



PROPOSED 2019-2020 SLPS CALENDAR UPDATE

February 21, 2019



2019-2020 CALENDAR

FEEDBACK



- **276 total** comments submitted as of Feb. 14. Some comments had multiple parts, so they may be counted more than once (in different sections).
- **66%** of comments were related to Winter Break.
- In addition there were several requests to alter Professional Development Days (PD) and Parent Teacher Conference Days (PTC) schedules.

COMMENTS TALLY

- Survey Responses Via Phone (345-INFO): 2 total
- Survey Responses Via Let's Talk: 3 total
- Survey Responses Via Online Survey: 271 total
- TOTAL RESPONSES VIA ALL METHODS: 276

- FINAL TALLIES (these include all methods; some responses addressed multiple topics, so the number will be greater than 276):
 - Comments Re: Winter Break: 209
 - Comments Re: First Day of School: 29
 - Comments Re: Parent/Teacher Conferences: 29
 - Comments Re: Spring Break: 16
 - Comments Re: Professional Development: 12
 - Comments Re: Good Friday/Easter: 8
 - Comments Re: Other: 6
 - Comments Re: St. Patrick's Day: 5
 - Comments Re: Recordkeeping Days: 3



WINTER BREAK COMMENTS

Winter break should be two full weeks like last year.

Teachers need time to rest – 2018-2019 calendar was good for morale.	Combine classroom prep with record-keeping.
Teachers need more travel time.	Two no-school days become PTCs and PDs.
Classroom prep day is unnecessary. Should have rooms ready.	Make the Friday before WB a school day.
Teachers will use PTO to extend so attendance will be low.	Jan. 6 as RK day/begin school on Jan. 7.
Unnecessary to have three full work days without students.	Move PD day to later in Jan.
Other districts get two full weeks.	Start school early by a day or two.
	Take Friday before Spring Break/add WB.
	PTCs could be Oct. 17-18/March 19-20
	Take Veteran's Day.

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES COMMENTS



Keep proposed calendar's plans to have Friday's off after PTCs or move PTCs to mid-week and have Friday be a regular school day.

Friday conferences had the least amount of attendance in recent history.	PTCs on a Tues. & Thurs. after school and have school on Friday (2 week WB).
Prefer to work with students on Fridays after PTC (10/18/19 & 3/20/20) – I do not mind long days as the time spent can be critical to intervention, particularly in Oct.	Complete PTCs in the morning.
	Conferences on Wed. and Thurs. and Friday is a regular school day.
	Hold PTCs on Thurs. and have a half day on Fri. with PTCs to follow. (The district would follow the early dismissal plan Dr. Adams put in place for inclement weather. Then each school would hold PTCs for three hours after.

START OF SCHOOL COMMENTS



Move the first day of school later in the year. Don't start school on Monday.

8/5/19 is too early to start school.

PD on Aug. 7-9. classrooms prep on Aug. 12-13, students arrive Wed., Aug. 14

Summer day camps assume the SY ends at the end of May and starts the 3rd week of Aug.

Extend school year past Memorial Day.

Single-parent households need a few days to prepare if they didn't get everything done during the weekend because they had to work.

Start school on Tues. or Wed., not Mon.

Kids adjust better if they have a short first week.

Gives parents one more day to prep.

MOVE SPRING BREAK UP

COMMENTS



Align with County Schools.

Many county districts are March 16-20.

Swap weeks.

Staff with students in other districts get more time with families (do not incur childcare costs).

More student engagement and work completion when the Spring Break comes earlier and not so close to Summer Break.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

COMMENTS



- PD locations should not be in the same place every year. If I live north or my school is located north, shouldn't my PD location at least be held north sometimes? It's always south.
- The proposed 2019-2020 school calendar states there are 3 districtwide and 4 site-based PD days; however, there actually appear to be 2 districtwide and 5 site-based days. Increase the amount of time offered for districtwide PD cohort days, if continuing with the PD Cohort Model used during 2018-2019. Eliminating District Cohort PD time by 9 hours not only minimizes the depth of cohort SMART goals and objectives, but also reduces expectations for impact on student learning outcomes.

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- Have students attend class half-day, usually a Friday and have PD on the other half day (doing this for 4-5 days would allow for two weeks for WB, the two NS days after PTCs should stay and half day before or after Easter could be off for staff and students).

EASTER/GOOD FRIDAY COMMENTS



- Why don't we have it off anymore?
- Should have day before holiday off for people who travel.

RECORDKEEPING DAYS

COMMENTS



- ❑ Eliminate the two RK days. The system overloads and the majority (or probably all) of our teachers input their grades at other times or at home. Don't have paper copies to complete since implementing SIS.
- ❑ Calendar states May 21 is the last day for 10-month employees, but then states May 22 is a RK day. I thought 10-month employees (teachers) worked on RK day.

CHANGES AS A RESULT OF FEEDBACK



August

- Added 1 PD day on Thursday and moved the classroom preparation days to Friday and Monday.
- First class day for all students – August 13th instead of August 12th

October

- Changed PD Day to Oct. 18th from Oct. 11th
- PTC changed to Tuesday (15th) and Wednesday (16th) from Thursday (17th) and Friday (18th)
- Friday the 18th is now a PD Day

January

- Change Winter Break to Two-Weeks
- Site-based PD Day added on January 17th

March

- PTC changed to Tuesday (10th) and Wednesday(11th) from Thursday (18th) and Friday (19th)
- Friday will be regular school/work day
- Spring Break moved from the week of the 23rd to the Week of the 16th

APRIL

- Added one PD day (half site-based/half district) on April 10.

Teachers days remain 188 and student days increase to 178.

NEXT STEPS



Request approval for the proposed
2019-2020 calendar.



QUESTIONS?