

AEA Calendar Survey 1

Is there anything else that you would like the AEA Bargaining Team to consider with regard to the 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 school year calendars? (500 words or less)		
		Response Count
		85
<i>answered question</i>		85
<i>skipped question</i>		317

Response Text		
1	thanks for the survey	Jun 17, 2009 5:32 PM
2	Yes get us done before the 20th of June!!!!!!!!	Jun 17, 2009 6:27 PM
3	stop stretching out the year with mid winter break. It is annoying. lets all comit to school being over before June 15th each year.	Jun 17, 2009 6:29 PM
4	start school early	Jun 17, 2009 6:29 PM
5	Assure a 180 school/student contact days; not to count workshop or waiver days as contact days.	Jun 17, 2009 6:34 PM
6	the last day of school before June 15th!!!!!!!!	Jun 17, 2009 6:37 PM
7	Keep week long breaks. It makes planning vacations better. Mid-Winter Break is a great vacation because it is not a busy travelling time so it is a great week to be gone. It is cheaper and less crowded...	Jun 17, 2009 6:37 PM
8	school should at the most go into the second week in June. I'm tired of staying until nearly July	Jun 17, 2009 6:38 PM
9	Get rid of Mid Winter Break, many other districts have done so. It is superfluous time off that we do not need after the two full weeks of Christmas. Add snow days on to the end of the year	Jun 17, 2009 6:38 PM
10	1. Would be helpful if you attached an actual calendar to examine for these years. 2) Late June is too late to be in school.	Jun 17, 2009 6:39 PM
11	When considering the full calendar avoid going into the third week of June. Start earlier and have less midwinter break. Getting out of school a week or less from forth of July is rediculous	Jun 17, 2009 6:40 PM
12	I like having a four day President's Day weekend without the Friday being a snow day. I like to have time off before Christmas versus lots of time after Christmas.	Jun 17, 2009 6:43 PM
13	Bring back the music teachers that were never bargained for and switch sick days to all personal days so employees can more time off with spouses!!!!	Jun 17, 2009 6:45 PM
14	Thank you for your wonderful hard work!	Jun 17, 2009 6:46 PM
15	My number one priority would be to start school BEFORE Labor Day. I'm looking at next year's end date of June 25 and it kills me. Thanks for your efforts.	Jun 17, 2009 6:48 PM
16	See comments sent to Cathy deJong as this system wouldn't accept my comments "Invalid Format" it said.....????	Jun 17, 2009 6:50 PM
17	There are too many days off in the fall. We have one every other week.	Jun 17, 2009 6:51 PM
18	I would like school to get out earlier in June.	Jun 17, 2009 6:51 PM
19	The snow day for Memorial Day Weekend should be scheduled on the Friday prior (as proposed for President's day) rather than the Tuesday following. That gives TWO 4 day weeks...	Jun 17, 2009 6:51 PM

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20	Can we try to not end up going to school into late June? 2010's end date is way too late.	Jun 17, 2009 6:55 PM
21	off the week of Thanksgiving	Jun 17, 2009 6:55 PM
22	The mid-winter break change is very important to align with other nearby districts and thus allow people with their own children to have matching schedules	Jun 17, 2009 6:55 PM
23	no. thank you, these are good break options I've never considered. I'm assuming that if the breaks were shorter, school would get out sooner in June?	Jun 17, 2009 6:58 PM
24	Please keep the half day before Thanksgiving - Move Waiver days to other days of the week -huge impact on classes only served on Mondays or Fridays	Jun 17, 2009 7:00 PM
25	mid-winter break is a waste of time and is not needed	Jun 17, 2009 7:00 PM
26	no	Jun 17, 2009 7:01 PM
27	don't sched the last day of school for a friday!!!! it's ridiculous to have to come back, in the case of snow days, for a 1/2 day on Monday!! that is a complete waste of time and resources.	Jun 17, 2009 7:02 PM
28	Do not understand question #5. The survey filled the question in for me anyway. Does it mean a 3 day spring break?	Jun 17, 2009 7:03 PM
29	keep the half day before Thanksgiving please	Jun 17, 2009 7:10 PM
30	no winter break	Jun 17, 2009 7:12 PM
31	Spring Break timing should WASL or replacement testing. Our students miss weeks of classroom instruction during this time. Be nice to schedule spring break at the end of a quarter rather than in the middle of a term already broken up by testing schedules.	Jun 17, 2009 7:14 PM
32	Move waiver days around--we don't need one in June; principals scheduled meetings such as class lists for that day so we pretty much had to be there. I would rather have one at the beginning of December. The bulk of our learning time should be spent pre-WASL not going until June 24 like next year.	Jun 17, 2009 7:18 PM
33	YES! We need to move Spring Break so it is not immediately before the WASL. Our kids are coming to school exhausted and there is no time for quick review. Other districts have changed spring break and that alone caused WASL scores to go up.	Jun 17, 2009 7:19 PM
34	Please get rid of Content Fundamentals!!! Keep teaming.	Jun 17, 2009 7:22 PM
35	Consideration to school starting first week of SEPT and not just based on Labor Day: DO AWAY with mid-winter break-it's only been 6 weeks since we had 2 weeks off! Spread out the snow days, one for memorial day, maybe one during that LONG stretch in March-3 day weekend. 09-10 proposed schedule REALLY STINKS!!	Jun 17, 2009 7:24 PM
36	We seem to end later in June every year - NO MID-WINTER BREAK PLEASE	Jun 17, 2009 7:25 PM
37	The year is going too far into June	Jun 17, 2009 7:26 PM
38	Reschedule the March Waiver day to facilitate elementary teachers using the time for report cards.	Jun 17, 2009 7:33 PM
39	To not go so late in June just like the 2009-2010 school year.	Jun 17, 2009 7:35 PM
40	Let's get out of school earlier!!!!!! June 22 is to late!	Jun 17, 2009 7:39 PM
41	Nobody wants to start earlier until we hit June and then we wonder why we didn't start earlier.	Jun 17, 2009 7:44 PM
42	In February if the days were make-up days...noone would be able to schedule vacations at that time. It needs to be a for sure thing in order for there to be trip-planning possible.	Jun 17, 2009 7:44 PM
43	4 Day School Week...it saves money!	Jun 17, 2009 7:49 PM
44	Just please get us out earlier in June.	Jun 17, 2009 7:52 PM
45	No Thank you	Jun 17, 2009 8:01 PM
46	N/A	Jun 17, 2009 8:06 PM

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47	Get out early in June, not so late & coordinate with other districts	Jun 17, 2009 8:09 PM
48	Instead of 3 half days for elementary conferences (Wed, thurs, Fri) could we consider having three full days of school this week and the following Thursday and Friday for full day conferences?	Jun 17, 2009 8:11 PM
49	I don't want to go to school for the whole 12 months.	Jun 17, 2009 8:36 PM
50	Keep Mid Winter Break	Jun 17, 2009 8:36 PM
51	10 more minutes during the day, added to passing time.	Jun 17, 2009 8:40 PM
52	IF mid-winter is chosen for potential snow make-up it would be nice if there was some type of provision for staff travel plans; most snow won't happen until Dec. or Jan.; travel plans would be made prior to that.	Jun 17, 2009 8:44 PM
53	Can Spring Break be scheduled later in April?	Jun 17, 2009 8:45 PM
54	I would like the Bargaining Team to consider the end date of school. The proposed end date is June 24th/25th. Adjust the calendar so that the end date is June 17/18th. Thankyou for giving us the opportunity to comment on the calendar!	Jun 17, 2009 8:48 PM
55	Have spring break be the second full week of April since we will have recently had a mid-winter break.	Jun 17, 2009 9:12 PM
56	I would prefer to return to school immediately after New Year's Day.	Jun 17, 2009 9:27 PM
57	Overloads begin at 27 students for Core classes at MS	Jun 17, 2009 9:46 PM
58	June 25th is WAY too late to get out of school. We should definitely get rid of the mid-winter break so that we get out sooner in June. I hate to say it, but there is no learnin taking place right now (last week of school). Everyone is ready to be done- students, teachers, and administrators.	Jun 17, 2009 9:58 PM
59	Move spring break to the end of April	Jun 17, 2009 10:00 PM
60	Avoid the extension of the school year into the end of June or potentially into the start of July.	Jun 17, 2009 10:12 PM
61	#5. For those of us who believe in the promise of Easter, I would like Spring Break (3 days, 1 one week, whatever) to follow Easter Sunday.	Jun 17, 2009 10:21 PM
62	If we continue to go later in June, I fear for the sanity of our members. ;)	Jun 17, 2009 10:26 PM
63	not scheduling waiver days in Sept and Oct so that we have every other friday off. It's hard to build momentum.	Jun 17, 2009 10:41 PM
64	Try to align our breaks with surrounding breaks. My children's breaks do not line up with mine at all and it is frustrating!	Jun 17, 2009 10:58 PM
65	February break is my absolute favorite. Four days are hardly noticable in the summer, but they make a world of different in winter. Travel is difficult during holidays and spring break, but is ideal in February. Scheduling snow make-up days during that week would make it impossible for anyone to make any travel plans, destroying much of the appeal of the break. I really hope the break is kept at a full week.	Jun 17, 2009 11:51 PM
66	late start on Wednesday mornings...	Jun 18, 2009 12:26 AM
67	Start before labor day IF labor day occurs late, like this year, but after if it occurs during the first 4 days of September.	Jun 18, 2009 3:13 AM
68	A Plan that would let us out of school before June 15th	Jun 18, 2009 2:45 PM
69	I think school should start the first week of September regardless of Labor Day. We would work the last week of August and kids come the next week. Getting out the 24th of June is way too late. The end of the 2nd week would be great!!	Jun 18, 2009 2:56 PM
70	We have to get out of school sooner. Late June is way too late. Students start to "check out" once June hits.	Jun 18, 2009 4:06 PM
71	For the beginning of school, I generally prefer to start after Labor Day; however, when Labor Day falls late, as it did this year, I would prefer to start before Labor Day. That was not an option on this survey. Also, as the WASL evolves, please consider moving Spring Break later in to April.	Jun 18, 2009 4:38 PM

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72	If mid-winter break is shortened, then the academic year would end sooner by a commensurate number of days.	Jun 18, 2009 6:46 PM
73	Please shorten the days we go to school in June	Jun 18, 2009 7:05 PM
74	Regarding having snow days built into the mid-winter break week: snow days often don't occur before March. If the make-up days were part of the February break, we would already have taken the days as vacation.	Jun 18, 2009 7:33 PM
75	I don't like the option of snow make up days on Feb. break or spring break because if you are traveling the reservations have to be booked well in advance.	Jun 18, 2009 7:37 PM
76	Whatever format used, try to end the school year before the beginning of the 2nd full week of June!	Jun 18, 2009 7:46 PM
77	The question isn't just when to start school but what happens at the end of the school year is that option is selected. It would have helped in the decision making if I had know when I would be getting out in June. The bottom line is the sooner in June is MUCH BETTER.	Jun 18, 2009 8:14 PM
78	Try to match long breaks to other schools around us so that families with kids in multiple schools ie sumner, auburn, and dieringer have the same breaks.	Jun 18, 2009 9:42 PM
79	Please see memo sent to Cathy. It said the comment you entered is in an invalid format and wouldn't let me send.	Jun 19, 2009 4:35 AM
80	PLEASE on the options put start date and end date so we can make better decisions	Jun 19, 2009 4:12 PM
81	Merge our calendar to be consistent with adjacent schoo districts! I want spring break with the Tacoma School Districts (my kids).	Jun 19, 2009 4:26 PM
82	I think it woudl be great to have Elementary conferences during Thanksgiving week so that the whole month of November is not broken up.	Jun 19, 2009 11:23 PM
83	Teaming time at the middle level stay as is	Jun 22, 2009 2:50 PM
84	In an attempt to keep some sort of teaming time and possibly extend teaming beyond the middle level, half student days every other week would be a way to allow teachers to conduct teaming business (student intervention discussions; parent meetings; IEP meetings; 504 meetings; other interventions could be scheduled in order to accomplish PLC supports also) without the expense of the current system of teaming.	Jun 24, 2009 1:52 PM
85	Eliminate Mid-Winter/Presidents week break! Long weekend is fine. Add more than 1 make-up snow day. Let's get out sooner in June and have a decent summer like the rest of the United States	Jul 21, 2009 9:08 PM