

# Whitefish Bay Calendar Survey Data Review

## February 2017

### District Calendar Committee

#### Elementary

Survey	System Consideration	Elementary Level/Building Considerations
Staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Too hot in summer for earlier start time with no air conditioning</li> <li>● Fall conferences at 9 weeks</li> <li>● People like current PT conference days and schedule</li> <li>● Make spring conferences optional</li> <li>● Full day of professional learning preferred</li> <li>● Ending first full week in June is preferred</li> <li>● Some of level support for decreasing 180 days</li> <li>● No concerns noted on start time</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Meet and greet, parent information night and open house: staff thinks they could be more combined or not all needed</li> <li>● Concern/cognizant that we have lots of Mondays and Fridays off and miss specials, therapies, etc...more often</li> </ul>
Parent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Conferences at 9 weeks</li> <li>● Parents like our current fall conference scheduling of staggered start and end times</li> <li>● Parent prefer 9 weeks in second semester and spring</li> <li>● Evening conferences are important to keep</li> <li>● Parents like our current PT structure (face to face, no student)</li> <li>● NO LATE START</li> <li>● Parents prefer full days off for PL</li> <li>● No interest in year around</li> <li>● Are OK with not 180 days...</li> <li>● End first full week in June</li> <li>● Opposed to starting much before September 1</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Too many events in the beginning of the year</li> <li>● Regional calendar would be nice</li> </ul>

#### Middle School

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Staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Spring break does not align with other districts</li> <li>● Start after September 1</li> <li>● End the first week in June</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Meet and Greet and Meet the Teachers are the most valuable</li> <li>● Lack of enthusiasm of conferences</li> <li>● Keep start time the same</li> </ul>
Parent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Keep conferences at 9 weeks</li> <li>● Tie- 180 days or fewer</li> <li>● Conferences should not be on the same night across the District</li> <li>● End the first week in June</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Meet the Teachers- 58%</li> <li>● Parent Information- 65%</li> <li>● Change conference format, too much waiting in line</li> <li>● Keep conferences face-to-face</li> </ul>

### High School

Survey	System Consideration	High School Level/Building Considerations
Staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Too hot in August</li> <li>● Balance more time off throughout the year</li> <li>● Communicate all calendar changes with the motivation to change</li> <li>● Don't have teachers come back too much earlier in August</li> <li>● Want regional calendar</li> <li>● Want PL throughout the year</li> <li>● Hard to have a different break than your own kids</li> <li>● Schedule as needed for certain kids</li> <li>● Spring not as needed as fall</li> <li>● PL full days up against a weekend</li> <li>● Need for more consistent collaboration</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Exams in December</li> <li>● Do not have exams in December, holidays are too busy to study</li> <li>● If you go too late in June it impacts summer employment</li> <li>● Excuse all seniors the week before finals</li> <li>● Rather add time to the school day than change the exam schedule</li> <li>● Like current PT schedule</li> <li>● Schedule online</li> </ul>
Parent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● More opposed to starting before September 1 but may be OK if it was the last week in August</li> <li>● Want to end first full week in June</li> <li>● Want more frequent breaks</li> <li>● Likes long weekends</li> <li>● Would appreciate more Jewish Holidays off</li> <li>● LOTS of support for later start time at the HS</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Meet and Greet/Meet the Teachers most important</li> </ul>

### All Respondents

Survey	Common Themes	Other Considerations Noted
Staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Keep September 1 Start Date (too hot)</li> <li>● Standardize decisions</li> <li>● Exam by winter break</li> <li>● Holidays too busy to study for exams</li> <li>● Preference by the first or second week in June (but go later in June than earlier in August)</li> <li>● Too many beginning of the year events</li> <li>● Open house is low importance</li> <li>● Keep fall conferences as is-face to face</li> <li>● 9 weeks is preferred for both</li> <li>● Spring conferences optional</li> <li>● Parent need evening hours</li> <li>● Days off combined to weekend or vacation</li> <li>● Full days for professional learning</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Summer employment/jobs</li> <li>● Fixed family timelines (kids in other districts)</li> <li>● North shore/regional calendar</li> <li>● HS/MS formalize appointments/times</li> <li>● Keep high levels of electronic communication with parents</li> <li>● Open to changing conference format, but why?</li> </ul>
Parent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Keep September 1 Start Date (too hot)</li> <li>● Start early just in HS (AP/Sports)</li> <li>● Preference by the first or second week in June (but go later in June than earlier in August)</li> <li>● Too many beginning of the year events. Should combine</li> <li>● Keep fall conferences as is-face to face- lots of complaints of waiting in line, etc...</li> <li>● 9 weeks is preferred for both</li> <li>● Spring conferences optional</li> <li>● Days off combined to weekend or vacation</li> <li>● Full days for professional learning</li> <li>● NO late starts</li> <li>● 180 days: 1/3, 1/3, 1/3</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● On-line registration in summer (then don't need all beg. Of year events)</li> <li>● Stagger dates at building for multiple kids at different levels</li> <li>● HS/MS formalize appointments/times-</li> <li>● Would like longer winter breaks</li> <li>● Consider what is best for the whole-child (sleep, start/end times)</li> </ul>
Other committee discussions		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Homework at all levels</li> <li>● Finals at HS counting for 25% of grade</li> <li>● MS/HS (PreK too) support sessions before school starts in August at the air conditioned library?</li> </ul>

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