morning.	9/29/2017 8:33 AM
82	Later start time and school to run later in the day. I live in Stoddard and my daughter gets the bus at 6:15 by Friday she is exhausted. Also Blizzard packs as other schools do for snow days.	9/29/2017 8:27 AM
83	Please take summer camps into consideration. These have been some of the best learning environments for my children. Starting too early runs into the end of camp, where I hope my son will be working next year. I am very opposed to year round schooling for this very reason.	9/29/2017 8:22 AM
84	Alot of people take vacations during school vacation, hard to make plans if you have makeup days during Vacation.	9/29/2017 8:22 AM
85	Consider a later start like 830 845	9/29/2017 8:20 AM
86	Switching to hours should be a priority. it allows us flexibility both with snow days and with completing additional curriculum work without touching the teacher contract. Since we are currently 10-15 days worth of hours over, that flexibility could be extensive.	9/29/2017 8:19 AM
87	There are way too many snow days here. We came from northern VT where Winters are harder and longer and they cancel school less. Something to think about. Thanks!	9/29/2017 8:18 AM
88	I'm game for anything. I trust the decisions you make for the best of our children.	9/29/2017 8:17 AM
89	Look into later start for High School and Middle School	9/29/2017 8:12 AM
90	Year round 4 day school week	9/28/2017 9:21 PM
91	Keep the 2 vacations in February and April.	9/28/2017 8:10 PM
92	Please continue to look at revising daily school start times.	9/28/2017 6:13 PM
93	Early release days are usually LOST instruction days...nothing substantive can be accomplished. Students and parents and teachers can get more out of a regular workshop day...	9/28/2017 5:02 PM
94	The high school needs to start the school day later in the morning. Research supports this	9/28/2017 4:27 PM
95	Please consider winter NOT the same week as President's week . This is when every other school and state gets their break making travel expensive if not impossible . Keene has had a tradition of choosing the week following Presidents Day . We should stick with that . This survey is a good idea .	9/28/2017 4:24 PM

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96	<p>While my children are older and can remain home alone now, the half day has been a hardship for many working parents of younger children Edit Delete Export COMPLETE Collector: Web Link 1 (Web Link) Started: Monday, September 25, 2017 3:47:13 PM Last Modified: Monday, September 25, 2017 3:53:23 PM Time Spent: 00:06:10 Page 1 Q1 Please indicate what stakeholder group you are a part of. Parent Q2 What school are you a stakeholder of? Jonathan Daniels Q3 The first day of school for students should be _____. The week immediately prior Labor Day (Wednesday or Thursday) Q4 Should the calendar include a short break (long weekend) between Labor Day and Veteran's Day, in October? No Opinion Q5 How long should the holiday break in December run? Closer to 10 days (depending on where the holidays fall) Q6 When should the winter break fall? In line with other NH school districts Q7 When should the spring break fall? In line with other NH school districts Q8 In order to help prevent the last day of school from running into late June, how do you feel about building in flexible make-up days in the event of school cancellations? (Flexible make-up days are days built into school vacations for the purpose of making up lost school days. For example, a school cancellation in January or February could be made up at the start of the winter break. Likewise a school cancellation in March could be made up at the start of the spring break. If no cancellations occur, the break remains status quo.) Should be used. Q9 Early release days are built into the calendar to advance school/district/SAU efforts including curriculum, instruction, assessment, behavior, culture, and best practices. What are your thoughts on early release days? No Opinion Q10 The law in NH allows districts to define the school year by total number of days (180) or total number of hours of instruction (945 hours for elementary and 990 hours for middle and high school). All of our schools follow the 180 total days and currently exceed the total number of hours as required by law. Which of the following would you most likely be in support of? No Opinion. Q11 Should the school districts of SAU 29 look closer at year-round schooling? Year-round schooling involves a shifting of the school calendar to evenly distributing the instructional days and breaks throughout the entire calendar year. No Opinion Q12 Should the school districts of SAU 29 look at the benefits and implications of having a four day school week? Yes Q13 Please provide any additional thoughts or comments you would like the Calendar Committee to take under advisement and/or for consideration.</p>	9/28/2017 4:21 PM
97	The school day should be 10 minutes longer to make up for snow days like other local schools	9/28/2017 4:20 PM
98	i am a proponent of later start time in high school due to research- proven sleep needs and patterns of adolescents. thanks	9/28/2017 4:19 PM
99	Please look at having a later start to the high school day.	9/28/2017 4:18 PM
100	I am glad to see the committee ask about break weeks. There should only be one after New Year's. I would love to see it the same week as Keene State College's. But the April break is a waste and extends the year too far. Also, it seems very little learning happens on early release days. We should go with "blizzard bags" and other curricular plans for snow days rather than later in June. I don't remember having been asked before, so thank you! It is good to see how responsive this committee has been, as when rethinking the Columbus Day on last year's draft. Good work!	9/28/2017 4:11 PM
101	The half days are a huge waste of time educationally since no instruction occurs at KMS and they are difficult for parents to provide adequate child care.	9/28/2017 4:09 PM
102	Would prefer vacations to NOT coincide with other districts	9/28/2017 4:07 PM
103	School days should be longer. More time for instruction and I believe it would help the parents with child care. Maybe cut down their cost.	9/28/2017 4:07 PM
104	It would be nice if all schools in SAU 29 followed the same calendar. Right now Westmoreland does not align with KHS which makes things interesting when you have kids in both schools	9/28/2017 4:06 PM
105	It would be nice if all schools in SAU 29 followed the same calendar. Right now Westmoreland does not align with KHS which makes things interesting when you have kids in both schools	9/28/2017 4:04 PM
106	I think early release and teacher workshop days be accomplished on days that the kids do not have school. They should only have 2 long breaks winter and spring. There is no need for a February vacation when they have one in December and again in April.	9/28/2017 4:02 PM
107	Consider the concept of "blizzard bags" so students can get school work done and not have a snow day.	9/28/2017 4:01 PM
108	i am not in favor of the schools having a later starting time	9/28/2017 4:00 PM
109	I think both the four day school week and the year round schooling are interesting ideas. I'm not saying I endorse them, but that it would be interesting to hear possible implementation plans for each of them.	9/28/2017 3:55 PM

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110	Summer ends after Labor day. was never a problem in the past	9/28/2017 3:43 PM
111	It is scientifically proven that teenagers do better with a later start to the school day. I would like the committee to at least research the studies on the subject.	9/28/2017 3:34 PM
112	Predictable school calendars are important to allow working parents to schedule their work and alternate childcare arrangements. Also "Check All That Apply" only allowed selecting one school.	9/28/2017 3:34 PM
113	Thank you for soliciting input in this manner. Like many parents, we struggle with time management. Thank you for all that you do for our children.	9/28/2017 3:33 PM
114	My daughter's father lives in Oregon, and so having year-round schooling at SAU29 would very negatively impact his visitation - the cost of plane fare back and forth more frequently (rather than summer and winter/spring vacations). Additionally, he would have difficulty finding adequate programming for her, as summer camps would not be an option. We would likely have to leave SAU29 if this happened.	9/28/2017 3:28 PM
115	Please consider later start times for the middle school and high school. Busing for the outside towns pick up way too early for these kids. In Harrisville, it is 6:20 a.m. for my street - the kids have a long bus ride and then have to wait in the cafeteria for the middle school day to begin. The kids are exhausted.	9/28/2017 3:27 PM
116	consider a later start for high school students - put their busses last after other schools.	9/28/2017 3:26 PM
117	Later start times for all schools. I believe this would benefit the children tremendously	9/28/2017 3:25 PM
118	Please consider later start time for Keene High. 7:20 is too early	9/28/2017 3:24 PM
119	Think about parents that need to work full-time year round when designing a calendar	9/28/2017 3:23 PM
120	The thing the school districts should be looking into would be to start the high school later. Study after study proves that the benefits to this are incredible. Sports practice could happen before school, but I firmly believe that there is enough evidence indicating that teenagers biological make up prevents them from falling asleep early enough to get the sleep they need if they have to be in school by 7:20am. Particularly for kids in outlying towns that have a commute. This could be the biggest positive change you could make.	9/28/2017 3:05 PM
121	Have better explanations and more concise information on them. They are a bit unclear. Include the times for early and late dismissals.	9/28/2017 2:59 PM
122	WHAT ABOUT STARTING THE SCHOOL DAY EARLIER AND ENDING LATER (LIKE MONADNOCK DID) AS PART OF A MOVE FROM DAYS TO HOURS	9/28/2017 2:58 PM
123	Thank you for seeking input from the community. Also, is it possible different schools have different needs and priorities (I'd imagine the community college and high school students might be quite different that elementary students)	9/28/2017 2:54 PM

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124	<p>The school calendar posted on line should be accurate so families are able to make travel plans. I have recently learned this year's calendar inaccurately shows Columbus Day as a holiday. I made plans based on the inaccurate information. High School start time should be pushed back to at least 8am with the end of the day extended appropriately. Plenty of research to demonstrate the need for sleep during the high school years Edit Delete Export COMPLETE Collector: Web Link 1 (Web Link) Started: Monday, September 25, 2017 3:54:13 PM Last Modified: Monday, September 25, 2017 3:57:55 PM Time Spent: 00:03:42 Page 1 Q1 Please indicate what stakeholder group you are a part of. Parent Q2 What school are you a stakeholder of? Symonds School Q3 The first day of school for students should be _____. After Labor Day Q4 Should the calendar include a short break (long weekend) between Labor Day and Veteran's Day, in October? Yes Q5 How long should the holiday break in December run? Other (please specify): From Christmas Eve to New Year's Day Q6 When should the winter break fall? No Opinion Q7 When should the spring break fall? No Opinion Q8 In order to help prevent the last day of school from running into late June, how do you feel about building in flexible make-up days in the event of school cancellations? (Flexible make-up days are days built into school vacations for the purpose of making up lost school days. For example, a school cancellation in January or February could be made up at the start of the winter break. Likewise a school cancellation in March could be made up at the start of the spring break. If no cancellations occur, the break remains status quo.) Should be used. Q9 Early release days are built into the calendar to advance school/district/SAU efforts including curriculum, instruction, assessment, behavior, culture, and best practices. What are your thoughts on early release days? No Opinion Q10 The law in NH allows districts to define the school year by total number of days (180) or total number of hours of instruction (945 hours for elementary and 990 hours for middle and high school). All of our schools follow the 180 total days and currently exceed the total number of hours as required by law. Which of the following would you most likely be in support of? No Opinion. Q11 Should the school districts of SAU 29 look closer at year-round schooling? Year-round schooling involves a shifting of the school calendar to evenly distributing the instructional days and breaks throughout the entire calendar year. No Q12 Should the school districts of SAU 29 look at the benefits and implications of having a four day school week? No Q13 Please provide any additional thoughts or comments you would like the Calendar Committee to take under advisement and/or for consideration.</p>	9/28/2017 2:53 PM
125	<p>I'd like to Committee to look into lengthening the school day and having 3 recesses every day. In addition to more recess time, we should be looking at offering choices for what students do during recess. ie play on the playground, use the indoor Gym, go to the library, have open study to work on homework, etc.</p>	9/28/2017 2:50 PM
126	<p>Re:days vs. hours - I would prefer the flexibility allowed by the instructional hours model BUT I am concerned by the phrase "currently exceed required hours" - I don't want our schools meeting minimum requirements, I want them to be exceeding minimums, so a switch to hours model should not include a reduction to the time the students currently spend in class.</p>	9/28/2017 2:45 PM
127	<p>The idea of flex days is a nice concept in theory, but people can't make plans. the school calendar should be set so that families can plan vacations, child care, etc. I have heard of other school districts that have "blizzard packs" for snow days. This way students can still have assigned work even if they are not in school. I believe a certain percentage of students are required to participate in order for it to count as a school day.</p>	9/28/2017 2:43 PM
128	<p>I have never understood why there are two week-long breaks after January, but not before. I see no need for a winter break as this actually creates a hardship for working parents.</p>	9/28/2017 2:40 PM
129	<p>I don't think we need Columbus Day off - it is so early in the school year. Please keep the February and April breaks in place, and don't combine them. I am strongly opposed to making up snow days by taking away vacation days. Many families (including staff) take the week to travel out of town. Thanks.</p>	9/28/2017 2:37 PM
130	<p>Thank you for this survey!</p>	9/28/2017 2:37 PM
131	<p>Please implement a later start time for KHS</p>	9/28/2017 2:32 PM
132	<p>Consider the temperature and lack of infrastructure to HVAC systems--especially summer months. Consider "time on task" for students, mental saturation points, and time built-in to reflect, practice, play, and rest. Consider a BREAK between Fall and Spring semesters to rest and reset. 1/2 day workshop days are not effective. Lack of energy and focus. Using a "vacation" day to make up a missed day is ineffective, unfair to those planning trips, and causes bitter feelings.</p>	9/28/2017 2:30 PM
133	<p>How about later morning start time for older kids</p>	9/28/2017 2:29 PM

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134	I think anything that can be done to provide additional continuity and structure throughout the year would be beneficial. With the younger children I find that my own, and their friends struggle with behavior with long summers, and with older children I see under-utilization of effort and thought with longer breaks. From a parent perspective, I find it extremely difficult and financially laboring to accommodate all of the time of that occurs in the summer for very little educational benefit.	9/28/2017 2:28 PM
135	Considering a later start time, so that students are better able to engage more fully in first block.	9/28/2017 2:27 PM
136	I appreciate this survey and love that you are reaching out to all that may be affected by the outcomes. Thank you.	9/28/2017 2:27 PM
137	A 4 day school week would be virtually impossible for full-time working parents to handle.	9/28/2017 2:24 PM
138	Good to know that the SAU is investigating some of these issues - thank you!	9/28/2017 2:23 PM
139	Saturday school to make up a snow day, run like an early release day .	9/28/2017 2:22 PM
140	Don't revise the calendar after it's out. For example October 9 - this year.	9/28/2017 2:21 PM
141	Please do away with either the the Feb. Or April break.	9/28/2017 2:18 PM
142	Hours instead of days is the most critical thing on this list and would resolve all other questions and concerns. This is the most logical, important step that the school district could take in resolving the calendar issues.	9/28/2017 2:17 PM
143	Please consider looking at Brattleboro schedule since I work as an educator in Brattleboro and my son attends school in nh. Would appreciate it!	9/28/2017 2:17 PM
144	I am a strong advocate for year round school.	9/28/2017 2:04 PM
145	Please look at moving to an hour vs day quota, and making the day a few minutes longer to meet the hour quota and lengthen the summer	9/28/2017 2:02 PM
146	Should align with neighboring schools.	9/28/2017 2:00 PM
147	Of all the questions posed the two I feel very strongly about are moving to hours instead of days, and staying in line with other NH school district's vacation schedules.	9/28/2017 12:54 PM
148	Transportation that provides pick/drop off to/from all elementary schools to all parts of the district. Families who have split custody and live in different parts of town have a difficult time getting their children transported	9/28/2017 12:41 PM
149	Later start times for high school students should be reviewed. Studies seem pretty compelling on the benefits of that.	9/28/2017 12:40 PM
150	My biggest concern is the uncertainty about the end of the school year. It's crazy that we don't find out until April. It makes it difficult to plan for graduations, vacations and summer camps. My employer schedules vacations for the next year in October, but I have no idea when school will be out for the year. If I don't guess correctly I could be scheduled to work on my son's graduation. Very hard to plan. My sister's school district has been using on-line assignments during snow days to avoid the need for make up days. They have been doing this for several years. It's time we joined the 21st century.	9/28/2017 12:38 PM
151	Later starts for SAU29 students and later release for all students. We should adapt the Brattleboro school district calendar	9/28/2017 12:36 PM
152	Worried that making up days in spring break would conflict with family planned trips and thus have many absences. Make up days on Fridays before winter vacation like last year make better sense.	9/28/2017 12:29 PM
153	The early release days shouldn't be followed by another day off. Very hard to find babysitters for the no school day and early release. Also I would prefer the hours instead of days. So you could extend the school day by 10-15 minutes and not have to go to end of June. Also I do not think you need a winter vacation. Just make it a longer weekend with a Friday and Monday off.	9/28/2017 12:28 PM
154	The survey covered all my considerations.	9/28/2017 12:18 PM
155	Consider extending the school day.	9/28/2017 12:16 PM
156	Especially if we are currently over the legal hours needed in a school year, elementary school children should be outside playing more. Studies have shown this improves their ability to focus and learn as well as being beneficial to their mental health.	9/28/2017 12:14 PM
157	It isn't about the time or days, it is about what is best for kids!	9/28/2017 12:13 PM

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158	Start older kids later and younger children earlier	9/28/2017 12:12 PM
159	Question 4 references Veterans Day in October. Veterans Day is in November; Columbus Day is in October.	9/28/2017 12:10 PM
160	Later start time for high school and earlier start time for elementary.	9/28/2017 12:10 PM
161	I am keeping track of number of hours spent in standardized testing this year. These hours of testing replace hours of instruction. I am acutely aware that testing does not advance knowledge for the kids. Please do everything in your power to reduce the number of hours wasted in standardized testing	9/28/2017 12:04 PM
162	It would be nice if the HS had a later start (maybe follow Brattleboro Union HS).	9/28/2017 12:04 PM
163	Thank you for doing this work.	9/28/2017 12:03 PM
164	Please move the elementary report card conference day to a week later on a Friday so that we not spending a fair amount of our Thanksgiving break family time working on report cards. The middle school and high school do not face this due to being on trimesters.	9/28/2017 12:02 PM
165	Have full day PD days at regular intervals- perhaps first Friday of every month. Then have a full week of PD set aside to prevent from having to do summer PD offerings.	9/28/2017 12:00 PM
166	Be open to new models of scheduling, looking at other programming and rationales.	9/28/2017 11:59 AM
167	"snow bags/lesson plans" for students to complete at home for snow days.	9/28/2017 11:57 AM
168	I believe moving to an hours instead of days school calendar model is significantly better and cost effective model. I would like to see the district adopt more of a prep school/ college semester calendar with an extended December/January break, no February or April vacation, and get out in May. The traditional 180 day model ties a community's hands and prevents innovative thinking. A later start to the high school day should also be explored since research supports this model as well.	9/28/2017 11:55 AM
169	Thank you for looking to the family stakeholders for our opinions on school scheduling!! While I realize a change should not be expected. Very much appreciated that we are being asked!	9/28/2017 11:55 AM
170	Thank you for asking for our feedback! Looking forward to hearing about the future plans.	9/28/2017 11:53 AM
171	Do whatever it takes so kids start school after labor day and end no later than June 6. They should get the full 3 months off	9/28/2017 11:53 AM
172	Instead of making up snow days during vacation, how about all schools incorporate blizzard bags?	9/28/2017 11:51 AM
173	Any teacher work days and early release days should stay consistent from year to year so childcare organizations can ideally plan on those days each year and perhaps offer child care options for families who need it.	9/28/2017 11:49 AM
174	I am strongly opposed to starting after Labor Day, and I am curious about the use of blizzard bags to make up snow days to prevent extending the school year. I am wholly in favor of going to hours vs days! However, I worry that building makeup days into scheduled vacations makes it difficult for families to plan their own trips during this time (both student and staff families). As a staff member, I use my summer break to recharge, work on refining or creating materials, furthering my own education and professional knowledge, and getting excited for a new year. I fear that teaching could become a less sustainable career if we went to year-round schooling, given the diverse and demanding responsibilities that teachers take on as a part of their jobs.	9/28/2017 11:48 AM
175	Thanks for this survey. Something needs to change for the way SAU 29 handles snow days.	9/28/2017 11:43 AM
176	Thank you for your service	9/28/2017 11:37 AM
177	Let's all try to keep the needs of students in the forefront. Such as the 4 day week - That sounds like it's more for the adults. Thank you for the work you're doing.	9/28/2017 11:37 AM

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178	The school calendar needs to prioritize the needs of working families more. The practice of early release days is a nightmare for working families. Unfortunately, the majority of parent-teacher groups are chiefly lead by stay at home parents from families wealthy enough to have this option. This gives such families a disproportionate voice in scheduling decisions. I would point out that many of the poorer families are also less likely to participate in surveys such as these, and I hope the decision-makers using this data consider this. I appreciate the opportunity to have input into the scheduling. I would also like to point out that the current format for paper printing for the school schedule is needlessly hard to read. Please consider making TWO copies of the schedule, one for staff, one for parents. From a parent's perspective, I don't really care why school isn't meeting - I just need to know that it is not meeting. If both copies are available a parent who is interested in knowing why can easily look at both, but as a busy parent I would prefer the calendar presentation to be more obvious. As an additional note, I would prefer if instructional hours were not assemblies. While assemblies have some educational value they are yet another distraction from the classroom, which compromises learning time. In particular, I think they should be minimized in the winter/springtime, when we already have far too many days of missed schools (due to the practice of having two full breaks rather than one march break, in combination with bad weather closures, and standardized testing). I want my child to have more time with his classroom teachers learning from their excellent work, and less distraction/busy work and interruptions.	9/28/2017 11:34 AM
179	I appreciate the fact that there is a committee to review the calendar each year to adjust accordingly.	9/28/2017 11:33 AM
180	You didnt inclde th option for a calendar based on 180 days but aoplication if our addtional hours as a pool to be used for snow day "credit". This would be a ligital and beneficial consideration especially for snowy winters and a late start.	9/28/2017 11:31 AM
181	Life would be so much easier if spring. Real coincided with Keene State, which includes St p day. Early closure is total hell for the working mom, but you do what you gotta do	9/28/2017 11:29 AM
182	Later start for high school students. Sleep in!	9/28/2017 11:28 AM
183	Please switch to instructional hours. My high schoolers have missed out on summer opportunities because our district always gets out last in our region. PLEASE!	9/28/2017 11:27 AM
184	Kids and teachers need breaks - not only for emotional/psychological reasons, but because of illness in the schools that keep making the rounds. Vacation weeks are an opportunity to get out of buildings with poor air circulation and lots of germs so that people can rest and get healthy again.	9/28/2017 11:26 AM
185	Consider that New England only gets a very small window of good warm/hot weather so it is important to avoid schooling suing the summer. In addition our school are not equipment with proper cooling for the year long schooling model.	9/28/2017 11:24 AM
186	Later start times	9/28/2017 11:21 AM
187	Too many school vacation weeks in the year. Kids have too little summer and should start school after Labor Day. School should get out earlier in the summer. By eliminating a vacation during the school year more snow days could be made up all while avoiding last day of school being mid to end of June.	9/28/2017 11:20 AM
188	Year round schooling would be helpful for the children so that they don't lose their momentum. It seems that it takes the first month of school just to get back on track.	9/28/2017 11:20 AM
189	Please keep the mid October long weekend to be able to have family time before it gets cold.	9/28/2017 11:19 AM
190	The school year used in England is fantastic. 3 week breaks throughout the year and a 6 week summer.	9/28/2017 11:18 AM
191	I strongly urge schools to adopt a later start day for high school. Statewide, if possible.	9/28/2017 11:15 AM
192	There are a few biased questions- the ones about winter and spring break need to have an option "leave as is" or " I like a winter break" i put " no opinion but I actually do have an opinion- leave them as is, but use as make up days as needed so we get out earlier in june	9/28/2017 11:10 AM
193	great job! teach the subjects, don't babysit kids. open up summer school for those that need extra care or education. highschool should start later in the day, like all the studies show - kids learn better on good sleep	9/28/2017 11:05 AM
194	Please be sure to include schools who work with our district, such as those coming to the Career center. For example, Feb and April vacation cannot move if we are the only one moving it. Thanks!!	9/28/2017 10:40 AM

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195	Both of my children participate in ski teaching, so keeping breaks aligned with local districts is important. Also makes childcare easier. What about late start for high school? My child is in school activities 12+ hours during sports season.	9/28/2017 10:39 AM
196	Four day week and year round sound great	9/28/2017 10:35 AM
197	One vacation instead of Feb and April.	9/28/2017 10:33 AM
198	High school should start later. School districts that have done so have found dramatic improvements in students grades and made family life better as well. PLEASE CONSIDER	9/28/2017 10:28 AM
199	Best interest of student population	9/28/2017 10:26 AM
200	School would have to be fully air conditioned to go much past June or all year. Some classrooms get over 90 degrees - not conducive to a good learning environment.	9/28/2017 10:26 AM
201	For health reasons, teenagers should start their school day later in the day. Numerous studies have now demonstrated that teenagers should not start their school days as early as 7:20 am. When you combine the early start with the fact that some kids are coming in from outlying towns, most of these kids are incredibly sleep deprived.	9/28/2017 10:24 AM
202	Thanks for asking	9/28/2017 10:23 AM
203	I would not want the school year to end later than it already does. Mid-June is late enough. So, I really would not want to make any changes that would change that, including anything mentioned above.	9/28/2017 10:22 AM
204	Surrounding states' breaks	9/28/2017 10:17 AM
205	Starting school a little later, I know there is a committee for this but this needs to be looked into as some kids are getting up at 5:00am and because most go to bed later, they are not getting enough sleep.	9/28/2017 10:15 AM
206	I think that the High school students would benefit from starting a little later. Teenagers naturally stay up later and sleep later. I think they will benefit from even starting an hour later.	9/28/2017 10:12 AM
207	Please consider late start for KHS.	9/28/2017 10:05 AM
208	Way too many in-service days during the school year! The halfback day followed by a day is VERY difficult for working parents! Having different breaks from other districts is also VERY challenging!	9/28/2017 10:04 AM
209	Avoid MA school vacation week for February break	9/28/2017 10:00 AM
210	The school days are long as it is and having it go to four days even if you went to hours would be tricky especially when it comes to extra curricular activities after school. I cannot imagine this being helpful for parents especially in the elementary level. Starting school later is something that should be looked at.	9/28/2017 9:48 AM
211	Later start time for high schoolers should be a top priority.	9/28/2017 9:46 AM
212	Have a set start date and end date no extended school year	9/28/2017 9:45 AM
213	Stress my stand for year-'round school!! We are no longer an agrarian society where children are needed at home from planting to harvest. Students lose less & achieve more with year round school. In addition, parents are relieved of the stress & cost of full day summer child care	9/28/2017 9:42 AM
214	If looking at changing to a 4 day week, or year round schooling was conducted with MRSD, I'd be in support of looking into it.	9/28/2017 9:40 AM
215	starting later in the day	9/28/2017 9:38 AM
216	I think summer break is important	9/28/2017 9:37 AM
217	a long weekend in October could air the schools out, kids often seem to get their first round of sicknesses about that time.....plus they should get outside while it is so beautiful!	9/28/2017 9:32 AM
218	School year is WAY too long. Starting well before LD and not finished until late June with a bunch of early release and non-descript days off seems like the worst of all worlds.	9/28/2017 9:29 AM
219	On early release or teacher workshop days, consider additional opportunities for child supervision at school or other outside resources like the YMCA.	9/28/2017 9:27 AM
220	would love some changes	9/28/2017 9:26 AM

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221	On top of the questions about length of schedule and days of school. The SAU should look into the scientific studies behind elementary school age children starting earlier and high school and middle school students starting later.	9/28/2017 9:23 AM
222	I think a four day school week would allow students to catch up on lost sleep during the week. Longer days could be used to make up the 1 lost day each week.	9/28/2017 9:19 AM
223	I absolutely am in favor of year-round school, met by 4 day weeks and three day weekends with occasional longer breaks around the major holidays!	9/28/2017 9:17 AM
224	lease make sure you take Jewish holy days & other religions' important days into account when you design the calendar, make-up days, testing days, etc. Maybe consulting with E.L.L. teachers could inform you regarding religious/cultural sacred days to be considered. Thank you.	9/28/2017 9:14 AM
225	While the idea of a shorter school week is attractive, I would caution the committee to think about how difficult that might be for working parents rely on school, particularly project keep, for coverage while they're at work.	9/28/2017 9:13 AM
226	Columbus Day is in October, Veterans Day is in November. You have it wrong in the question.	9/28/2017 9:10 AM
227	Children's well being should be the main priority over convenience for parents, teachers and/or curriculum. For instance, recess time is ridiculously short. Meals and snack times should de extended so students learn and gain the health benefits of not inhaling their food.	9/28/2017 9:08 AM
228	I think that everything should stay the way that it is	9/28/2017 9:04 AM
229	If you are going to look at year round school then updates to buildings (air conditioning) should happen for student learning areas	9/28/2017 9:01 AM
230	later start to high school	9/28/2017 8:59 AM
231	ancel the February and April vacation and hold 7 day vacation in March. We no longer need time for Maple sugaring or planting in the spring. These were originally reasons for the Feb. and April time off.	9/28/2017 8:56 AM
232	I oppose flexible make up days because of the difficulty it causes in planning family vacations or other activities. It tempts parents to ignore the flexible day that is now a school day and just take their kids out anyway. I think year round school should be investigated, to reduce the "long forgetting" of summer, however, as the last week or so has proved, in that plan would REQUIRE air conditioned schools. Very little learning happens when the temps top 90* in classrooms. As parent and staff, I'd prefer two longer breaks 10-14 days, one at the end of December and one in March than the three one-week breaks we have now. I also feel strongly that the high school start time should be flipped with the elementary start time. It's hard enough to be in high school without fighting the biological impulse of a later sleep cycle. Other districts have figured it out, I cannot believe they have smarter or more creative staff than SAU 29 does.	9/28/2017 8:52 AM
233	Our children start school to early in the morning. The days are to long and take a toll on them. School needs to start later so they get rested more. I am sure grades would go up.	9/28/2017 8:51 AM
234	1. The Spring/Winter Break should NOT align with "Massachusetts's vacation times" 2. Athletic participation (school team) should be able to be credited as Physical Education 3. The Board has dilly dallied too long on implementation of change in start times for schools to align with current science models.	9/28/2017 8:48 AM
235	later start would be good	9/28/2017 8:46 AM
236	I am guessing our school year would have to be based on hours not days, but has SAU 29 ever considered lengthening the school day in order to have a shorter school year?	9/28/2017 8:38 AM
237	I am very opposed to switching from 180 days to minutes/hours. When I was on the board the administration stressed the importance of contact days (hence the early release days instead of total workshop days). I have seen no evidence that contradicts that importance of contact days to our student's success and well-being. Keep the 180!	9/28/2017 8:38 AM
238	I would consider a rear round calendar if the schools were climate controlled everywhere. Even now, classroom temps climb into unhealthy levels on hot spring and fall days. Those classrooms would be unbearable in the summer months.	9/28/2017 8:37 AM
239	Start Keene high later in the morning	9/28/2017 8:36 AM

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240	Once you commit to a calendar, families plan around it. The idea of flex days consuming a planned vacation can create hardship. Moving to counting by hours could allow accumulation of make up time by small extensions of the regular school days.	9/28/2017 8:33 AM
241	I really think the committee should look into the benefits in more movement and outdoor time, especially for young children. And would love to hear more about 4 day school weeks. My kindergartener is already burnt out and it's just the beginning of the year.	9/28/2017 8:31 AM
242	Include kindergarten information on SAU29 calendar!!!	9/28/2017 8:22 AM
243	The early release days are terrible and an accident waiting to happen. It's a hassle for parents of young children, and older students aren't going off to do community service, many are going to friends homes to party the afternoon away. Not good.	9/28/2017 8:21 AM
244	believe the child's education would suffer if hours or days in school should be reduced	9/28/2017 8:17 AM
245	Please take into consideration that many employees also live in Vermont and Mass. it would be great if at least one of the winter/spring breaks fell at the same time. The spring break used to until this present year.	9/28/2017 8:16 AM
246	thank you for asking for our input.	9/28/2017 8:15 AM
247	A long weekend between Labor Day and Veterans Day is an excellent. It would give the students a break to look forward to in that long stretch for a psychological and physical break from the tiredness of the start of the school year	9/28/2017 8:14 AM
248	Saturday make-up days	9/28/2017 8:12 AM
249	Move the elementary conference day one week later in December	9/28/2017 8:11 AM
250	A four day week would be horrific! Small children already have focus problems sitting in school all day. Plus you would be royally screwing over working parents. We would have to pay for daycare one day of the week in addition to before or after school care. People would probably lose jobs over this because childcare is so expensive. Please don't do this! Not every family is rich enough to have a parent stay home full time.	9/28/2017 8:05 AM
251	A later start for high school should be looked at. The research indicates a move in that direction would be beneficial.	9/28/2017 8:02 AM
252	Early release days are wasteful for student athletes who have to come back for sports and find something to do when they don't live in Keene and can't get home. Teachers should not be able to use the required school hours to just have students watch a movie to kill time before a break. If required to be in school should be using time for learning.	9/28/2017 7:57 AM
253	Regarding our holiday, winter, and spring breaks, we should at least be in sync with the surrounding districts who send their students to the high school's Cheshire Career Center so that they are not missing so much class time. In #8 (flex days) - if we only had 1 day to make up, would having that day after a weekend and before a long break really be beneficial to students? With respect to #11 (year-round schooling), more information would be needed about how the calendar could look and what would happen during the summer months in classrooms without air conditioning.	9/27/2017 10:16 PM
254	Definitely no on the year round schooling	9/27/2017 9:46 PM
255	The school year should begin after Labor Day. We should have a Thanksgiving and Christmas break. No winter break is needed but a spring break is welcomed.	9/27/2017 9:32 PM
256	It would be most helpful to have the calendar coincide as much as possible to neighboring districts for childcare and planning purposes, especially for the longer vacations.	9/27/2017 6:57 PM
257	None	9/27/2017 4:53 PM
258	Bring back working the day before thanks giving. In the work force they work the day before thanksgiving much to long for kids to forget . Put the winter and spring breaks back to the way they were.	9/27/2017 4:27 PM
259	Keep up all the great work. Providing this survey shows how much you care about the students and families.	9/27/2017 4:26 PM
260	While I recognize that year-round schooling could benefit children from families with limited resources, I would rather find resources to provide full-day, summer-long enrichment opportunities for children who need extra support, rather than take away the joy of summer vacation, and the sports, travel, work, and leisure opportunities many engage in, from everyone.	9/27/2017 4:25 PM

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261	Please get rid of winter break and have just a spring break in March. Why can you not build in snow make-up days instead of adding onto the end of the year?	9/27/2017 4:22 PM
262	Start school later	9/27/2017 4:21 PM
263	A big consideration should also be the temperature of the classrooms. Without AC it's tough to teach and learn.	9/27/2017 4:19 PM
264	With as many faculty and staff at KSC with students in the SAUs, it is very inconvenient having differing vacation schedules - coordinating these would be nice. The non-specificity of the school year end with all the release/snow days is similarly difficult.	9/27/2017 4:16 PM
265	Before year round schooling is considered please consider how the buildings would be maintained and the hot ,sticky environment students and teachers would have to work in. Would graduation credits be increased? Would teachers be paid more for a longer school year? Would students benefit from not being able to grow in other ways from summer outings and working?	9/27/2017 4:13 PM
266	As a working parent, ideas such as extended breaks, and four-day school weeks, would be very difficult to implement for my family.	9/27/2017 4:12 PM
267	No to starting day later	9/27/2017 4:11 PM
268	Too many early release days. Makes it extremely difficult on working parents to get child care if there isn't the option to leave work.	9/27/2017 4:10 PM
269	I think that year round school raises several complicating factors, including students abilities to access valuable summer programming (especially outside of the immediate region where other places may not be on a year-round plan). Also, many youth develop very important skills through summer jobs; year-round school would offer breaks that are too short to access viable jobs during breaks. Finally, I feel that year-round school would truly dictate exactly when families must take their summer vacation, which may or may not work appropriately for parent work schedules.	9/27/2017 4:07 PM
270	Please don't cut into Feb and April breaks with "make-up" days. People plan vacations and would incur great expense and inconvenience to change plans due to bad weather.	9/27/2017 4:05 PM
271	By eliminating the February we can get out sooner and to make up snow days add a few min to the end of school if it gets to be a lot of snow days.	9/27/2017 4:03 PM
272	Think creatively! Also think about how you can start later in the morning, so mean kids don't have to get up at 6 to get a 7:00 bus.	9/27/2017 4:02 PM
273	Please continue to consider switching start times to place high schoolers in class later in the morning. Our high schoolers are sleep deprived !	9/27/2017 4:01 PM
274	Early release days should not be allowed. It is very difficult for parents to get coverage for their children and is not the equivalent of a full day of school.	9/27/2017 4:00 PM
275	I feel strongly that school should not run into late June because of a lack of air conditioning. This, I also feel strongly that we should switch to hours instead of days, which should keep the weather make up days to a minimum.	9/27/2017 3:59 PM
276	your question about a break before Veteran's day in October is incorrect.	9/27/2017 3:57 PM
277	I do not believe students need both a winter and spring break. My answer indicating they should be combined assumes the break to be 1 week not 2 weeks. The early release days are frustrating for parents in coordinating schedules. I realize school is not intended to be childcare however the reality is the majority of parents need to work to make ends meet. It feels as though the days off have increased although they clearly haven't considering the 180 day requirement. I believe I speak for many when I ask that the school calendar take into consideration the burden on families both financially and in missed time from work. Thank you for reaching out for our opinions.	9/27/2017 3:53 PM
278	Using hours instead of days would help with going deep into June, which is the biggest single problem with the schedule. Combining February and April vacation into one vacation in March would be a logical second step if the move to hours isn't possible.	9/27/2017 3:52 PM
279	Would love to see a model of 6 weeks in school three weeks off. Allowing for more solid learning. Less summer loss. Would have to consider a/c in the schools. Would also like to consider making up lost days by adding time to length of days for make up instead of snow days.	9/27/2017 3:49 PM
280	If there was a switch from days to hours, would it make it possible to go 180 days, but not have to make up snow days?	9/27/2017 3:47 PM
281	Later start for older students should be considered	9/27/2017 3:46 PM

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282	Later start times for high school students.	9/27/2017 3:41 PM
283	Cheshire county currently does not have very affordable options for after school care. With families that have 2 working parents or only one working parent the school day hours and start to finish of the school year has a great impact on each family in the district. While considering changes to the current calendar, please take the time to look at what the child needs outside of the school day and how that can impact their learning. Later school days for tweens and teens may mean more supervision and an earlier start for elementary kids may help eliminate the need for before care. The length of the summer is not the only topic that should be addressed	9/27/2017 3:37 PM
284	Snow days should not be made up. Consider it a gift from nature. Alternatively, some schools make up snow days by adding time to the day, instead of extending days into summer.	9/27/2017 3:36 PM
285	Thank you for asking for our input.	9/27/2017 3:35 PM
286	Consider looking at surrounding states to match winter and spring break, it would be much easier to find childcare if we matched southern VT and northern MA. Most places do winter break the week of Presidents' Day in February and spring break around tax day.	9/27/2017 3:35 PM
287	I've heard of school who have online classrooms during snow days. Maybe look into the option as well. Thank you for allowing our input on this issue!	9/27/2017 3:29 PM
288	One spring break in March, perhaps different than the college spring break. I am not sure about year round schooling, but it is an interesting topic and would be interested in doing more research on it. Thank you for asking for our input.	9/27/2017 3:27 PM
289	Eliminate workshop days off and do workshops during breaks/vacations	9/27/2017 3:26 PM
290	Thank you for asking our opinions	9/27/2017 3:24 PM
291	Would support year-round school with no homework.	9/27/2017 3:21 PM
292	Too many early release days, and the winter and spring break should be combined. I feel that the teachers could utilize more of the summer months to accomplish what they currently accomplish during the early release days and extra days off, etc. And I am the daughter of two retired teachers... so I know that this might not go over well, but is perhaps a reasonable suggestion.	9/27/2017 3:20 PM
293	The winter and spring brakes are perfect. People look forward to the time off and much-needed vacations. If flex days are built into the beginning of the vacations it would be impossible for staff/families to plan vacations accordingly. We all know the most affordable way to vacation is to book in advance.	9/27/2017 3:19 PM
294	Thank you!!	9/27/2017 3:16 PM
295	I think longer school days in order to start after Labor Day and to allow summer vacation to start early June like Manadock district does would be beneficial for parents and student	9/27/2017 3:15 PM
296	Consider dual working parents.	9/27/2017 3:14 PM
297	Please really consider switching to hours instead of days. Kids naturally start to lose ambition once mid June arrives (some may even argue post Memorial Day). Schools do not have air conditioning. It is very difficult to to focus, think creatively, and give your best when the heat/humidity kicks in. Going to hours could eliminate going deep into June.	9/27/2017 3:11 PM
298	School district should be considerate of dual working parents, and eliminate 1/2 days.	9/27/2017 3:10 PM
299	Back to school should start after Labor Day, the way it used to be. Labor Day marks the end of summer. I do agree with 10 days off for Christmas but do not feel that the kids need another week off in February and then again in April, it's too much time off. I think February vacation should be eliminated as it is so close to the Christmas vacation.	9/27/2017 3:04 PM
300	The high school should start at 9am. And we should go to hours and if there is a cancellation then add 10-15min a day to the school day to make up for the cancellation.	9/27/2017 3:00 PM
301	Kids should be in school five days a week. If school days are canceled then make up the day. If schoop has two hour delays have it equal out to two more so it can make a full day of school to make up for	9/27/2017 2:57 PM
302	I am strongly in support of moving to an hours based system.	9/27/2017 2:55 PM

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303	Early release days interrupt the school day and as far as my children say they are not productive days for them. I think having a week in December then February, and then April is excessive. There are many long weekends and potential snow days and when adding days at the end of the school year is very ineffective. Staff and students may be present at that time but many have checked out and just trying to get to the last day.	9/27/2017 2:54 PM
304	I believe that persuasive evidence exists in favor of a later start time in the morning particularly for high school students.	9/27/2017 2:47 PM
305	I know some states do longer days to help w/ makeup days and not going into summer. I always have felt that a vacation in Dec, Feb and April should be changed to 2 longer ones maybe in Dec and March? I think it always takes kids a few days to 'focus' back when there's a break. Just my opinion.	9/27/2017 2:40 PM
306	Start school day later 7:45/8:00	9/27/2017 2:36 PM
307	We came from a school district that used hourly instead of daily and we really enjoyed the delayed start and the earlier release to the school year (not daily!)	9/27/2017 2:32 PM
308	It doesn't matter when we start, we always go into June. Give the kids the entire months of July and August off. Start after Labor Day and switch to hours.	9/27/2017 2:29 PM
309	I think a later start for the middle school and high school is more appropriate for their age group. The early start is difficult for adolescents; the release time is also too early for working parents. I think there is a lot of potential for middle and high schoolers who are not participating in after school activities to get into trouble with the early release time, as they are often unsupervised for at least a couple of hours	9/27/2017 2:27 PM
310	Get rid of winter break	9/27/2017 2:25 PM
311	Start times are too early for high schoolers. The school district should seriously consider following the American Academy of Pediatrics and CDC recommendations .	9/27/2017 2:23 PM
312	I voted mostly to keep the school year as-is when asked whether to make incremental/minor changes. However, I'm very much in favor of reviewing a 4-day week and/or a year-round schedule	9/27/2017 2:16 PM
313	Thank you for looking into switching to hours over days.	9/27/2017 1:21 PM
314	There are far too many snow days	9/27/2017 1:19 PM
315	1. The Committee should make decisions without the need to survey anyone. Good decision making doesn't necessarily come from surveys...nor does a statistically flawed survey help make a case to support or undermine sound decisions. 2. Cost savings on the schools end doesn't necessarily translate to cost savings for parents. for instance a 4 day school week would end up costing a family with childcare age children more money. While I support studying issues, I think its a wast of time studying 4 days school or even a "balanced" school year. Businesses are set up around the summer model we currently have and while the market will always adjust it is unfruitful to be pursuing calendar changes that just aren't logical. 3. That said I do support the study and move toward flipping the elementary and high school start times. I have seen teen agers attempt to function and 7:30am and its not a pretty sight.	9/27/2017 1:07 PM
316	Franklin gets out at 3:10 which is very late I feel. I can't get my kids to their 3:30 activities. I think school should be released at 2:50. The bus doesn't get them home until 3:45 which just seems so late. Half days are fine if they count toward the school year number. The school should DEFINITELY institute blizzard bags. I do NOT thing snow days should add onto the end of the year last day. I don't think this should ever happen. There should be a way for kids to do work at home on snow days to accommodate this. This would be the simplest to institute I believe, especially since we have weather projects and you can pretty much always tell when school will be canceled for snow and ice. A teacher could have as many as 3-4 days to prepare blizzard bags, or have them well ahead of time. This would make the end of the year so much more manageable. As far as the start of the year I think it was too early this year. It was still summertime when we started third week in August. No one was ready for school.	9/27/2017 1:00 PM
317	What about the planned take home work for snow days?	9/27/2017 12:59 PM
318	A later start time for high schoolers. Also, Columbus Day had not been a day off and this year it is on the schedule as a day off - this day should be a regular school day. With respect to early release days and workshop days, they should be done prior to the school year beginning or during one of the four plus weeks off during the school year. The February and April vacations should be eliminated and have one week in March instead.	9/27/2017 12:57 PM

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319	It is crucial that the January workshop day be aligned with the semester change at the high school.	9/27/2017 11:27 AM
320	Year round schooling--yes! 4 day weeks, that would need to be a serious discussion for working families. The out of school childcare structure in our community would need to change with us.	9/27/2017 10:41 AM
321	The shift to hours would be great for students, parents and staff. At the high school, we need to have our I-Time at the end of the day. This would help minimize the impact sports / club dismissals have on the teams that leave early for travel and miss most of block 4 instruction. Needs to be addressed immediately!	9/27/2017 9:28 AM
322	Columbus Day is a federal holiday and would be a welcome 3 day weekend during a long, busy stretch without any breaks.	9/27/2017 9:26 AM
323	One thought is to use Workshop days as the built in inclement weather days. This option was used in other districts I have worked in. I think you would have a lot of trouble getting children to school to make up inclement weather days during a scheduled vacation as many families travel during school breaks.	9/27/2017 9:16 AM
324	I am 100% for year-round schooling. We have been in districts that have it and it works very well.	9/27/2017 9:12 AM
325	I think one week of break in the Spring is all that is needed- no need for a Winter break when you just had the Christmas break plus snow days and half days and teacher days. It breaks up the kids routine and causes issues with parents that work full time- money/time/stress. And eliminating that week of winter break would help prevents schools ending so late.	9/27/2017 8:47 AM
326	When we were kids we started school after Labor Day and we never got out past the 20th of June. In a perfect world it could be like this again. I like the idea of thinking about the school year in terms of hours instead of days. If the calendar gets behind, the school day is extended 30 minutes every day in the month of March for example. I'm not a fan of early release days. They are very difficult for working families. Either my wife or I must take time off from work. Also, I understand the need for teacher workshop days. However instead of dedicated days, perhaps snow days could be used for this instead?. I cant remember a winter when they're aren't at least two or three. It's easy nowadays to collaborate online. Thank you for preparing this survey. We have two children in the sau 29 system and are happy with education they're getting.	9/27/2017 8:04 AM
327	Please go to hours not days! We can set a end of school date and stick to it.	9/27/2017 7:32 AM
328	Thank you for doing this survey.	9/27/2017 7:23 AM
329	School hours should be left as is so students who participate in extra curricular activities do not miss more instruction time	9/27/2017 7:20 AM
330	It is already difficult for middle class working families to figure out hildcare for early release days because they do not fit within the typical employer/business work week. Year round 4-day weeks would be a disaster for working families, besides the fact he hat our schools are not equipped to be climate controlled year round. I appreciate the opportunity to give feedback but let's start small. Get rid of early release days, eliminate February vacation and figure out a better spring break option AND make the switch to an hours based calendar. That's actually a lot to start with but seems to be most ideal for middle class working families as well as beneficial to students, teachers, and staff.	9/26/2017 10:03 PM
331	Like the idea of starting students the Tuesday after Labor Day, but don't think the school year should be any longer.	9/26/2017 9:47 PM
332	I don't feel that I can answer question number 10 without seeing what this would look like, who would be impacted, and how they would be impacted. As far as using winter or spring break days to make up missed days due to weather, that makes it difficult for those wishing to travel with family or to visit far flung family during those times. As for question 4, my question in order to answer that would be what are the ramifications for a yes answer-or a no answer as far as all of the other options in the other questions are concerned.	9/26/2017 8:56 PM
333	Don't mind built in snow days but not to conflict with a holiday break. Time to combine the winter and spring breaks and place the one week in March.	9/26/2017 8:25 PM

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334	I would like to see the SAU adopt a calendar such as schools in the Midwest have. Start schools around Aug. 24th, delete Early Release days, December holiday break always begins no later than December 22nd and goes through New Year's Day, combine the winter break and spring break into one week off (possibly in March). This should result in summer vacations that would start in early June, and if too early perhaps we offer a short break in October. I prefer to bank as many days as we can by starting earlier in August as we have been because students are eager to return to school after the summer break as opposed to making up time at the end of the year in June when their attention and focus are low.	9/26/2017 8:24 PM
335	The school day should start about 45 minutes to one hour later and the school year Tuesday after Labor Day.	9/26/2017 8:16 PM
336	Questions 6 & 7 need more options. 4 Day school week for small children (extending their day from 5.25 to around 6hrs) may interfere with parent work schedules but for older students, longer days but shorter weeks may allow for flexible internships or other opportunities.	9/26/2017 8:10 PM
337	Not sure this will actually have any impact on the Calendar Committee's ability to make change, so no opinion until we know this will be utilized.	9/26/2017 7:56 PM
338	Nope all set	9/26/2017 7:05 PM
339	Aligning school vacations w other SAUs.	9/26/2017 7:01 PM
340	Be able to go to school two nights a week in exchange for mornings off to see the sunshine and be able to do personal business in businesses during those hours.	9/26/2017 6:41 PM
341	I appreciate being asked	9/26/2017 6:18 PM
342	This may not work out to anyone's benefit but my own and some others, many parents I know work in Vermont at school districts in Brattleboro and it's very hard to coordinate schedules when my son st Chesterfield has two vacations different than mine. I've heard that Hinsdale follows Brattleboro's vacation schedule wondering if that could work for the Keene District and Chesterfield as well	9/26/2017 6:11 PM
343	We need to switch to hours to have more flexibility with snow days. This is New England we need to plan for snow days!	9/26/2017 5:58 PM
344	Don't revise already published calendar.	9/26/2017 5:45 PM
345	I think year round schooling is a good idea, but we need air conditioning that we do not have.	9/26/2017 4:45 PM
346	I really think the 3, 4, 5 day start to the school year is best. Also, eliminating one of the winter breaks is much better than starting so early!	9/26/2017 4:19 PM
347	I feel strongly with keeping the normally scheduled breaks including summer, as well as having them in line with other NH schools is in the best interests of families/staff with children. As a teacher, I look forward to these normally scheduled breaks, especially the summer break. Thanks-	9/26/2017 4:17 PM
348	his survey didn't ask when in Feb. or April the break should be, if kept. That is a key issue for many events within the district and in the community. Please go back to the third week in April--there are a number of events that happen on the weekends of May-June--each weekend has its own event, both school and community. This year's schedule has thrown a huge monkey wrench into the balance of those dates.	9/26/2017 4:11 PM
349	We should strive for consistency as much as possible from year to year.	9/26/2017 4:03 PM
350	good in its own way	9/26/2017 4:02 PM
351	I would like the committee to consider changing the start time at the high school to be more in line with the research for educational effectiveness of the teenage brain benefiting from a later morning start time. Brattleboro has successfully transitioned to this model albeit with a fair amount of skepticism at first.	9/26/2017 4:01 PM
352	How about a later start to the school day	9/26/2017 4:00 PM
353	Great survey. Merger winter and spring break, school start day after Labor day, end in early June.	9/26/2017 3:59 PM
354	Using a day like Dec. 23 was a logical 'make-up' day, but to dive into Feb. or Spring break would be challenging for families/staff that have made travel plans. Also, keeping the February break after the Presidents' Day in extremely important to NH ski families and students who are participating in the SKI NH Program for 4th and 5th graders.	9/26/2017 3:57 PM

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355	I am a strong supporter of starting school after labor day. I have lived in NH my whole life. As a child we always started school after labor day, had 2 days at Thanksgiving, at least a week at Christmas, February vacation and April vacation, as well as all of the other legal holidays, and were always out of school before June 20. I don't know how things have changed to make it seem like we need to start so early. Maybe we need to stop cancelling school the night before just in case it snows, and wait to see what the actual conditions are in the morning. (Snarky comment aside, I do feel that we sometimes cancel school when it isn't really warranted.)	9/26/2017 3:54 PM
356	I am strongly in agreement for switching to hours versus days. In the event of snow days it would allow options such as extending the school day by 20-30 min for an extended time rather than having school in session into the later part of June.	9/26/2017 3:51 PM
357	In most of these, my opinion is fairly minimal. Thanks for thinking through all these questions!	9/26/2017 3:48 PM
358	Kids at the high school level really*****need to have at least a slightly later start time....there is a big time loss between middle school to moving on to the high school....ITS REALLY FELT BY THE KIDS	9/26/2017 3:47 PM
359	Please look into a later start to the school day.	9/26/2017 3:46 PM
360	The high school students should not be up at five am or on these buses that early for an hour or more.school should start at 845 and end at 245 for high school .it is vital to the childrens sleep and growth patterns and also their ability to effectively learn.they are spending the first two to three hours daily just trying to wake up and get their bearings.	9/26/2017 3:44 PM
361	We should take advantage of the HOURS method rather than the days. It would eliminate make up days for snow, ice and other weather related closings.	9/26/2017 3:43 PM
362	I would have considered year round schooling if there was an option to make the classrooms under 90 degrees.	9/26/2017 3:42 PM
363	Changes to calendar either by days or start should factor in day care/camp availability in the area for elementary school children. Camp options are limited the last couple weeks before school starts so im in favor of school starting earlier in August.	9/26/2017 3:41 PM
364	I feel the schedule should stay as is at least for the younger students then gradually evolve as they get older to a possible by hours or 4 day schedule.	9/26/2017 3:35 PM
365	I think there should be year round discussion for special education. Additionally I think that if an elementary school is over the 945 hours then we should not have to make up the snow days.	9/26/2017 3:34 PM
366	If considering year-round school buildings need to be air-conditioned. A huge expense!	9/26/2017 3:06 PM
367	Once June hits and the hot weather rolls in, most of the schools are not equipped for the hot days. The students ability to learn decreases immensely with the heat. Please look into hours.	9/26/2017 3:05 PM
368	There is simply no need for both winter and spring break. Winter break currently happens something like 6 weeks after school resumes in January. That's just ridiculous. A spring break in March would be perfectly placed.	9/26/2017 3:04 PM
369	Having a 3 day weekend every week would allow for year round schooling and reduce backsliding that occurs in learning during the summer. While I prefer a 4 day week, I'd like to see one week off every 7 weeks on- giving kids and families options for travel and a break. EXCELLENT idea, and thank you for opening up the discussion!	9/26/2017 2:56 PM
370	Don't change the starting time at KHS	9/26/2017 2:56 PM
371	Later start times for middle and high school.	9/26/2017 2:55 PM
372	I would like to have the conference day for elementary moved a week. Elementary teachers spend Thanksgiving break preparing report cards and prepping for conferences.	9/26/2017 2:38 PM
373	Change can be educations friend! Always be looking on ways to improve the overall education, and opportunities for our students.	9/26/2017 2:36 PM
374	Spring and winter breaks are important just to get general sickness out of the buildings. A long October weekend would be nice simply because we live in an area where people actually come up here to enjoy it. It doesn't need to be about celebrating Columbus. I think that is more beneficial than having Veteran's Day off.	9/26/2017 2:31 PM

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375	Keene's start to the school year is far too early! The students/families/staff are NOT in the proper mindset because they feel "robbed" and resentful. It's counterproductive to try and start earlier than other schools. Traditionally, families view Labor Day as the end of summer and plan around that notion to start off the school year on a good note. Isn't this what we should strive for? SCHOOL SHOULD START AFTER LABOR DAY! It's very unproductive seeing that there are MANY families that agree with wanting a later start date which causes staff have to back pedal to bring late comers up to speed. Classrooms are absolutely unbearable because of the heat at the beginning and end of school and NO ONE is able to concentrate. The reduced cost of unused utilities would be a significant factor and certainly should be considered. Additionally, sporting events can't coordinate with other teams because they are not yet in session. Counting hours is a brilliant and acceptable means of fulfilling the requirement and allows for flexibility when trying to calculate for a later start to the school year and any snow days that should arise. PLEASE-change the start date to after Labor Day!!! As far as February and April break- they should remain as is. It's a long stretch between the two and it is beneficial for Staff and Students to take the time to reset and come back for a fresh start. Everyone is much more productive. Thank you for taking the time to read this...	9/26/2017 2:16 PM
376	Possibly look at combining winter and spring break to early march to allow for winter enthusiasts to have a vacation similar to summer enthusiasts. Many people/family's love the snow and other winter sports	9/26/2017 2:14 PM
377	Thank you for sending this survey out.	9/26/2017 2:06 PM
378	trying to get it done sooner and have it be more accessible to the parents earlier on	9/26/2017 1:13 PM
379	Years ago I worked for a school district that eliminated February break and had Jan and Feb all 4-day weeks (adding in New Year's and MLKing Day allowed for this). It saved on heating.	9/26/2017 1:04 PM
380	later start for high school in line with the studies they've done that show increased productivity - that has the potential to affect their futures if they're more alert and fully functioning during the very important high school years.	9/26/2017 1:04 PM
381	I think having school into late June is ok. Study after study has shown that long summer breaks cause retention problems.	9/26/2017 1:04 PM
382	December conference day should be moved up a week. Elementary teachers are forced to spend their Thanksgiving break writing report cards. This limits family time.	9/26/2017 12:56 PM
383	I believe we absolutely need to have a long weekend between Labor Day and Veteran's Day. The stretch is too long as it is now.	9/26/2017 12:56 PM
384	The December report card conference should be moved a week later to the following Friday.	9/26/2017 12:55 PM
385	The most important change that I would like is to start class at 9:00 am. Teens function better academically with more sleep in the morning. We already know this. If there is an issue with bussing, then solve that. Priority should be in providing the best situation for learning that respects the natural biorhythms of kid's bodies. Also, just eliminate homework-studies show that it does nothing to further academic progress.	9/26/2017 12:54 PM
386	I suggest a 4 day weekend for Labor Day and a 4 day weekend for President's day or late February.	9/26/2017 12:48 PM
387	eliminate winter break. longer summer	9/26/2017 12:43 PM
388	Eliminating winter or spring breaks is a horrible idea, done only to benefit people running soccer camps. We need those breaks to give kids/staff a fresh start and to eliminate illness in schools.	9/26/2017 12:40 PM
389	four day work weeks would be great!	9/26/2017 12:37 PM
390	If we consider year-round options, many of our schools are uncomfortably hot in spring, late summer, and and into the fall. Some of our classrooms reach 95 degrees. This is not an environment conducive to learning.	9/26/2017 12:34 PM
391	Please consider a March vacation verses a February and April vacation	9/26/2017 12:30 PM
392	4 day school week. Interesting. Maybe the 5th day of the week could be used as make up snow days..	9/26/2017 12:28 PM
393	Scheduling the first parent-teacher conferences a week later, therefore making grades due a week later.	9/26/2017 12:27 PM

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394	I would be in favor of a small increase in the length of school days to help with snow days as Monadnock does. Not certain but I believe it is something like 13 min more and by end of year it makes up 5 snow days?	9/26/2017 12:25 PM
395	I like the concept of year round school however as an hourly employee, I work in the summer to make my job with the school district financially viable. If the school year were to be spread across the entire year, it would make earning the extra money that many of us count on almost impossible. If we go to this format, I hope this is taken into consideration.	9/26/2017 12:24 PM
396	The calendar (and everything else) is always all about Keene Schools rather than considering how things impact the town schools.	9/26/2017 12:22 PM
397	Later start after Labor day makes sense if you run later into June parents can still get time with families and high school students can work summer jobs. Some jobs ask students when they start school and hire those who start later.	9/26/2017 12:21 PM
398	Spring break should coninside with passover and accomodations for fall for rosh Hashanah and yom Kippur. This should not be a suprise it occurs every year lije Christmas	9/26/2017 12:20 PM
399	The buildings are not equipped for summer heat.	9/26/2017 12:19 PM
400	None	9/26/2017 12:18 PM
401	I do feel early release would be better either eliminated or a later start time. I'm glad you are considering what options are out there	9/26/2017 12:13 PM
402	It is difficult for students and teachers to work in 100 degree classrooms, since there is no air conditioned space available. This should be a huge consideration when thinking of the weather and the school calendar.	9/26/2017 12:07 PM
403	If we don't start after Labor Day, I think starting 3 days before is a nice lead into the school schedule. A 3 day week, 4 day week. 5 day week.	9/26/2017 12:06 PM
404	Suggest further consideration of a later start time.	9/26/2017 12:05 PM
405	Only consider year round model if AC provided.	9/26/2017 11:57 AM
406	Thank you for including the parents/students in your future scheduling changes.	9/26/2017 11:53 AM
407	Thank you for taking the time to consider many different view points and collect information from stake holders. Even if we end up with the same schedule in the end, it is always good to explore new ideas and decide what is most important to and best for our individual school district.	9/26/2017 11:53 AM
408	In years with many snow days, a blizzard bag could be considered. I would not do for all snow days but when we get beyond 5 I think it should be an option. There seem to be so many snow days now, and I'm guessing this has to do with having so many distant towns in the SAU, could we somehow excuse Marlow/Winchester on some snow days but still have school in Keene? Then would have enough attendance to satisfy requirements? There is no	9/26/2017 11:52 AM
409	I attended school in VT and they build 5 days for snow days into their full calendar. If they aren't used, the last day is before the scheduled last day and if they exceed 5 days, the last day is later than scheduled. I believe this is something that SAU 29 should look into.	9/26/2017 11:51 AM
410	Later start times for school days.	9/26/2017 11:48 AM
411	If the winter and spring breaks are combined, plan a week in late March or early April. If the school year ends in early June starting before Labor Day is fine. If the school year ends late in June, the start date should be closer to Labor Day.	9/26/2017 11:43 AM
412	Summer break is important	9/26/2017 11:30 AM
413	Families plan vacations on school vacation weeks. One vacation between February and April would be nice but do not have make up days fall on vacation due to travel plans.	9/26/2017 11:29 AM
414	Thank you for your efforts and open-mindedness towards creating next year's calendar. The thought of taking some days out of Feb. or April break to make-up snow days sounds reasonable, but makes it very difficult for staff and district families to plan trips during the scheduled 'vacations.'	9/26/2017 11:14 AM
415	Later start should be priority for KHS, thank you	9/26/2017 11:03 AM

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416	I am very pleased that the calendar committee is asking for feedback. I have had a lot of concerns with the calendar particularly in the last two years. I do not agree with our earlier start in August. Even with the earlier start, we have still gone very late in June. The earlier start in August (two weeks before Labor Day) really impacts time as a family. As a parent of a high schooler who is involved in sports, preseason then gets pushed back even earlier in August. It really prevents us from going anywhere after the first week of August and very much squeezes the summer, especially when we are getting out so late in June due to the amount of snow days. I also think we need to look at how quickly we seem to call off school for snow. I know safety is of utmost importance, as it should be, but I think some of our days could have been delays which would have allowed those days to count. Taking a look at how to build in snow days to our calendar or making up days along the way would be beneficial for all.	9/26/2017 11:01 AM
417	My priority would be figuring out how to maximize summer break for kids. It's much needed downtime. Late June to mid August is really short. Are all other breaks really needed?	9/26/2017 10:59 AM
418	I think it's important to think about the best interest of children's learning and ease for our parents when working on the calendar! I know teachers would balk at working year round, students loose so much over the summer!	9/26/2017 10:44 AM
419	Later start time for all ages.	9/26/2017 10:31 AM
420	i think they all year round option would not only benefit our kids academically but would help parents who cant afford to send their children to day care and are forced to leave older siblings watching younger siblings. it would allow teachers to teach more and stop spending 3 months reviewing last years curriculum	9/26/2017 10:30 AM
421	Give kids more time for science, experiments, and have when making mistakes	9/26/2017 10:23 AM
422	Some questions were a little challenging to answer, being a parent to an only child just entering kindergarten. After the first year of school, it's possible that I/we could have a different view on things & that may or may not change the way we answered some of the questions.)	9/26/2017 10:15 AM
423	At a minimum, the District should go to an hours based schedule, and increase the length of school days to make up for excessive snow days, or longer school days all year to shorten the calendar. That said, looking at a 12-month schedule would eliminate so many problems that are tied to the start and stop of the academic year ever year.	9/26/2017 10:11 AM
424	Air conditioning will need to be considered for school to ever go year round and has become an issue for the months of June and August.	9/26/2017 10:04 AM
425	All Cheshire County schools should be on same schedule for FAMILY members and friends	9/26/2017 9:59 AM
426	High School should start later in the day	9/26/2017 9:58 AM
427	When thinking of scheduling, schools should think of physical activity like recess (20 minutes) for middle school--kids need to move!	9/26/2017 9:57 AM
428	Would like to have considered the option of start school day a little later. My child currently is on the first bus stop at 6:38 which means getting up at 5:45am. And during a good part of the school year waits in the pitch black for the bus to arrive.	9/26/2017 9:54 AM
429	Just a recap--Start week before Labor day at the earliest--Maybe a 3 day fall break in Oct. Return after Christmas Break Jan 3--Keep Feb and April Break--Use hours instead of 180 days. No to year round school and No to four day week--This is very difficult for parents who work.	9/26/2017 9:53 AM
430	I would prefer a start date after Labor Day, longer Christmas break, end date in early June and elimination of Winter break.	9/26/2017 9:50 AM
431	Later start time for high school students	9/26/2017 9:49 AM
432	Thank you for your work on these big issues!	9/26/2017 9:45 AM
433	Blizzard bags should be considered to have snow days changed to count as school days. Most of the schools do not have AC, so the warmer days are deadly for student learning.	9/26/2017 9:40 AM
434	Looking forward to the results!	9/26/2017 9:38 AM
435	IF we are going to look at year round schooling, we MUST look at air conditioning for the schools and what budget effect that would have.	9/26/2017 9:37 AM

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436	As a family with 2 working parents it helps when the school schedule lines up with parents schedules. A 4 day school week would not allow our children to have special camps that were able to accomplish enrichment. A single day camp wouldn't allow the children to progress. For instance, my daughter attends MOCO camps and at the end of the week has a performance. I could see this being complicated and she would loose this if we went to 4 days and I would have to find child care 1 day a week. I also would like to see the school year a bit longer, I feel like with a long summer break my children (grades K and 2) loose some of the progress that they gained in the previous year.	9/26/2017 9:37 AM
437	If there is a day to make up should be done on a teachers work shop day	9/26/2017 9:37 AM
438	NA	9/26/2017 9:36 AM
439	The SAU 29 district should look seriously at a later start time for HS students. Read the data, it makes sense for the health and well being of our children. If school is child centered then we need to deal with the inconveniences that business and others face and do what is right for the students.	9/26/2017 9:35 AM
440	I think it is also important to look at the start time and end time of school. Studies have repeatedly shown that teenagers need more sleep. I would definitely support a later start time for them and a later dismissal time. My own family struggles greatly with having to get up at 5:30 to get ready for High School. Younger children naturally wake up early and go to bed earlier.	9/26/2017 9:33 AM
441	There should be 1 winter/spring break. And breaks should be the same for the surrounding school districts	9/26/2017 9:31 AM
442	Will we be able to see the results of the survey, please?	9/26/2017 9:29 AM
443	No winter break. Spring break should Occur in march. Early release days are only ok if there are zero teacher in service Days. School year should be based on hours. Snow days should be built in but not to existing breaks. I.e what southern schools do for hurricane weather. High school day should begin 15 min later.	9/26/2017 9:26 AM
444	The building is too hot to have school anytime before Labor Day or after early June. Starting school an hour earlier would solve many issues at the high school.	9/26/2017 9:26 AM
445	later start times	9/26/2017 9:22 AM
446	My biggest issue is the early school year start before Labor Day. It cuts the summer vacation short & interferes with a late summer family trip.	9/26/2017 9:16 AM
447	1. I've never heard of a four-day work week. I'd be interested in learning more! 2. Year-round school would REQUIRE air conditioning! Some of those 90' degree days in May and June make teaching pointless. The kids are not able to function. 3. It is nice easing into the school year. To me the ideal start is Thursday and Friday for WEEK 1, (Labor Day) Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday for WEEK 2, and then a full week for WEEK 3. 4. Starting after Labor Day moves us too far into June. But I heard a piece on WKBK this morning explaining that the businesses need their student employees at the end of summer. Maybe it does make sense. 5. I am relatively new to New England and had never had Winter Break and Spring Break. We only had one week in March. I think the two breaks in the 2nd semester are needed. With all of the testing we are required to do, etc., it is nice to have the breaks.	9/26/2017 9:16 AM
448	I think that taking away Feb vacation and keeping Vacation in April. The early release days make no since. The kids don't have any summer anymore	9/26/2017 9:15 AM
449	A four day week would save thousands of dollars and allow for less class time missed due to sports dismissals.	9/26/2017 9:01 AM