Q1 We have followed a standard practice for the beginning of the school year to achieve a predictable start date for our school community. We enacted the standard start date as the second Wednesday in August. This year, August 12th is the second Wednesday. Consider these options and choose your preference:


| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Start school Wednesday, August 12th (follows our recent trend of the second Wednesday of August) | 81.04\% | 171 |
| Start school the first Wednesday of August which is August 5th. | 18.48\% | 39 |
| Other - Any recommendations for start of school | 0.47\% | 1 |
| TOTAL |  | 211 |


| $\#$ | OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY) | DATE |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1 | Correlates with districts around us | $12 / 4 / 2019$ 11:33 PM |
| 2 | same calendar as Warren County | $12 / 4 / 20197: 59$ PM |

## Q2 Christmas break is typically 10 weekdays in length. Which option do you prefer?



# Q3 Spring break is traditionally the first full week of April, which is the 5th through 9th. Which week do you prefer for spring break? 

Answered: 212 Skipped: 0



| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES |
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| March 29th - April 2nd | $6.13 \%$ |
| April 5th-9th (most surrounding districts have typically proposed calendars with this spring break) | 13 |
| April 12th-16th | $88.21 \%$ |
| TOTAL | $5.66 \%$ |
| \# OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY) | 187 |
| 1 | Same as Warren |

# Q4 Parent-teacher conferences (PTC's) are important opportunities to communicate and partner with parents. Which option do you prefer? 

Answered: 208 Skipped: 4


| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES |
| :--- | :--- |
| PTC's on Friday, September 25th and Friday, February 12th. (Corresponds with recent practice) | $93.75 \%$ |
| Other - Any other recommendations for PTC's | $5.29 \%$ |
| TOTAL | 195 |


| \# | OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY) | DATE |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | Host Parent Teacher Conferences afterschool if parents want to attend. Kids should be missing school for Parent Teacher Conferences. | 12/5/2019 8:30 PM |
| 2 | Fri, sept 25 is fine. For the elementary teachers could we please get away from the conflict of having conferences \& Valentines Day. Move them to feb 19. | 12/5/2019 3:56 PM |
| 3 | September 25th is extremely early. For many of us, we are still learning our students and trying to place them in Tier groups. We really haven't had much time to see if what we are trying is working or not either. I would suggest pushing the fall conference date a little later. | 12/5/2019 1:48 AM |
| 4 | I think that PTCs should be AFTER the first report card. In September we've been only in school a little over a month. We don't have a lot of data (elementary level) to communicate to parents. | 12/4/2019 10:08 PM |
| 5 | Set first PTC later in the school year | 12/4/2019 9:37 PM |
| 6 | My recommendations for PTC is listed in the suggestion box. | 12/4/2019 8:29 PM |
| 7 | It is really hard for elementary teachers to have conferences right after a valentine's day party. So having them a week later would be great! | 12/4/2019 7:54 PM |
| 8 | For the high school and trimester scheduling, the February date is always so close to the end of the trimester, it's almost too late to make a difference with grades. With such low turn out, it would be awesome if we could schedule appointment times and make ourself available for those who want to meet without being here with no one stopping by. | 12/4/2019 7:37 PM |
| 9 | I would love to have conferences closer to when report cards go home! I have so many parents who always contact me after report cards go home not understanding what is on it! This would be a time for me to have more data to help support concerns of their child too! | 12/4/2019 7:25 PM |
| 10 | At FSMS our conference numbers are way down. I'm not sure why that is or how to fix it, but it would be worthwhile to take a fresh look at our approach to parent/teacher conferences. | 12/4/2019 7:06 PM |
| 11 | Attach it to the Friday leading up to fall break | 12/4/2019 6:57 PM |

Q5 This year we scheduled LCD's on the day after Labor Day which was September 3rd; Tuesday, November 5th (Election Day); Tuesday after MLK Day - Jan. 21st; and the first Friday of the first full week in March which is the 6th. Corresponding dates for this year would be: Tuesday, September 8th; Monday, November 2nd (Presidential Election Year Election Day is not an option); Tuesday, January 19th and Friday, March 5th.We have discussed moving the Tuesday LCD Days to the prior Friday, which would be Friday, September 4th and Friday, January 15th. Which do you prefer?

Answered: 205 Skipped: 7


| ANSWER CHOICES |
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| I prefer having LCD's - Tuesday, September 8th; Monday, November 2nd; Tuesday, January 19th; and Friday, March 5th. |
| I prefer having LCD's - Friday, September 4th; Monday, November 2nd; Friday, January 15th; Friday, March 5th |

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4 In a three day week, I think it is difficult to maximize instruction. Likewise, two back-to-back four day weeks can lessen the perceived value of the instructional days. Perhaps two of the LCDs could follow Fall and Winter Breaks, which would give teachers an opportunity to collect themselves prior to resuming work as well as give students a shorter initial week back. I do like the March 5th date because it falls in a stretch during which there are few breaks. Maybe consider these dates: Friday, September 4 Monday, October 12 Monday, January 4 Friday, March 5 However, regardless of the dates chosen, I think it would be beneficial to consider what is to be accomplished during LCD days so that the scheduled days correspond to the needs. Ultimately, I am in favor of whatever days will best meet the goals of the LCDs.

# Q6 In the space below, please provide any additional feedback on the calendar proposal. Your feedback and input is extremely important to us. Thank you for taking the time to provide your opinions and ideas! 

Answered: 20 Skipped: 192

| \# | RESPONSES | DATE |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | Following Warren County is important as I travel in for work. If the schedules don't line up mostly, I could not work here. | 12/16/2019 6:07 PM |
| 2 | I like our this year Christmas break schedule. Thank you | 12/12/2019 10:12 PM |
| 3 | Could we start one week earlier than normal, August 5th, and have a two week spring break? Have that one week reserved for make-up snow days just in case instead of making them up at the end of the year. | 12/10/2019 1:36 AM |
| 4 | Please make the schedule the same as Warren County Schools. | 12/6/2019 1:57 AM |
| 5 | I would like to have the instructional time back with the students that we use for Parent-Teacher Conferences. Conferences can be held after school. I would like for us to actually use makeup days before May so that students can have as much instructional seat time before end of year assessments. | 12/5/2019 8:30 PM |
| 6 | When Is fall break? This was not addressed in this survey. In years past we have been notified of fall break by November of the current school year. | 12/5/2019 3:56 PM |
| 7 | In my humble opinion, the district needs to do some serious research into the possibility of going to a 4 day school week, or some other alternative calendar, that makes our district more appealing to teachers. I understand that something like this would be met with a lot of backlash and would be a huge change in our community, but I also feel like we need to be willing to adapt and make the necessary adjustments to ensure that our students are receiving the best possible education. Teachers are the cornerstone of every school, and if we cannot attract quality applicants to fill our open teaching positions, it will eventually catch up to us and our students will be the ones who pay the price. I feel like we need to be proactive in addressing this issue and start looking at options now so that if these issues continue we are prepared to address them. That is all. Thank you. | 12/4/2019 8:49 PM |
| 8 | It is REALLY helpful for parents working out of their home district to be on the same fall break and spring break as the surrounding counties. Different starting dates are not as big of an issue. | 12/4/2019 8:48 PM |
| 9 | I would ask that all administrations at all schools use the school calendar as their guide when planning start of school pd's, open house events ect... When there is a no teacher/no student day on the school board adopted calendar, there should be nothing planned on those days at any school. There are built in flex days and after school time that can and should be utilized for such events. | 12/4/2019 8:32 PM |
| 10 | I think we should go back to the 2 weeks spring and fall break and 3 weeks Christmas break. Given sufficient notice, parents should have no problem with this. It should give people time to take breaks during this time versus taking possibly a week at another time. Just a thought....... | 12/4/2019 8:31 PM |
| 11 | The calendar for this school year 2019-2020 did not have a good finish from the start. Coming back for one day after Memorial Day weekend automatically ruins the plans of any teacher. WIth the policy in place that we may not take days off surrounding holidays, there is no alternative if a teacher were to need to be out of town. Points of high interest for me and many other teachers I hear are: *Can we PLEASE try a different make-up plan for snow. At this day and age, we seem to be the only school district that tacks every single missed day onto the end of the school calendar. *Can we not find an alternative to having so many built in PD days? *Though communication with parents is essential, (I truly believe that and spend lots of after school hours on the phone) PTC day attendance has dropped dramatically in the last 5-8 years. Parents voice that this type of "event" is not easy to attend. Teachers see that, I would guess $80 \%+$, people who attend are parents of students who are not having trouble at school (they are the parents that just go through the routine). I think our communication could be much more successful as a "regular schedule." For example a department/team/grade level could communicate to each students guardians once a semester/trimester/2month interval. | 12/4/2019 8:29 PM |


| 12 | Built in snow days | 12/4/2019 8:20 PM |
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| 13 | The time we return after Christmas break until Spring Break is extremely long for some students. It'd be great to have a break in there even if it means starting school earlier in August to allow for this. Keep Christmas at 10 days and make Thanksgiving a week to allow for families who travel to spend time together. | 12/4/2019 8:17 PM |
| 14 | Can there be consideration to trying the year-round calendar that we followed some years ago? This would be like the school calendar used in Logan county. Perhaps it would decrease summer learning loss, and decrease student behavior referrals, with the hope of increases in student academic achievement and in state testing scores. | 12/4/2019 7:24 PM |
| 15 | Thank you for taking our preferences into consideration when scheduling the calendar for the following school year! | 12/4/2019 7:16 PM |
| 16 | It would be great for our dual enrollment students if we would match our fall break to SKyCTC's fall break which is usually the week after ours. | 12/4/2019 7:14 PM |
| 17 | What if we extended Spring Break on the calendar...maybe two weeks instead of one...and then took that second week away to account for snow days if necessary? My father-in-law works in a district up north and that is what they typically do. Just an idea for keeping us out of school by June on a regular basis. | 12/4/2019 7:12 PM |
| 18 | Is there a way to counteract potential snow days when there are several to make up? Are we able to do the Instructional days from home, or build more time into the school day? | 12/4/2019 7:06 PM |
| 19 | Is it possible to build in any days so if we miss a couple of snow days, we won't have to make them up? Back when I started teaching in the 1990s, we did not have to make up the first two days we missed. That was because we worked enough hours that we built up two extra days. I see from the instructions that we have to work 170 days with students, but it's worth checking on possible alternatives. | 12/4/2019 7:06 PM |
| 20 | Build in 3 snow days into the calendar even it means starting school earlier. | 12/4/2019 6:57 PM |

