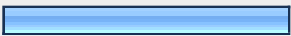

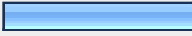




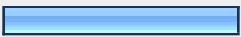
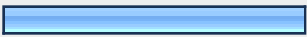
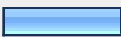
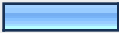
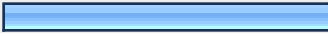



# 2010-11 District Calendar Survey



1. Please choose the description that most closely describes your situation:			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Parent of a student in the system		43.7%	231
Current student in the system		5.1%	27
NPAS staff member - teacher		29.1%	154
NPAS staff member - other than teacher		10.0%	53
Staff member, also parent of a student in the system		10.0%	53
Community member with no student currently in the system		1.7%	9
Other (please specify)		0.4%	2
		<b>answered question</b>	<b>529</b>
		<b>skipped question</b>	<b>0</b>

2. IF the legislature were to permit the district to start the year according to local decision, do you believe school should begin:			
		Response Percent	Response Count
After Labor Day, even if the requirement changed		35.9%	188
<b>In September but before Labor Day</b>		<b>46.4%</b>	<b>243</b>
In late August		17.7%	93
		Other (please specify)	10
		<b>answered question</b>	<b>524</b>
		<b>skipped question</b>	<b>5</b>

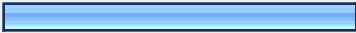
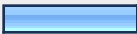
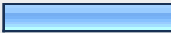
**3. Considering that whenever we have a day off during the year, that day usually needs to be scheduled as a day 'on' elsewhere during the year, do you generally believe it is better to:**

		Response Percent	Response Count
Have more time off scheduled during the school year (such as winter break, spring break, Easter), even if it means we get out later in June		17.4%	87
<b>Have less time off during the year and end the year earlier in June</b>		<b>49.9%</b>	<b>250</b>
Schedule very minimal time off during the year and try to end the year by the end of May		32.7%	164
		<i>answered question</i>	<b>501</b>
		<i>skipped question</i>	<b>28</b>

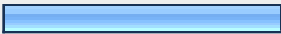
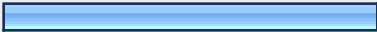
**4. With respect to planning family get-aways during the course of the school year (September – June), does your family normally:**


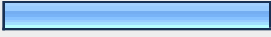


		Response Percent	Response Count
<b>Schedule get-aways around breaks in the school calendar</b>		<b>73.7%</b>	<b>367</b>
Schedule get-aways around other family considerations such as availability of vacation time for adults, travel costs, or other factors without regard to the school calendar		26.3%	131
		<i>answered question</i>	<b>498</b>
		<i>skipped question</i>	<b>31</b>

5. This district schedules conferences in October so that parents and staff members have an early opportunity to check in about how to give students their best opportunities for learning. Considering that the state-wide teacher convention (MEA) falls within the same time frame, do you consider it preferable to:

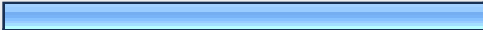
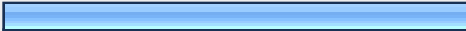
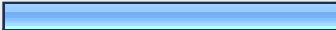
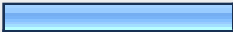



		Response Percent	Response Count
Have a whole week off of school (conferences followed by the MEA break)		54.0%	264
Have two short weeks either in succession or about a week apart		20.4%	100
Approach the first conferences of the year in a different fashion and schedule them at an altogether different time.		25.6%	125
		Comment (Optional)	72
		<b>answered question</b>	<b>489</b>
		<b>skipped question</b>	<b>40</b>

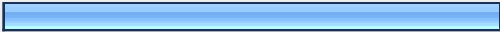



6. With respect to the breaks that are scheduled during the course of the school year, do you generally prefer:

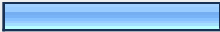
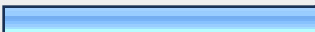
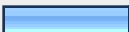
		Response Percent	Response Count
Longer and fewer groups of days off		42.6%	206
Shorter and more groups of days off		57.4%	278
		<b>answered question</b>	<b>484</b>
		<b>skipped question</b>	<b>45</b>

7. Which of the following would you most prefer to see with respect to a spring break:			
		Response Percent	Response Count
A full Monday through Friday spring break week, incorporating Easter		28.8%	138
<b>A cluster of days (not Monday through Friday) around Easter weekend</b>		<b>40.8%</b>	<b>196</b>
A full Monday through Friday spring break week, not incorporating Easter		22.7%	109
A cluster of days (not Monday through Friday) around a weekend that is not Easter		7.7%	37
	Other (please specify)		43
	<b><i>answered question</i></b>		<b>480</b>
	<b><i>skipped question</i></b>		<b>49</b>

**8. Given these scheduling considerations, would you prefer to see this district hold school on: (check any or all that apply)**

		Response Percent	Response Count
Columbus Day		73.9%	362
Veterans Day		71.4%	350
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day		51.4%	252
Presidents' Day		35.1%	172
Good Friday (not a civic holiday, but please consider for your response)		12.4%	61
NONE of the above (we should not be in school on any of these days)		4.7%	23
ALL of the above (we should be in school on all of these days)		11.4%	56
Comments (Optional)			56
		<b><i>answered question</i></b>	<b>490</b>
		<b><i>skipped question</i></b>	<b>39</b>

9. Please check the statement with which you MOST CLOSELY agree:			
		Response Percent	Response Count
I believe that students will learn the most about civic holidays by being in school and having special attention paid to the meaning of these holidays		76.5%	368
I don't think it's as important for students to learn about civic holidays as it is to focus on other academic pursuits, so they should be in school with no special attention paid to these holidays.		6.0%	29
I believe students will learn the most about these holidays by being off of school.		4.0%	19
Students may or may not learn about the holidays by being off of school, but it's important for them to be off of school regardless.		13.5%	65
Comment (Optional)			36
<b>answered question</b>			<b>481</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>48</b>

10. Please check the statement with which you MOST CLOSELY agree:				Response Percent	Response Count
I believe it is important to continue to schedule the preparation day on a Friday or a Monday, even if it means the numbers of days in trimesters varies significantly.				33.1%	157
<b>I believe it is important to continue to schedule preparation days on Fridays and Mondays but that the district should continue to schedule on and off days within the trimesters to try to keep them of similar length.</b>				47.8%	227
I believe it does not matter what day of the week the preparation days fall on and they should be scheduled to balance the trimesters regardless of what day of the week such a day falls on.				19.2%	91
			Other (please specify)		36
			<b>answered question</b>		<b>475</b>
			<b>skipped question</b>		<b>54</b>

11. How important do you believe it is for our district to have elementary and secondary students off of school at the same time?								
	Not at all important				Extremely important	No opinion	Rating Average	Response Count
Level of importance	7.9% (39)	6.5% (32)	12.5% (62)	27.9% (138)	<b>35.4% (175)</b>	9.9% (49)	3.85	495
	<b>answered question</b>							<b>495</b>
	<b>skipped question</b>							<b>34</b>

12. Many families with graduating students hold celebrations to observe the graduation. With that in mind, how important do you believe it is for our district to ensure that graduation is on a Friday?

	Not at all important				Extremely important	No opinion	Rating Average	Response Count
Level of importance	16.7% (83)	10.7% (53)	14.5% (72)	20.4% (101)	<b>22.0%</b> <b>(109)</b>	15.7% (78)	3.24	49
	<i>answered question</i>							49
	<i>skipped question</i>							3

13. If you have any other comments, we invite you to share them with us here. If you would like a response, please include contact information.

	Response Count
	107
	<i>answered question</i>
	<i>skipped question</i>