

Academic Calendars 2015-2016 School Year

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Establishing the Committee

- Past Committee members invited to participate
- Parent & Staff representatives requested via 3 Daily Digest announcements
- Teacher Advisory Council members invited to participate

Committee Members

Christina Bohringer, Teacher – Tucker

Melissa Casamo, Teacher – MacArthur

Erin Davidson, Teacher – Polk

Jennifer Dawson, Teacher – Mt Vernon

Mary Downs, Speech Pathologist - George Washington

Elena Greer, Teacher and Parent – Minnie Howard

Susan Horita, Teacher – Lyles-Crouch

Elizabeth Jones, Parent – MacArthur

Seth Kennard, Principal - Barrett

Committee Members

Jim Loomis, Director of Employment

Gerald Mann, Director of Secondary Instruction

Alice Merbeth, Teacher and Parent – MacArthur

Kevin North, Chief Human Resources Officer

Lisa Piehota, Director of Elementary Instruction

Danielle Routhouska, Teacher and Parent – Ramsay

Pam Townsend, Parent - Maury

Community and Staff Input

Online Survey

Respondents asked to prioritize the following:

- Maximize the number of instructional days
- Observing two full weeks of holiday at Winter Break.
- Observing a full day off the Wednesday before Thanksgiving
- Observing Columbus Day Holiday
- Observing Veteran's Day Holiday
- End the school year earlier in June

Community and Staff Input

- Feedback also requested regarding satisfaction with structure and scheduling of parent conferences
- Four calendar options provided for people to select preferred option

Survey Results

- Highest priority - full two weeks off during Winter Break
- Second highest priority – full day holiday Wednesday before Thanksgiving
- Calendar option most closely matching this year’s calendar identified as the most preferred option

Key Features of Recommended Calendars

- ✓ 183 Instructional Days
- ✓ First day for Students is September 8 for traditional and August 5 for modified calendars
- ✓ First 3 snow days will not be made up; 3 additional days, if needed identified in calendar
- ✓ Wednesday before Thanksgiving remains a holiday