

2023-2024 School Year Calendar Feedback (Staff)

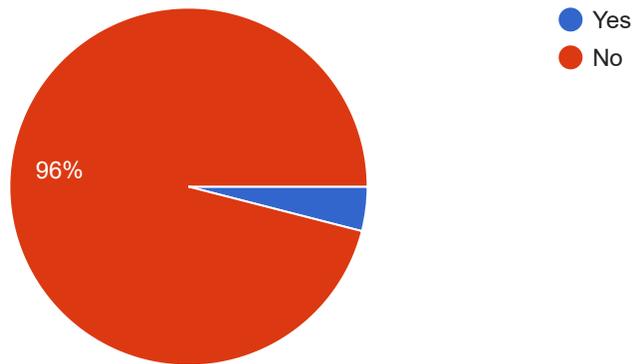
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Would you support a shorter school day and thus a longer calendar year more closely mirroring that of APS?

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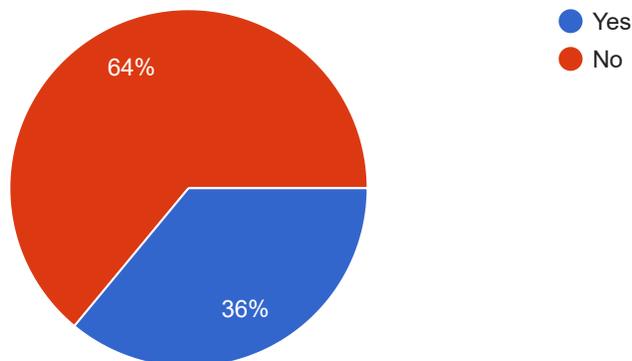
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Our school currently has 167 instructional days. Would you support moving school days to earlier in August and thus ending earlier in May?

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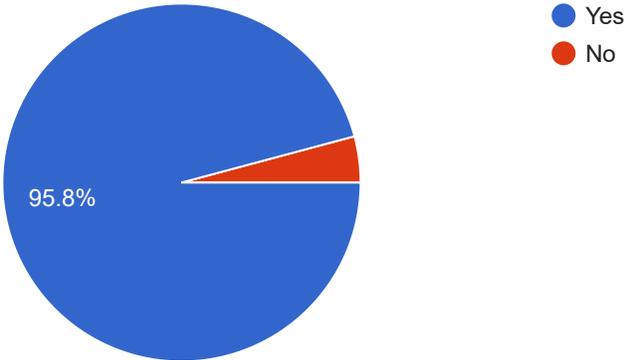
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Would you support a 3rd party program using our facility during the "extra weeks" of summer to provide a childcare option to families for a fee?

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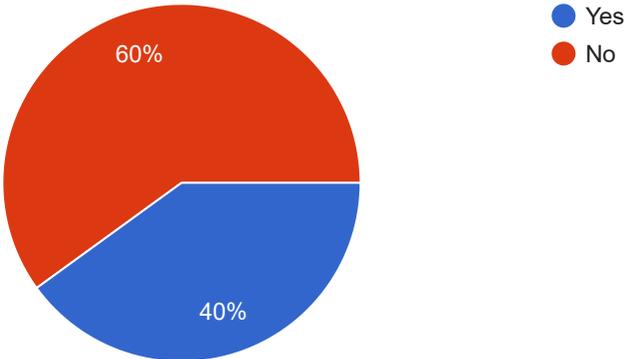
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Would you personally be willing to work during the "extra weeks" of summer to offer an in-house childcare option to families for a fee, for which you would be compensated?

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Do you have any other thoughts, suggestions, or feedback regarding the school calendar for the 2023-2024 school year?

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Utilize community resources or current EA's to help with summer program. The city at times will partner with schools for summer programs.

I would like to know the anonymous results of this survey before my final vote.

No (:

21st Century Public Academy is a school of choice. While enrollment is important, the system that has been in place at 21st Century for years has proven to be successful. A draw for many staff to work and remain working at 21st Century is the later start time. Staff choose to work at 21st Century because they want to get away from the APS system. 21st Century will lose the uniqueness of the school if it should start to look like an APS school.

I just feel like we are always voting on a new calendar, and it would be really nice to stay consistent. I also feel like there is this perpetuating idea that we are 'babysitters' when families aren't sure of what to do when it comes to childcare.

I understand the needs of our families, and want to be compassionate. However, this is a decision that is difficult to make when trying to separate our roles as teachers from 'babysitters'. If there are people willing to accommodate and work the extra weeks for compensation, then I guess it would all work, but that's even a stretch.

Starting earlier in the year would also cause the same issue of childcare, but at the end of the year. We need time for OSI's as well, so shortening the day would only make planning OSI's more difficult.

I am open to anything that happens. I like how we do things already but if we need to change I would not reconsider my position.

Would it be possible to bring back jump start days?

No.



I like the current calendar.

I know fall festival/ spring fling is PTA, but I really appreciated fall festival being during the school day and if we could keep that for both functions that would be amazing.

I would appreciate keeping the same schedule we are currently on.

When we make our calendar, I think we should have the same holidays as APS like we have this school year. Other than that, I like our calendar, when we start, and having some summer program between the days that APS goes to school and we come back.

I would consider working those "extra weeks", but would want more information to know for sure. I would want to know if I am responsible for designing the activities, how many students would there be, how much would I be compensated, and the plan for during staff in-service.

APS is a failed model. I don't believe adding days will change student outcomes. Our model with a longer summer and continue with longer days has proven successful. We should not change what is working.

My concern is and has always been that we are a charter school and have always been focused on our students' social and academic needs. We have worked very diligently to make sure our students are learning, growing, and thriving. This is one of our core beliefs at this school. This school was started to address specific needs that were not being met with APS. As a result, we have seen huge growth in our students. We also have the flexibility to change what is not working for our students and quickly address the needs they have.

As we continue to get to be a much larger school, it seems that we are losing our focus on our primary objective. Instead of focusing on what we know works, we are wanting to model ourselves after programs that are not as successful as ours for convenience. Instead of putting student needs first, we are beginning to worry more about what the adults and other groups "want". I came to this school because it was the first school that I saw that actually put students at the forefront, it wasn't just lip service. It wasn't always easy and still isn't to teach at this school, but it was always worth it to see the final product of students walking away as curious, life- long learners, who were confident in their abilities and skills and, in their ability to make changes in the world around them with a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.

I think that by working with 3rd party providers we can meet the needs of the parents who need additional support with childcare, but I do not support changing our calendar or our school day. I feel that this asking to much of your very dedicated, very exhausted staff that have been with you through so many crazy things and are still constantly working to make school a great learning environment for students. As a staff, we always rise to the challenge and find a way to reach and teach our students. However, having the schedule that we keep does allow us to "recharge" the batteries to continue the effort.



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