

OREGON SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING
2023-24

DATE: November 6, 2023
TIME: 6:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.
PLACE: Oregon School District Office - District Meeting Room
123 E Grove Street, Oregon, WI 53575

Order of Business

Call to Order

Roll Call

Proof of Notice of Meeting and Approval of Agenda

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)

AGENDA

- A. Public Comment Regarding Agenda Items
- B. Old Business
 - 1. School Calendar 2024-25
 - 2. Policy 723: Mental Health Services In School (New)
- C. New Business
 - 1. None
- D. Future Business:
 - 1. Artificial Intelligence/ Chat GPT Discussion
 - 2. Policy 164 - Anti-Hate Speech Policy Update
- E. Future Meeting: TBD
- F. Adjournment

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MINUTES OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF OREGON SCHOOL DISTRICT HELD ON OCTOBER 9, 2023

The regular meeting of the Policy Committee of the School Board of the Oregon School District was called to order by Ms. Heather Garrison at 5:02 PM in the Innovations Center Conference Room, Oregon High School, 456 N. Perry Pkwy, Oregon, WI 53575.

Committee Members Present: Ms. Heather Garrison, Dr. Mary Lokuta and Dr. Caleb Bush.

Other Board Members Present: Ahna Bizjak and Troy Pankratz.

Administrators present: Dr. Leslie Bergstrom, Dr. Shannon Anderson and Jina Jonen

Others present: Nathan Johnson, OEA

Proof in the form of a certificate by the Oregon Observer of communications and notice given to the public and the Oregon Observer, and a certification of posting as required by Section 19.84 Wisconsin Statutes as to the holding of this meeting was presented by Ms. Garrison.

Dr. Lokuta moved to approve the agenda as posted. Dr. Lokuta voted yes. Dr. Bush voted yes. Ms. Garrison voted yes. Motion approved 3-0.

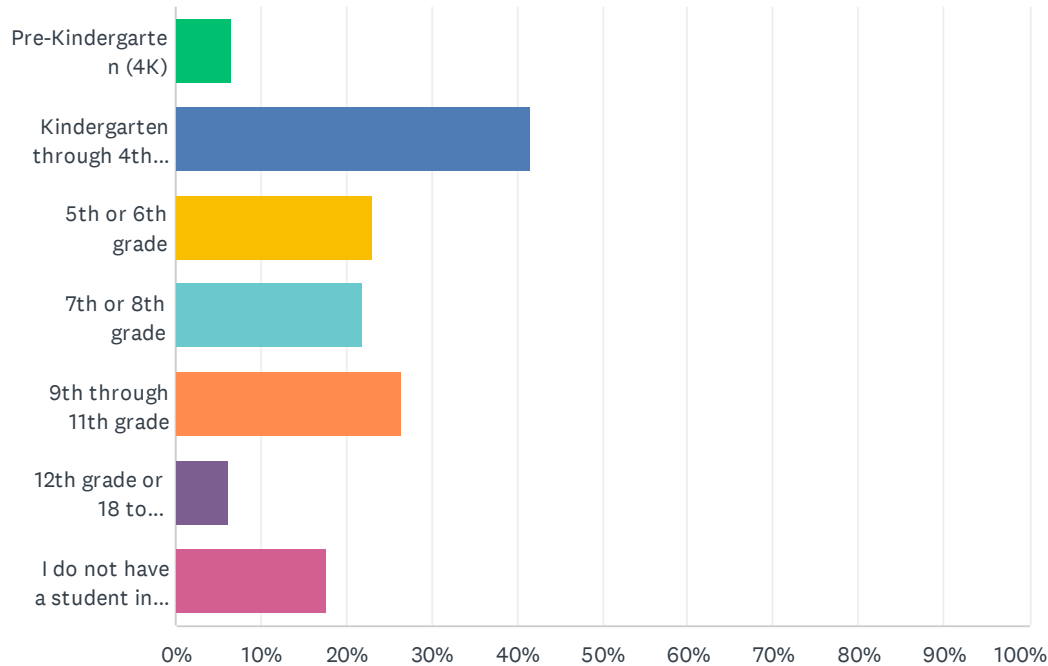
Dr. Bush moved to approve the minutes from July 31, 2023. Dr. Bush voted yes. Dr. Lokuta voted yes. Ms. Garrison voted yes. Motion approved 3-0.

- A. Public Comment: None
- B. Old Business:
 - 1. None.
- C. New Business:
 - 1. School Calendar 2024-25: Discussion held. Ms. Jonen will send the calendar survey to the staff and families.
 - 2. Policy 723: Mental Health Services In School (New): Discussion held. Ms. Jonen will revise and bring back to a committee for future discussion.
- D. Future Business:
 - 1. Artificial Intelligence / Chat GPT Discussion
 - 2. Policy 164 - Update on Anti-Hate Speech Policy
- E. Future Meetings: TBD
- F. Adjournment: Dr. Lokuta moved to adjourn. Dr. Lokuta voted yes. Dr. Bush

voted yes. Ms. Garrison voted yes. Motion approved 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:18 PM.

Q1 Your student(s) currently attends which grade level(s) in the Oregon School District? (Please select all that apply.)

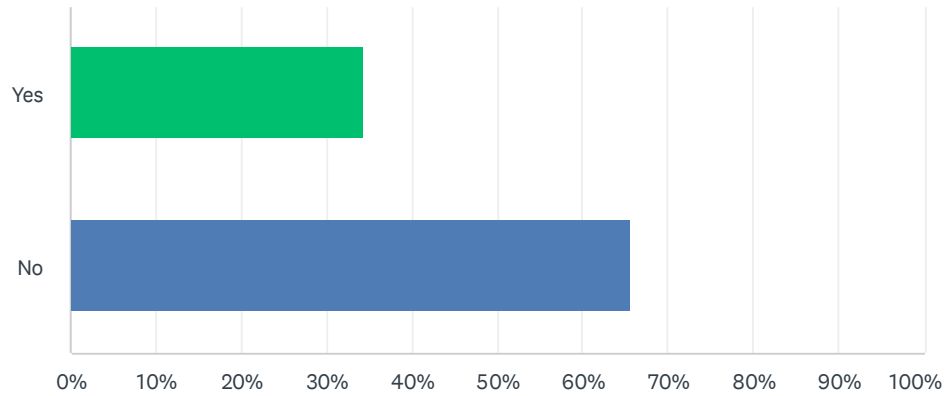
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Pre-Kindergarten (4K)	6.54%	77
Kindergarten through 4th grade	41.51%	489
5th or 6th grade	23.01%	271
7th or 8th grade	21.90%	258
9th through 11th grade	26.49%	312
12th grade or 18 to 21-Year-Old Program	6.20%	73
I do not have a student in the District	17.74%	209
Total Respondents: 1,178		

Q2 Do you currently work for the Oregon School District?

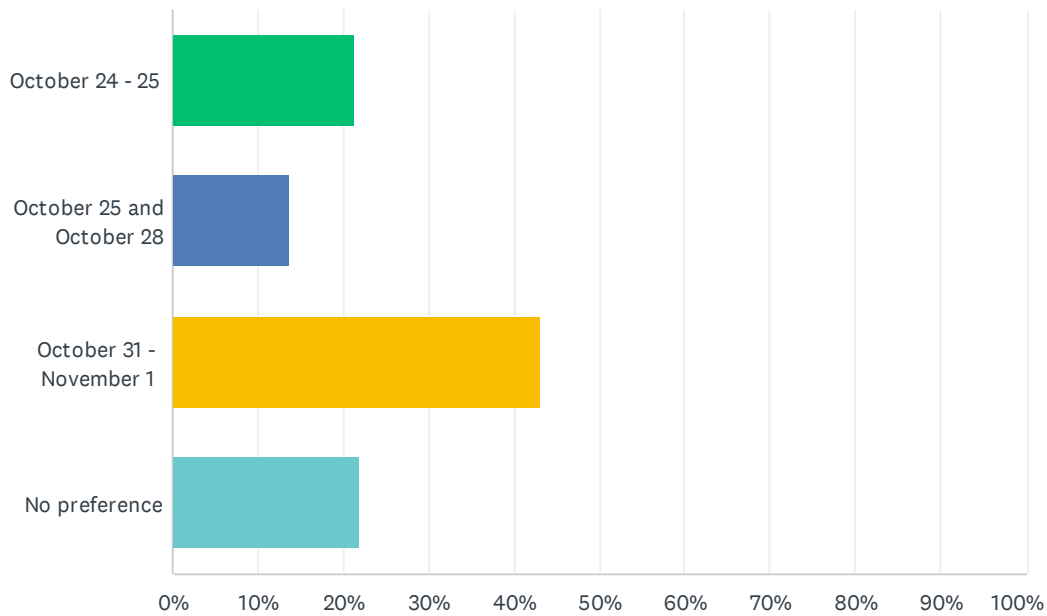
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	34.30%	404
No	65.70%	774
TOTAL		1,178

Q3 If we are able to schedule a break for students in fall, which days do you prefer?

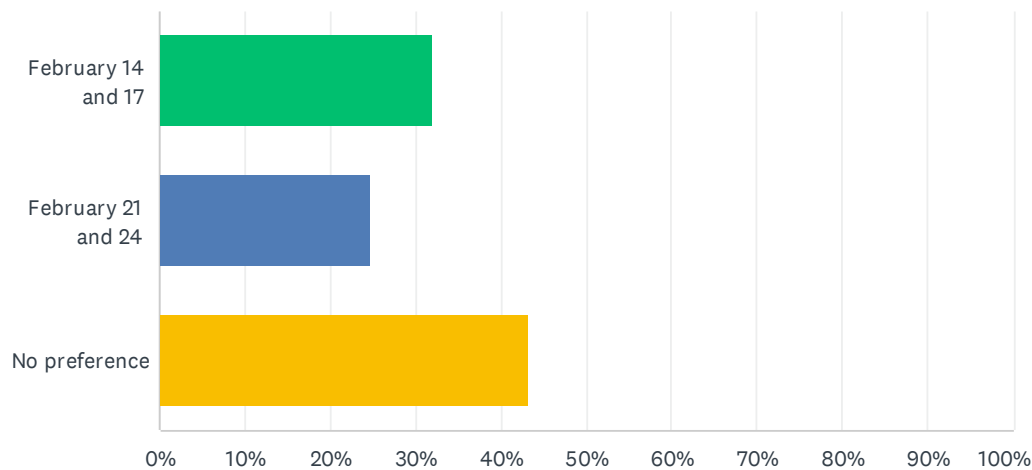
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
October 24 - 25	21.31%	251
October 25 and October 28	13.75%	162
October 31 - November 1	43.04%	507
No preference	21.90%	258
TOTAL		1,178

Q4 If we are able to schedule a break for students in February, which days do you prefer?

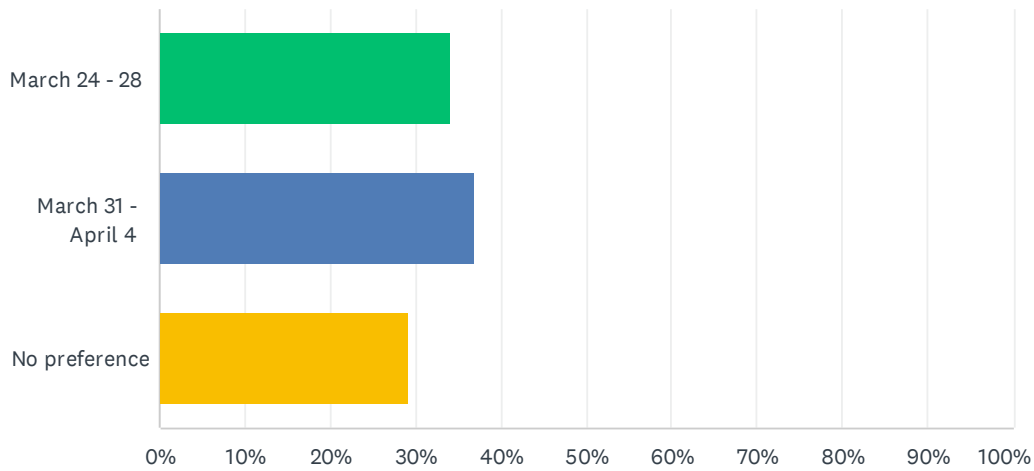
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
February 14 and 17	32.00%	377
February 21 and 24	24.70%	291
No preference	43.29%	510
TOTAL		1,178

Q5 Which week do you prefer for spring break?

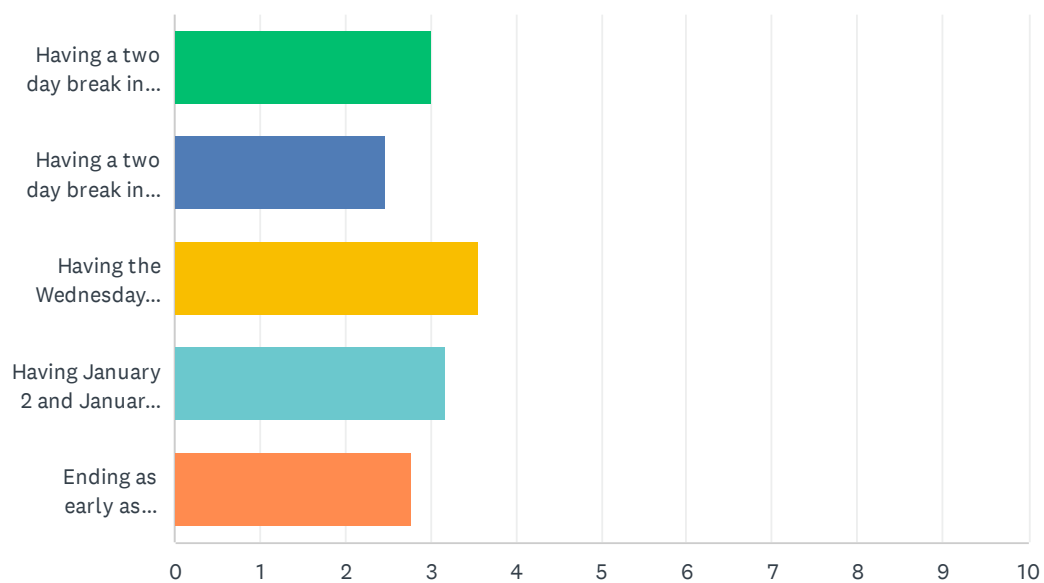
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
March 24 - 28	34.04%	401
March 31 - April 4	36.84%	434
No preference	29.12%	343
TOTAL		1,178

Q6 Please rank these in order of priority with number 1 being your strongest priority.

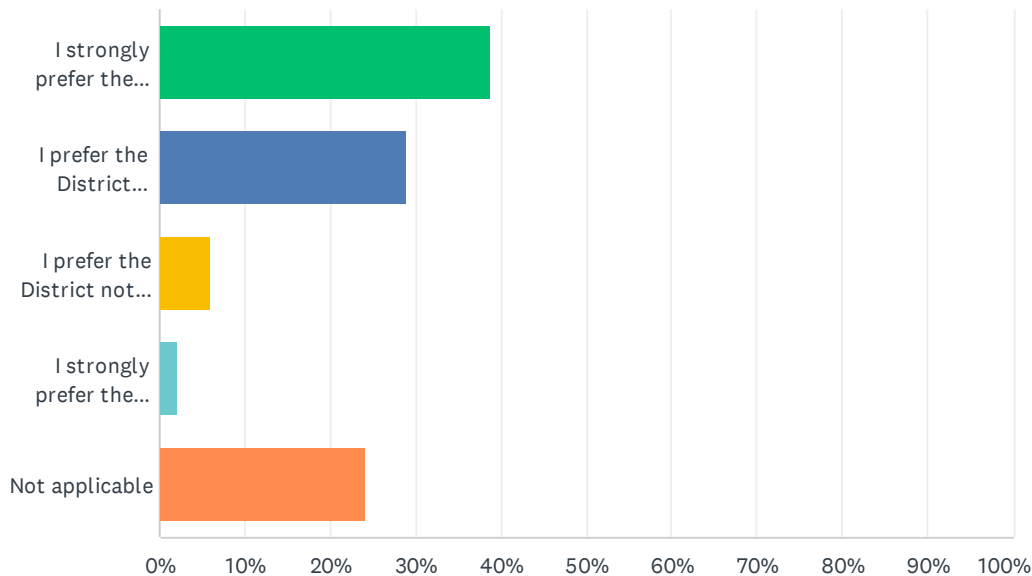
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	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL	SCORE
Having a two day break in fall.	15.45% 182	20.46% 241	26.49% 312	24.11% 284	13.50% 159	1,178	3.00
Having a two day break in winter.	6.28% 74	15.45% 182	23.26% 274	29.80% 351	25.21% 297	1,178	2.48
Having the Wednesday before Thanksgiving as a non-school day.	30.73% 362	27.42% 323	19.19% 226	13.33% 157	9.34% 110	1,178	3.57
Having January 2 and January 3 as non-school days (meaning two weeks for winter break).	25.38% 299	22.24% 262	15.28% 180	18.51% 218	18.59% 219	1,178	3.17
Ending as early as possible in June (meaning fewer breaks throughout the year).	22.16% 261	14.43% 170	15.79% 186	14.26% 168	33.36% 393	1,178	2.78

Q7 For the past few years, K-8 educators have offered Ready Set Go Conferences to start building relationships with families and students, and to familiarize students with their new environment. Which best describes your preference regarding Ready Set Go Conferences?

Answered: 1,178 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I strongly prefer the District continue Ready Set Go Conferences.	38.88%	458
I prefer the District continue Ready Set Go Conferences.	28.95%	341
I prefer the District not hold Ready Set Go Conferences in the future.	5.94%	70
I strongly prefer the District not hold Ready Set Go Conferences in the future.	2.21%	26
Not applicable	24.02%	283
TOTAL		1,178

Q8 What feedback do you have regarding Ready Set Go Conferences? If none, you may leave this question blank.

Answered: 339 Skipped: 839

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	I think some pre-conference communication would be helpful as there can be issues that need to be discussed that are difficult to do in front of the child. Just an email would be fine.	10/29/2023 7:44 AM
2	NA	10/26/2023 5:19 PM
3	It's always been nice as a start.	10/26/2023 5:14 PM
4	The teachers we have had Ready Set Go conferences with so far haven't really done much with them. It seems like there isn't really anything to do besides drop off their school supplies. Could teachers do baseline assessments with students then? Could the school do school pictures then? Are there other things that could be added to the conference days to make them more worthwhile?	10/26/2023 3:36 PM
5	The power of this kind of in person meeting is very dependent on the specific relationship and/or history with the teacher. Blanket "duties" do not respect the differing roles within the district, and that is how RSG plays out in the elementary as a blanket "duty".	10/26/2023 1:58 PM
6	I thought it was great for my incoming 7th grader and for her parents (me).	10/25/2023 7:48 PM
7	I think an open house at the school or drop in hours would be sufficient for my children instead of RSG conference- nothing formal. I think it would nice to offer some individual conferences like RSG time slots if you have a child with a special circumstance that requires an individual meeting.	10/25/2023 3:54 PM
8	We should not need to prepare for them before contract dates.	10/25/2023 3:27 PM
9	Supply drop off gives opportunity for students to connect with building and staff. Teachers and support staff are available for more conversations if students/parents want.	10/25/2023 12:14 PM
10	I think it is nice and appreciate meeting the teacher and staff before school starts. I think it is especially important in transition years (moving from one school building to another).	10/25/2023 10:56 AM
11	Consideration of Back to School Open House/School Picnic night Thoughts about hosting other family days/nights throughout the year to allow for opportunities to bring families into our building Back to school PD week for teachers to be within the week of Aug 26th-30th	10/25/2023 10:00 AM
12	This helps a lot with students anxiety. In addition, it is a great opportunity for parents to ask questions and provide feedback to the new teacher about what has work in the past with their kids learning needs.	10/24/2023 10:29 PM
13	Great way to meet teachers 1x1 during a time set for solely the learner and their family.	10/24/2023 10:23 PM
14	Great wat to meet teachers one on one during a time set for just your learner and their family.	10/24/2023 10:23 PM
15	It was extremely valuable for our family with a kindergartner.	10/24/2023 8:51 PM
16	Please do not cancel these. I think they are super important and useful in getting kids ready to go back to school	10/24/2023 4:22 PM
17	Need more flexibility in dates for conferences (perhaps not having both conference days in the same week- conference often conflict with planned week of vacation)	10/24/2023 12:58 PM
18	I feel this question is misleading. Instead I'm curious if format is more appropriate - one-on-one meetings, open house, supply drop-off, etc. This questions doesn't allow for the most useful data to be collected.	10/24/2023 11:42 AM
19	I think RSG conferences are a great way for families and students to make connections with classroom teachers before the start of the school year. I definitely believe it eases some	10/24/2023 11:07 AM

	anxiety, and it allows teachers to also begin building relationships with students with a little bit of individual attention before a full classroom of students is present.	
20	Its a lot of work to organize for specialists with teachers-at the mercy of their availability if they schedule outside of the organized days/times and a lot to ask some teachers to drive in who live a long way away for a 15-20 min meeting.	10/24/2023 10:42 AM
21	Have RSG conferences on the students' first day. This would mean teachers schedule all of their conferences for that day and work an extended day to accomodate families' schedules. Students would attend their scheduled conference and it would count as their attendance for the day.	10/24/2023 10:00 AM
22	Love them. Super helpful for parents and kids.	10/24/2023 8:18 AM
23	I do like to hear from the teacher how my student is doing! It's nice to have our kids explain what they're doing but I really like to know what the teacher thinks on how my child is doing as well.	10/23/2023 11:33 PM
24	None	10/23/2023 5:19 PM
25	I think the same could be accomplished with an open house before school starts.	10/23/2023 4:10 PM
26	I think this is such a great opportunity to meet the teachers, get some jitters out, and drop off supplies. Our family loves the RSG conferences. Thank you!	10/23/2023 1:21 PM
27	These are a great way for the parents and students to meet their teachers and gain some familiarity with the school and their new classrooms. I could easily see these becoming more of an "open house" style format, too, when moving beyond the first ones for kindergarteners. You could still offer individual time slots but then a broader open house function for some limited times.	10/23/2023 10:53 AM
28	I think the Ready Set Go conferences are a great "soft launch" for the school year	10/23/2023 9:45 AM
29	I appreciate these RSG conferences as a great way to meet the teacher, familiarize myself with the school and help prepare my child for the school year.	10/23/2023 8:38 AM
30	My children and I have found these very helpful for when starting at a new school building. I'd rather there be some form of the Ready Set Go Conferences than for them to be discontinued completely.	10/23/2023 8:18 AM
31	This was a great chance to meet our child's Kindergarten teacher and see the school. Since this was our first child starting Kindergarten, the conference was invaluable to us as parents and to our Kindergartener. It made all of us less nervous for school starting!	10/23/2023 8:13 AM
32	I would say that you bring back registration held in the schools again but do it at the same time as ready set go conferences. With pictures and be able to talk with bus services/ lunch and other depts	10/23/2023 7:59 AM
33	Make sure all students get the opportunity to go. Or an open house.	10/23/2023 7:11 AM
34	More work for the teachers	10/23/2023 6:50 AM
35	We love being able to meet the teachers and let the kids see their classrooms. They have alleviated a lot of anxiety all round.	10/23/2023 12:00 AM
36	I think they are great for transition years (early elementary, 5th grade and 7th grade). Not sure if they are necessary or need to look different for other years.	10/22/2023 10:09 PM
37	RSGs, for 4-8, should be a one night, open house whole group introduction.	10/22/2023 9:16 PM
38	Have more time between conferences and labor day for those end of summer cacaations and/or long holiday weekends.	10/22/2023 8:45 PM
39	They are so helpful, having a chance to see the new classroom and meet their teachers has made a world of difference to my kids. It gives them confidence and ease of mind.	10/22/2023 8:27 PM
40	It is nice to be able to meet the teachers and figure out where the classrooms are.	10/22/2023 8:05 PM
41	In the past, students have had their "picture day" before the start of school. Is this something that can happen again?	10/22/2023 3:42 PM
42	From the perspective of a Mom with kiddos in the school district for the last decade, and for	10/22/2023 1:31 PM

many years to come. This was such an amazing thing added. Gives the learners, teachers and families an individual connection. It also helps begin the school year out with some peace of where/who their kiddos will be spending most of their day with.

43	It is a great opportunity for kiddos to get some of the "nerves" and anxiety out of their system. They get a nice one on one intro with their teacher and get a layout of their upcoming classrooms, especially helpful when transitioning to a new school..	10/22/2023 11:27 AM
44	I really like the students having time to put things in their locker, see the school, walk their schedule and meet their teachers.	10/22/2023 9:57 AM
45	For teachers in the District that have students in grades that would have RSG conferences, how do we accommodate staff to attend w/o having to take sick time?	10/21/2023 4:07 PM
46	It was great to meet the teacher and see the classroom where our kids will evolve through the year. It was good for our daughter as well as she was a little nervous. This helped a lot!	10/21/2023 1:34 PM
47	I vastly need the RSG conference to talk with the teacher about my son. They need so much information about my son Please don't take them away from our District!	10/21/2023 12:12 PM
48	We really liked them when we had them. They helped us actually be prepared as well as feeling prepared to start the year.	10/21/2023 11:12 AM
49	Thank you so much for providing an opportunity to meet with the teacher as a family in advance of school starting.	10/21/2023 7:12 AM
50	Our family personally loves the Ready Set Go Conferences for the fact of being able to meet the teachers face to face from a parent standpoint and setting up that relationship early on. It is also extremely helpful for the kids to set foot in the classroom (especially in the younger years) to get them ready and able to visualize their first day.	10/20/2023 10:32 PM
51	Yes these absolutely must continue. How else do we get to see our child's classroom and meet their teacher?	10/20/2023 10:16 PM
52	These conferences have helped reduce the anxiety and stress of my children.	10/20/2023 6:36 PM
53	It's a nice time to meet the teacher and get set up for school.	10/20/2023 5:48 PM
54	like to allow student to meet teacher, drop off supplies, for incoming Freshmen or those with anxiety about the school year this allows a non-busy time to explore the building a little.	10/20/2023 4:40 PM
55	No specific time, just a open amount of time.	10/20/2023 4:36 PM
56	I would love for the IEP teachers to be included more in the conferences with everyone. Also, all teachers should be in the same room to meet the student.	10/20/2023 3:39 PM
57	Love them! My kids feel more comfortable.	10/20/2023 3:33 PM
58	Grat opportunity for the kids to meet their teacher(s) and learn where to go on the first day of school	10/20/2023 3:21 PM
59	Grows: Scheduling RSG early/mid-August feels unfair when the expectation is that teachers use their personal time to schedule separate meetings with families that can not make it to the predetermined set days for RSG. I had 5 families this year that requested separate meetings because they could not make it to the 2 dates that OSD provided. I live 35-40 minutes away from Oregon and did a lot of extra driving to accommodate these families' requests. Could there be a way to let families know if they can't make it to the RSG meetings that our school hosts, then they will need to wait until after the school year begins to meet with the teacher instead? Or, could we tell families ahead of time so they can plan their vacations accordingly? Or, could we compensate teachers for their extra time worked to accommodate these families' requests? It doesn't feel fair to cut into my summer vacation to accommodate a student's family vacation. Glows: It was extremely helpful to have dedicated work time to prepare our classrooms before inviting families in to meet. Having a full day in classrooms on Monday was a great start. I needed about 12 more hours than our contracted PD days to get everything ready on time, so I ended up coming in on my own time to do this. Could we add more time at the beginning of the year dedicated for teachers to get their classrooms ready / have pre-school meetings / etc.?	10/20/2023 3:01 PM
60	I only experienced this one or two years; I didn't understand it and didn't get much out of it.	10/20/2023 2:42 PM

61	I would like to have RSG in 1 day, like 11-7:00 versus 2 nights.	10/20/2023 2:35 PM
62	It's good for the kids to prepare themselves for going back to school for the upcoming and reduce anxiety.	10/20/2023 2:30 PM
63	RSG conferences are great! Very good to get our kiddos acclimated to their new settings. They're perfect in length, too. 20 minutes is plenty.	10/20/2023 2:22 PM
64	We need more paid time to prep for conferences. If we have more than 21 students in our class there isn't enough time to get everyone done in allotted time.	10/20/2023 1:58 PM
65	The conferences are redundant. We cover all of that info at Jumpstart and over the course of the first few days of school.	10/20/2023 1:50 PM
66	I think RSGs make sense for students with special needs or for families who are new to the district. In other cases, it's a lot of work for minimal benefit.	10/20/2023 12:58 PM
67	It is a great way to meet the teacher and get acquainted one on one before the school year starts and to walk the building with my child.	10/20/2023 12:17 PM
68	I think this is particularly important for students moving to a new school	10/20/2023 12:04 PM
69	We enjoyed meeting the teachers!	10/20/2023 11:58 AM
70	More information about medications given at school. More information about the health office.	10/20/2023 11:50 AM
71	I'd like to see offerings for this earlier in August, as we are usually on our final summer vacation during the last few weeks of August, before labor day. We've managed alternate meetings with teachers most years when we're not in town, so earlier offerings aren't critical, but would be a nice option.	10/20/2023 11:39 AM
72	It would be just as beneficial as a back pack night to drop off supplies.	10/20/2023 11:27 AM
73	I really enjoy getting to meet my children's teacher before school starts. It's a great place to ask questions and drop off supplies.	10/20/2023 11:13 AM
74	there good.	10/20/2023 11:01 AM
75	I think having it for the purpose of dropping off the supplies, seeing the room and meeting the teacher helps with any anxiety the young ones may have. I do not think it needs to be more than 10-15 min. long.	10/20/2023 10:44 AM
76	It is so wonderful to for the kids and caretakers to see the classroom, meet the teacher in advance, and drop off school supplies early. We look forward to this every year!	10/20/2023 10:43 AM
77	My high schooler doesn't need this. It is nice for the middle school but they have the jumpstart days and can touch base with them if there is a concern anytime or at conferences	10/20/2023 10:38 AM
78	I like meeting the parents before school, but I do not like all of the prescribed questions.	10/20/2023 10:27 AM
79	Ready Set Go is super helpful to get both parents and kids prepared for the school year.	10/20/2023 9:18 AM
80	This helps my anxious child a lot!	10/20/2023 9:08 AM
81	My kids love these conferences. It is the only thing that helps with first day jitters since they have talked with their teachers and have seen their cubbies and where they will be sitting. They are so helpful!!	10/20/2023 8:44 AM
82	We were new to the district this year, and it was just wonderful to have the opportunity for the boys to meet their teacher and see their school before the school year actually started	10/20/2023 8:32 AM
83	-	10/20/2023 8:30 AM
84	I think they serve a purpose and strongly recommend that they be continued.	10/20/2023 7:24 AM
85	This has been helpful to drop off supplies and communicate info to teachers.	10/20/2023 7:15 AM
86	I think they are very helpful for the student's transition	10/20/2023 6:52 AM
87	This conference was very helpful for us and our student as we transitioned to the school year. The younger siblings also enjoyed the chance to see the school and classroom and meet the	10/20/2023 6:19 AM

teacher too. It helped all of our family better understand the place and people that our student spends her day with. Please keep these!

88	Great way to meet teachers and start to acclimate back to school from summer break. Opportunity to understand classroom routine and have 1:1 time with teacher to discuss student needs etc. Makes first days of school less anxious for all.	10/20/2023 2:23 AM
89	These conferences have really helped my son, who struggles with anxiety, feel comfortable and confident on the first day of school.	10/19/2023 10:52 PM
90	Knowing in advance the dates to plan vacation's accordingly	10/19/2023 10:48 PM
91	These are great but as a parent of a special needs kid they need to be longer!	10/19/2023 10:31 PM
92	I have two neurodivergent kids (one autistic, one generalized anxiety disorder), and RSG conferences really help them know what to expect and feel more comfortable prior to school starting.	10/19/2023 9:58 PM
93	It's great for the students to get acclimated with the space and their new schedules asap.	10/19/2023 9:49 PM
94	As Kindergarten, I felt I needed more time getting to know both the teacher and the school. Maybe there could be a tour or something	10/19/2023 9:36 PM
95	I love them but they're so much work on homeroom teachers compared to everyone else.	10/19/2023 9:31 PM
96	So helpful! We would miss it and so would our kids.	10/19/2023 9:24 PM
97	They have been a great opportunity to meet the teacher and prepare for the school year.	10/19/2023 9:16 PM
98	It is a hard time to schedule conferences when so much classroom prep is needed. An open house format of meet the teacher and drop supplies for one 2 hour block would be much more manageable.	10/19/2023 9:13 PM
99	It is a great chance to meet the teacher and see the classroom but could be done in a drop in or open house style (not scheduled times)	10/19/2023 9:07 PM
100	I think this is great for the Kindergarten level and perhaps the entry level of middle school. I imagine it has diminishing returns at the later elementary levels.	10/19/2023 9:02 PM
101	This is essential to ease my kids' anxiety about a new teacher and new classroom. It's helpful to give them time to find their cubby and classroom with help from parents. They also like to see which friends are going to be in their class. Knowing they can expect a few friends makes the first day easier.	10/19/2023 8:47 PM
102	Drop in like before for school supplies.	10/19/2023 8:45 PM
103	We always go on vacation the week before school starts, so a virtual or make up option is always appreciated. I think kids feel more at ease on the first day of school because they have already been to their classroom and meet their teacher. Being able to drop off supplies instead of sending on the bus is great.	10/19/2023 8:35 PM
104	They are the week of Epic's UGM, which makes it hard for both parents to attend.	10/19/2023 8:20 PM
105	We like having the opportunity to drop off supplies, set up locker, and look for room. Not always necessary to meet the teacher, but can be nice depending on grade level and student's comfort level.	10/19/2023 8:20 PM
106	It's nice for the student to meet the teacher, see the classroom and get to know each other prior to the first day of school.	10/19/2023 7:55 PM
107	Knowing when earlier. I feel like we learned dates and times late. Our family was trying to get last minute summer things in and it had to get changed when we found out when conferences were	10/19/2023 7:51 PM
108	I think they're incredibly valuable for the littles (4K-2nd, and again as kids transition to 5th at RCI)	10/19/2023 7:20 PM
109	Good to meet the new teacher	10/19/2023 7:13 PM
110	Love getting to see the classroom and drop off supplies	10/19/2023 7:11 PM
111	It's been great to get a chance to meet my girls' teachers throughout their time at NKE and RCI	10/19/2023 7:05 PM

112	For older students, the most important thing seems to be getting them in the building and familiarizing themselves with the spaces. A a short connection teacher intro is plenty.	10/19/2023 6:45 PM
113	Ready set go conferences give us a chance to have a 1 on 1 with the teacher and a chance for parents to meet the teacher. They ease anxiety as the kids get to meet their teacher before the 1st day and see their classroom, locker, the building when it's less crowded.	10/19/2023 6:37 PM
114	It is a great opportunity for parents and students to meet their teachers, get familiar with the classroom/school, drop off supplies and lessen everyones anxiety on the first official day of school.	10/19/2023 6:17 PM
115	I think it's important for students to come in and meet their teacher and drop off school supplies before school starts. I do NOT think every child needs a 20 minute appointment to do that. Prior to the pandemic, we had a two hour block of time set aside for families to visit and I prefer to go back to that model. Private meetings can be provided for students that need one but the vast majority of students do not. Teachers should be spending their days prior to school starting setting up their classrooms, meeting with teammates, and planning upcoming lessons. Taking 8 hours to meet with 22 students is NOT an effective use of our time!	10/19/2023 6:15 PM
116	I believe it is an important step for students to familiarize themselves with teachers and buildings. Thank you!	10/19/2023 6:15 PM
117	Having more available dates/times would be helpful in terms of scheduling. I also teach and if I have responsibilities on the same evening and morning it is difficult.	10/19/2023 5:59 PM
118	Good chance to meet teachers and get settled.	10/19/2023 5:43 PM
119	To be honest, I have yet to see the value in the Ready Set Go Conferences. While it is nice to put a name to a face, the setting and how elementary teachers hold their conferences, do not really foster time to build a relationship. I know the point of finding things and putting away your supplies, but that can also happen during the first week of school. Further, with what I experienced at OMS, I would also say that the time wasn't that helpful. The connections teacher, while they may see the teacher for connections, doesn't really having any bearing on the student's academic life. I think you can for sure forego them at the middle school level. And, further, when speaking from my teacher role at the high school, having to attend these conferences in the week of inservice piles one more thing on the list for my family. Further, we have added the PD day at the beginning for this purpose and I feel there may be better uses of the PD time at other times of the year.	10/19/2023 5:41 PM
120	I think these conferences help reduce anxiety on the first day of school.	10/19/2023 5:36 PM
121	They are very helpful and my children have come to expect them as part of the back-to-school routine.	10/19/2023 5:36 PM
122	Give us several months notice of the dates. We had to cancel camping trip this yr due to not knowing dates.	10/19/2023 5:20 PM
123	Would prefer the RSG conferences to be 2 weeks before school starts because there is no childcare at the main summer care facilities the week before school starts and many families take vacation that week.	10/19/2023 5:16 PM
124	I appreciate this opportunity both as an educator and as a parent.	10/19/2023 4:58 PM
125	They are great for the kids to minimize new school year anxiety if there is any	10/19/2023 4:51 PM
126	It would be nice to have maybe half the kids do a portion of time and the other half do the other...that way students can see/meet eachother throughout the time period and it's not strictly for the family and teacher.	10/19/2023 4:50 PM
127	It's nice for the kids to see their classroom and meet their teacher before the first day - it helps with any nervousness. Also a convenient time to drop-off school supplies. And gives parents an opportunity to discuss anything teacher should be aware of and ask questions.	10/19/2023 4:49 PM
128	Have more time to get items organized with our kiddos in the classroom.	10/19/2023 4:45 PM
129	The way they were held this year I was not able to attend with my son, due to custody issues. If we could have them on M/W or T/R that would help.	10/19/2023 4:40 PM
130	It's a great opportunity for kids to reacclimate to school, meet their teachers, find out where their classroom is, and for parents to meet with teachers.	10/19/2023 4:37 PM

131	Ask the teachers if these conferences are beneficial.	10/19/2023 4:33 PM
132	More evening time slots available	10/19/2023 4:32 PM
133	I would prefer to go back to a "Meet the Teacher" /supply drop off format where we can interact with other families and get to know the other. My children like to see the other kids in their upcoming classroom. It is really difficult to be at RSG conferences when they are held at the same time at every building and families are on vacation because most daycare are closed the week of RSG conferences.	10/19/2023 4:26 PM
134	These are extremely valuable to help the students feel comfortable in the new year. Even the middle schooler appreciated it this year!	10/19/2023 4:15 PM
135	in person or virtual for working parents/families	10/19/2023 4:02 PM
136	I enjoy this each year as it gives us a chance to make sure expectations from both the teacher and the parents are able to be made in front of the student.	10/19/2023 3:56 PM
137	Trying to have fall break on Halloween- It would be so helpful.	10/19/2023 3:52 PM
138	While I find value in meeting with teachers for Ready Set Go conferences, I feel that the teachers should be allocated time off during the school year as this is an additional non-instructional burden on them.	10/19/2023 3:49 PM
139	I think they take a bit of anxiety off of my child.	10/19/2023 3:48 PM
140	Our son has really enjoyed these days. It takes some of the anxiousness out of the first day and new people.	10/19/2023 3:46 PM
141	It's a great chance for parents and students to meet the teacher and ask any questions. I find value in them and so does my kid.	10/19/2023 3:45 PM
142	Love them. Think very important	10/19/2023 3:40 PM
143	n/a	10/19/2023 3:38 PM
144	I would do RSG differently at OMS. The connections teacher isn't a primary teacher - I am more interested in meeting the primary teachers (math, ELA, science).	10/19/2023 3:29 PM
145	We're great.	10/19/2023 3:18 PM
146	Great to meet the teacher and get comfortable before starting	10/19/2023 3:15 PM
147	Wish this could be set up in a way we don't have to wait too long and get to meet all the teachers of our kid.	10/19/2023 3:12 PM
148	Don't happen at HS level.	10/19/2023 3:10 PM
149	Thought they were helpful at younger ages but couldn't always attend due to vacation	10/19/2023 3:05 PM
150	Ready set go conferences are a lot of work and time for teachers. In my opinion, you can get families the same information by doing an open house with much less time on the teachers part.	10/19/2023 2:58 PM
151	I really like having it two different times. A morning time and an evening time.	10/19/2023 2:49 PM
152	It's really nice for kids to have the opportunity to meet their new teacher and see their classroom before the new year starts. It helps ease some of the anxiety of a new year.	10/19/2023 2:38 PM
153	This has helped my kids get ready for the year without the pressure of other students around. It's given them the opportunity to talk to their new teacher about medical needs in private.	10/19/2023 2:35 PM
154	We love meeting the teacher and seeing the classroom prior to school starting.	10/19/2023 2:34 PM
155	Can Ready Set Go Conferences move to more of an Open House style for supply drop off and meet the teacher? The RSGs get a bit repetitive when you do a similar format 20 times in a row.	10/19/2023 2:27 PM
156	This was SUPER helpful for my new kindergartner to see her new classroom and meet her teacher. She's the kind of kid who likes knowing what she's walking into when faced with something. I also really appreciate the opportunity to drop off school supplies without weighing down a new student on the bus the first day.	10/19/2023 2:26 PM

157	These are great:)	10/19/2023 2:26 PM
158	These conferences help my students feel more comfortable at the start of school. We love the opportunity to see the classroom and meet the teacher.	10/19/2023 2:22 PM
159	They help prepare students and ease their mind.	10/19/2023 2:21 PM
160	It would be ideal to have these offered at times that span across two weeks. Many daycares are closed the week before school starting, and it makes sense to go out of town on vacation. Some people cannot make any of the offered times since they are all during a week without daycare and are forced to take time off work already.	10/19/2023 2:19 PM
161	Are 1-on-1 conferences really necessary or could it be open house style?	10/19/2023 2:19 PM
162	I would prefer just an open house to come say hello, drop off supplies and let my student look around his new classroom. I don't feel the need to have 20 minutes individually to sit down with his teacher. I think going and getting some information, but in a window when others might be around would be good. He would then get to see some friends who might be in his class which would help the nerves.	10/19/2023 2:11 PM
163	More clarification on what exactly needs to be brought and left at school at this time. Otherwise none! :)	10/19/2023 2:03 PM
164	I think it is great way to meet the teacher while having time to drop off supplies.	10/19/2023 2:00 PM
165	I have enjoyed the teachers who have activities set up like the teacher (Ms. Esser, I believe) who set up pictures of her family and their activities, had the child circle what they enjoy too, and then discussed.	10/19/2023 1:59 PM
166	I have consistently had a great turnout at these and I find them beneficial.	10/19/2023 1:59 PM
167	I do not think these are necessary for middle school students. I believe the 7th grade Jump Start is great, but that the conversations and data collected is relatively inauthentic.	10/19/2023 1:57 PM
168	Have the teachers actually use the feedback they receive from the parents that attend.	10/19/2023 1:51 PM
169	These are a great opportunity to meet the new teacher and see the class. Please keep these!	10/19/2023 1:44 PM
170	I can see it from both sides. It helped my daughter up until this year (grade 8). But maybe there's other ways to transition or it could be close to the year starting?	10/19/2023 1:39 PM
171	These conferences help my child prepare mentally for a new classroom and new teacher. This definitely reduces anxiety and stress of my child.	10/19/2023 1:38 PM
172	The ready. Set. Go conferences are extremely helpful especially for kids with anxiety.	10/19/2023 1:35 PM
173	I find it very helpful for kids to get to meet their teachers and see their classrooms before the first day of school.	10/19/2023 1:32 PM
174	Additional time is needed for kids with IEPs. Perhaps offer 2 time slots to them.	10/19/2023 1:31 PM
175	In person should be a requirement.	10/19/2023 1:29 PM
176	It's such a great way to settle nerves and familiarize. We love it.	10/19/2023 1:22 PM
177	I would prefer more time to meet with the teachers at the Ready, Set, Go Meeting	10/19/2023 1:20 PM
178	RSG conferences have been very helpful for transitions and beginning relationships for my own children at the elementary level.	10/19/2023 1:11 PM
179	Great way to meet teachers and discuss any concerns before the school years begin.	10/19/2023 1:10 PM
180	Having more flexibility with dates is helpful. Generally these are only scheduled for 1 week, and if a family is on vacation, or not available that week, it can be difficult. I also think they're more important for the younger kids, or for kids transitioning to a new school - i.e. moving from OMS to OHS or RCI to OMS, etc.	10/19/2023 1:08 PM
181	It was really great to go into my kids' new schools with them and meet their teachers and have them become comfortable before the first day of school.	10/19/2023 1:07 PM
182	I like meeting the teacher and setting some ground work for the school year.	10/19/2023 1:05 PM

183	The days/times that they were offered didn't work for us the last two years	10/19/2023 1:04 PM
184	My family has found that the RSG conferences to be helpful. It alleviates some of the anxiety about starting a new school year when they can go in a few days early and get familiar with their new room and teacher.	10/19/2023 1:02 PM
185	These were CRUCIAL for us in kindergarten and first grade (this year) for our family to feel a connection to the school and our son to feel comfortable in the space and not so nervous the first week.	10/19/2023 1:02 PM
186	I really enjoy getting to meet the teachers with my kids before school starts.	10/19/2023 12:59 PM
187	This was an amazing time for my daughter to see the school (as an incoming kindergartener), meet the teacher, get acclimated, and feel comfortable. My husband and I appreciated this time and would like it to continue.	10/19/2023 12:59 PM
188	Option for virtual would be nice	10/19/2023 12:55 PM
189	None, appreciate them!	10/19/2023 12:50 PM
190	Allow different weeks for the conferences. Many families try to schedule vacations before school starts. Perhaps combine them with Jump Start would be a great option.	10/19/2023 12:50 PM
191	A great opportunity to build a foundation with the teachers. Love being able to come in the school and set expectations early.	10/19/2023 12:49 PM
192	They were very helpful, especially for my child who had a hard time with new teachers	10/19/2023 12:47 PM
193	N/A	10/19/2023 12:44 PM
194	I prefer the Back to School night. It had more energy and excitement for the students. Seeing their friends and being excited to be back to school. RSGs are formal and are missing the peer relationship piece. I believe RSGs started due to COVID, so I think it is time to get back to less spread out event.	10/19/2023 12:41 PM
195	We really enjoy the opportunity to connect with the teacher before the school year. The kids are always excited as well.	10/19/2023 12:38 PM
196	This was so amazing and helpful starting my kindergartner this year. It was the most brilliant idea.	10/19/2023 12:38 PM
197	We were offered one afternoon and one morning session. The afternoon slots were taken within the hour and as both working parents, we could not make the morning time work. More flexibility would be great.	10/19/2023 12:37 PM
198	I would prefer them to be earlier in August versus the week before school starts.	10/19/2023 12:36 PM
199	This is great way for students to meet their new teachers, and in a private setting makes it so personal. This has helped my child not have the first day jitters/ anxiety.	10/19/2023 12:35 PM
200	Particularly helpful for us as we started at a new building. Our other child's teacher did it as an open house so it did not allow for 1:1 time with the teacher. I would prefer a 1:1 conference time.	10/19/2023 12:33 PM
201	My children appreciate getting to meet their teacher and see their classroom before the first day. It really helps reduce some of the first day anxiety. More times to sign up with the teacher would be helpful.	10/19/2023 12:33 PM
202	They are great.	10/19/2023 12:32 PM
203	Have a picture day included with conferences.	10/19/2023 12:29 PM
204	We have a Kindergartener and 2nd grader currently. Ready Set Go Conferences helps alleviate anxiety about meeting new teachers for the first time and knowing where to find the classroom. I find a lot of value in these conferences for our younger children and hope OSD keeps them.	10/19/2023 12:29 PM
205	Kinda useless	10/19/2023 12:29 PM
206	It would be nice to also have a back to school night on a Monday or Wednesday for FES	10/19/2023 12:28 PM
207	It's a great time for kids to find their rooms and deliver supplies so they are not trying to do this on the first day of school. It also helps ease nerves about their teacher when they get some	10/19/2023 12:27 PM

1:1 time ahead of the first day.

208	Would love more flexibility/options, in case a week of Ready set go conferences is during schedule vacation week	10/19/2023 12:27 PM
209	The goal and priority for caregiver conferences needs to be re-evaluated. If RSG's continue, staff need adequate, paid time to prepare and held during contract time. Having specific times for RSG's or caregiver/teacher conferences is not equitable for families, it is inappropriate for staff to be expected to work 12+ hours, and return the next day. These required conference nights are taking away from any capacity for staff to want to engage in "Back to School Night," or "Family Night," or "Math/Read Night," which are valuable community events for our students, families, and staff.	10/19/2023 12:26 PM
210	My student and I really appreciate having a chance to meet her new teacher one on one before the start of the school year. It helps her feel more comfortable with the new classroom since she has seen the room, where her locker is, and has her supplies already at school before the first day.	10/19/2023 12:25 PM
211	The conferences are an excellent way of meeting your child's teacher for the first time. My kids like to know who their teacher is before school starts. They help our kids know where their classroom is, where their belongings will be, and unload supplies before the first day of school.	10/19/2023 12:24 PM
212	Our family loves them so we can feel a sense of comfort going into the school year, meeting the teacher and seeing the school before it starts. My kids get nervous with new teachers and transitions so these are so helpful for us! It is also nice for parents to meet the teacher too.	10/19/2023 12:24 PM
213	Make them 30 minutes	10/19/2023 12:22 PM
214	It's great for kids to have a one on one with their teacher and to see their classroom before the chaos of day one. I imagine it calms the day one nerves quite a bit. It's also nice for kids to know who is in their classes, who they sit next to, practice with locations, locks on their lockers, etc	10/19/2023 12:22 PM
215	These are great for grades K-6. I don't think they provide much value for grades 7-8.	10/19/2023 12:21 PM
216	Share the class list - we all find out anyway.	10/19/2023 12:20 PM
217	I would prefer a longer time to speak with teachers.	10/19/2023 12:18 PM
218	We are usually out of town when these take place. Teachers have been accommodating with having virtual conferences, but while nice, i don't think it was necessary.	10/19/2023 12:17 PM
219	We have one student heading to OMS next fall. I think if there is the "orientation" option, the ready set go might not be necessary, or could be combined.	10/19/2023 12:16 PM
220	Great chance to meet the teacher and get ready for the school year to begin!	10/19/2023 12:15 PM
221	It is challenging for families who work in the district to schedule RSG conferences and have the OSD employee also attend.	10/19/2023 12:13 PM
222	If there's any way to know the actual dates for these earlier, that would make it much easier to plan end of summer trips !	10/19/2023 12:13 PM
223	My kids enjoy this. As parents, it is nice meeting their teachers at the beginning of the year.	10/19/2023 12:12 PM
224	I very much like the idea of these conferences in that they offer a time to drop off school supplies and meet the teacher. This is incredibly helpful for my anxious kiddo. However, they are always the week before school starts-which goes into labor day. This is a week many don't have child care and thus take a family vacation. This makes it extra stressful to try to schedule something separate to meet the teacher/drop off supplies vs scheduling a vacation when you have to take off work for child care anyway-and have limited time off to use. The RCI jumpstart would be a perfect time to loop in ready set go events for those students, and it's a missed opportunity that lockers/etc are not dealt with at this time. I don't know that I have the right answer, but the timing is the problem, and the lack of fully utilizing the RCI jumpstart session opportunity.	10/19/2023 12:12 PM
225	I feel they are helpful for my kids. It really helped my 5th grader. Kids look forward to see who will be in their class.	10/19/2023 12:12 PM
226	I wish school pictures happened at these because then the parents can actually see the photo	10/19/2023 12:12 PM

	and know what the photo looks like. Other districts do this.	
227	Some built in 1:1 time between teacher and future student. Even a few minutes can help establish the bond and allay anxiety.	10/19/2023 12:12 PM
228	Definitely need Halloween off for the kids when its during the week.	10/19/2023 12:11 PM
229	I dont really have a preference	10/19/2023 12:10 PM
230	I like the way I can set up an appt prior so I can add it to my calendar.	10/19/2023 12:10 PM
231	They are way too short. Please allow another 5-10 minutes for us to meet teachers.	10/19/2023 12:09 PM
232	These are an awesome opportunity for kids and parents to meet teachers and get a feel for the classroom prior to the first day of school.	10/19/2023 12:09 PM
233	Important especially when kids are moving to new buildings	10/19/2023 12:09 PM
234	It has been great to meet the new teachers! Please continue this!	10/19/2023 12:08 PM
235	This has been very helpful for my kids and my family. Please keep this.	10/19/2023 12:07 PM
236	As the parent of a kindergartener for the first time, it was extremely helpful for my family and me.	10/19/2023 12:06 PM
237	Offer more opportunities or over multiple days to accommodate especially for families with multiple kids in multiple schools. Times after school fill up quickly and is hard to coordinate with activities.	10/19/2023 12:06 PM
238	They really could give the same information via email.	10/19/2023 12:06 PM
239	Please have pictures taken during this time so that parents can help! This year I have heard feedback of hair being all over, kids not in the center of photo, collars not right, etc. If you did this during conferences parents could help:)	10/19/2023 12:05 PM
240	None	10/19/2023 12:04 PM
241	My son felt a lot more comfortable going to 5th grade after being able to meet his teachers and know where all of his classes and lockers were.	10/19/2023 12:04 PM
242	I think they help out kids at ease with new teachers and transitions	10/19/2023 12:03 PM
243	Always during the week we have no daycare (ASC and ODI are always off). Too hard on working parents	10/19/2023 12:03 PM
244	Although it is no longer NA for myself. The RSG helped him feel more comfortable in entering that next school. I do think you should continue and would mark "preferred" if it applied.	10/19/2023 12:03 PM
245	Ready Set Go Conferences are a wonderful opportunity for kids to meet teachers. It was extremely helpful as my son started a new school this year and he ended up seeing a former friend while attending. I think it really helped with his transition.	10/19/2023 12:03 PM
246	I think meeting the teacher before school is great. Maybe could make it more of an open house? I do not mind the format now, just seems like extra time for the teacher?	10/19/2023 12:02 PM
247	I would prefer picture day be during Read Set Go Conferences. I think more people would purchase them if they could be sure their child looked nice in them.	10/19/2023 12:02 PM
248	I would like some flexibility with scheduling them, assuming I put in the required hours and give families flexibility with time of day.	10/19/2023 12:01 PM
249	The ready set go conferences really helps my daughter feel ready for school and less anxious about what to expect.	10/19/2023 12:01 PM
250	Discussing class size	10/19/2023 12:01 PM
251	Oregon stands out among the school districts that our friends' children attend for RSG conferences (and for overall organization and communication prior to the start of the school year!) and we love them! It's great to have a chance to meet instructors before the school year begins and for students (especially young ones) to see their classrooms, desk, etc. And to send in supplies! We'd hate to see them discontinued.	10/19/2023 12:00 PM

252	A great intro to where classrooms, lockers, etc. are located and to meet the teachers -- especially entering a new school	10/19/2023 12:00 PM
253	These have been great for my kids with new schools and especially this year when both have started with long-term subs.	10/19/2023 12:00 PM
254	I think they are nice, especially for younger grades. It helps my child know what his classroom will look like, find his desk, find his locker, etc. If he came to the first day of school without this conference, it would cause confusion and stress for him.	10/19/2023 12:00 PM
255	This only works at the youngest levels where you meet with your child teacher. Once you hit 5th grade and up it's with the connections teacher and likely not a teacher your child will even have during the school day so I don't find them especially helpful. I'd rather see the meet your teachers and bring your supplies to school day come back for the older kids.	10/19/2023 12:00 PM
256	I really liked it when the district offered a space for bus help, IC help, Food service. This was incredibly helpful for us as a family with a first timer in kinder and new to the state. Many families would benefit from this.	10/19/2023 12:00 PM
257	I feel that these conferences are very necessary for getting students ready and excited to begin the school year.	10/19/2023 11:59 AM
258	Please change it from a scheduled time slot to and open house format so we can drop in to drop supplies and such. There's very limited evening hours and this makes it very difficult for working families!	10/19/2023 11:59 AM
259	I would rather have an open house style back to school time. I don't feel I need to have an individual conference.	10/19/2023 11:59 AM
260	I like them and like that we're able to bring in supplies during that time.	10/19/2023 11:59 AM
261	its great, helps my kids learn more about their class and teacher before school starts.	10/19/2023 11:58 AM
262	Wish the time was a bit longer per block. 15-20 min doesn't feel like enough with having to go over some stuff.	10/19/2023 11:57 AM
263	Very helpful, especially for younger kids and the ones entering a new school.	10/19/2023 11:57 AM
264	N/a	10/19/2023 11:57 AM
265	Post dates before the current school year ends so families can plan vacations/trips/activities around the dates.	10/19/2023 11:57 AM
266	I find them useful for the younger ages, but not as informative for the older ages.	10/19/2023 11:57 AM
267	More time options so it doesn't feel as rushed	10/19/2023 11:57 AM
268	along with jumpstart programs this is a great way for students to meet teaches and see their learning spaces before the first day of school	10/19/2023 11:57 AM
269	There needs to be more options to do this rather than just one evening and one day. It often doesn't work well with the schedule. We also need more time to schedule it, meaning getting teaching assignments earlier would be beneficial.	10/19/2023 11:56 AM
270	With the younger kiddos it helps that they have the opportunity to meet the teachers before starting school	10/19/2023 11:55 AM
271	Have the kids do school pictures on this day so parents can help and they're over and done with.	10/19/2023 11:55 AM
272	They are a great opportunity to meet staff and get in the school building before the school year actually starts.	10/19/2023 11:55 AM
273	They are great!	10/19/2023 11:55 AM
274	Very helpful to allay child anxieties and build relationships before school starts.	10/19/2023 11:53 AM
275	It would be nice if the kids could also get their school photos taken on one of these days.	10/19/2023 11:53 AM
276	With older kids, there is lower value. We also did the orientation for RCI, so that was better opportunity to get familiar with the school.	10/19/2023 11:53 AM

277	I like being able to meet my children's teachers and see their classroom. It's also nice to be able to put away their school supplies in a less chaotic environment.	10/19/2023 11:53 AM
278	Ready Set Go conferences should be scheduled by the teachers to allow for flexibility.	10/19/2023 11:52 AM
279	It's really nice to meet the teachers for both kids and parents. It has reduced my child's anxiety about the first day of school. It's nice to drop off supplies and have one on one time.	10/19/2023 11:52 AM
280	It's a nice opportunity for students to meet their teachers ahead of time. It's also a great time to walk the schedule (to know where going) and to get lockers ready.	10/19/2023 11:49 AM
281	I think it is a great way to get to know the students and to see them with their families.	10/19/2023 11:43 AM
282	This is a huge burden to add to staff at an already stressful time of year. Going home at 8 pm is far too late. This applies to professional development as well. This does not allow staff to prioritize their families, especially staff with young children. If ready, set, go conferences need to continue in the future, they should be held during our regular contract hours. We have to take off of work when we have appointments, it is not too much to ask our students' families to do the same. There could be a virtual option as well to accommodate families that need that option.	10/19/2023 11:36 AM
283	I would be interested in hearing from families if they prefer a 'back to school night' over RSG.	10/19/2023 11:13 AM
284	NA	10/19/2023 11:11 AM
285	As a teacher, I think RSG's were very important during COVID when face to face interaction and relationships were more difficult to make. It is beneficial to meet kids and families before school starts and let them drop off supplies, but I think it would be more beneficial to have students come in for a short (15-20 minute) assessment on basic skills so that we know where kids are starting. This is especially for K.	10/19/2023 11:06 AM
286	For Special Education Teachers, it would be helpful if we could meet the families of the students on our caseload. Currently, OMS does RSG Conferences with Connections students so we are unable to meet our new families.	10/19/2023 11:05 AM
287	I view this conference as a great opportunity to meet both my Connections students as well as the families that I'll be working with throughout the year. I also think it helps many of my students to already know one familiar face when they come to school as 8th graders for the first time and that can build confidence and solve some problems that might happen otherwise.	10/19/2023 10:52 AM
288	Maybe not making them the same time at all the building	10/19/2023 10:41 AM
289	As a teacher, it feels unfair that high school staff do not have ready set go conferences.	10/19/2023 10:27 AM
290	As a teacher I really like getting to see kids prior to the school year starting and getting to know about them. I feel like these conferences offer teachers a ton of information about the students prior to the school year starting. I think it also helps alleviate some anxiety that students have before school by providing them a familiar face.	10/19/2023 10:17 AM
291	For teachers that teach purples/rotations, RSG is mostly dead time. We could much better use that time preparing our classrooms for the hundreds of students we will have.	10/19/2023 10:14 AM
292	Especially for special needs students conferences and open houses are necessary to transition students into school expectations and getting them comfortable.	10/19/2023 10:07 AM
293	I think its a great way to connect with families, but it is a LOT of work for special ed to schedule.	10/19/2023 10:01 AM
294	They are great, but should be up to the teacher to schedule, not mandated on two days. Younger students cannot be expected to come in to meet their teacher anytime later than 7:00.	10/19/2023 9:53 AM
295	Love them on so many levels, as a teacher and as a parent.	10/19/2023 9:48 AM
296	Great to meet families and students before the school year starts, as long as we are given time as teachers to fully prepare for them!	10/19/2023 9:43 AM
297	It should be given a option if you would like it.	10/19/2023 9:40 AM
298	I like these conferences, but don't think that they need to be one-on-one. As teachers, we repeat ourselves 22 times with the same questions, notes about paperwork, information about ourselves, etc. So I think making it more of an open house over like a 4-hour period one	10/19/2023 9:36 AM

evening is enough. We can meet the families, pass out what we need to, etc. OR maybe have another option to offer IF families NEED/WANT the conferences to be one-on-one, rather than requiring it.

299	It would be just fine to go back to "backpack nights" where families drop off supplies and see the learning space. It would be amazing to have at least an hour or two after RSGs for teachers to organize the supplies so we aren't having them do that on their own time before school starts.	10/19/2023 9:32 AM
300	They need to be held during the time that teachers are required to report, potentially the week before school starts.	10/19/2023 9:32 AM
301	Advertise it as an open house style so all teachers are visiting with families. There should still be scheduled meetings with homeroom teachers, but advertise for families to explore all areas of the building.	10/19/2023 9:30 AM
302	Ready, Set, Go conferences are a waste of time! I have many, many opportunities and strategies to build relationships with families and caregivers outside of ready, set, go conferences. They are not needed in a post-covid school calendar! Continuing to mandate them demonstrates a profound lack of respect for educators' time.	10/19/2023 9:21 AM
303	I was very disappointed with kindergarten RSG conferences. My child was rushed through putting supplies away and whisked around the classroom and showed things so quickly she became overwhelmed and shut down. I thought the point of these conferences was to start building a relationship, not just put away supplies. If that is how it's going to be I'd rather just have an open house night.	10/19/2023 9:21 AM
304	Go back to an open house format, coming in for 10 min is useless	10/19/2023 9:09 AM
305	As a parent of an elementary school student, I appreciate them HUGELY since my son spends a large portion of his day with that teacher. As a middle school Special Ed teacher, they do not make sense for me to hold them for my "homeroom" class (who I see for 15 min/day) rather than my caseload (who I spend all day every day working with), so it feels like a waste of not only my time but also the poor parents that think they're going to get something out of meeting with me... and it feels like a missed opportunity to meet with the parents of the students who are on my caseload. I've been asked to pull double duty and also attend RSGs for students on my caseload, which indicates that it is an important relationship but not important enough to be honored with my time or compensation...	10/19/2023 9:06 AM
306	Ready set go conferences were great during covid when families did not have opportunities to come into the building. I would love to go back to more of an open house structure where families drop in and bring their supplies while meeting the teacher and seeing the classroom.	10/19/2023 9:02 AM
307	N/A	10/19/2023 9:01 AM
308	I prefer an open house format so parents can come during a larger chunk of time when it is convenient for them. I often have to schedule several conferences outside the designated days/times because many families are on vacation. Few families bring in school supplies, so for many it's a quick hi, here is your locker and schedule, bye. In an open house format, they could explore the building, walk their students schedule, and meet other teachers (music, pe, art, steam, band, orchestra, health, world language, AL math, interventionists, counselors...). It would also feel more equitable for teachers. Core subject teachers put a lot of time and effort into these RSG conferences and purple teachers or other staff mentioned above just get lots of prep time. Every year I hear purple teachers complain that they have "nothing to do during this time". I realize parents can "pop in" to meet these teachers, but many families don't realize this or choose not to. "Popping in" to say hi is VERY different than preparing/hosting conferences. This year we were given "extra time" to work in our classrooms before school started. Most teachers just held more RSG conferences during this time because the days/times the district allows is not enough time to meet all our families. I had 0 contract time to prep my classroom or curriculum. I was not even able to schedule a bathroom break. Please fix this inequity in the current "system".	10/19/2023 8:56 AM
309	Open House	10/19/2023 8:53 AM
310	My children really benefit from attending them and meeting teachers. I personally find them very valuable. I understand whichever decision is made.	10/19/2023 8:52 AM
311	As a teacher, I understand the purpose of RSG conferences. However, students only see 1	10/19/2023 8:50 AM

	teacher and teachers only see 15 students. I would much prefer an open house type of thing where teachers can meet several students and students can meet their teachers, walk around, do lockers, bring their stuff, etc.	
312	I appreciated that this past year RSG conferences were built into our PD days as we returned.	10/19/2023 8:47 AM
313	Could we just have an open house where families can come in if they'd like to, meet the teacher, drop off supplies, but not scheduled conferences with each family. One evening for 2 hours would be ideal.	10/19/2023 8:46 AM
314	It help reduce my child's anxiety levels.	10/19/2023 8:45 AM
315	Families seem to really like the RSG conferences, especially for transitional years. There are questions about equity with having elementary & middle schools participating, but what happens at the high school? It is a lot of work and prep for elementary and middle school teachers to get their classrooms and teams organized for the conferences.	10/19/2023 8:44 AM
316	It's a great way to have a few minutes of one to one time with your child's teacher. Makes student's less nervous/anxious for the first day.	10/19/2023 8:42 AM
317	It'd be nice to have time to prep our classrooms before families come in for an initial meet and greet. This time generally comes out of personal time.	10/19/2023 8:35 AM
318	Was very helpful to ease nerves for my 7th grader and myself! Appreciate seeing the building and meeting teachers before first day.	10/19/2023 8:32 AM
319	I feel like it is inequitable seeing how the lower grades have to have individual conferences with all parents and HS do not have to do this.	10/19/2023 8:32 AM
320	This takes a great deal of prep time away from teachers and most information could be covered between Jumpstart and Connections classes. Currently there is a lot of redundancy.	10/19/2023 8:30 AM
321	This is a great opportunity for kids to meet their teacher and feel prepared for the first day of school! 5-10 min is all you need!	10/19/2023 8:29 AM
322	Offer different formats for Ready set go conferences	10/19/2023 8:25 AM
323	Let teachers schedule their own time. We've gone from two pd days prior to school starting to almost a full week now.	10/19/2023 8:19 AM
324	I would prefer the format was more of an open house. Or that we at least offered both.	10/19/2023 8:19 AM
325	Have an open house (like other buildings)!	10/19/2023 8:17 AM
326	I appreciate the time to come in to see the classroom and meet the teacher, but our home has two full time working parents, so it is difficult to schedule so many conferences throughout the year. I would much prefer a less structured and more flexible time frame in which we could come in to say hi, see the classroom and drop off supplies. I also think that if we hold RSGs in August, then perhaps we don't need Parent/Teacher Conferences in November, and instead we host a back to school night. Something has to give in order to retain our quality teaching and professional staff or we will burn them all out.	10/19/2023 8:16 AM
327	These are very valuable but I would love time built in before the end of school year to schedule ahead of time, that would be ideal.	10/19/2023 8:14 AM
328	I think that we could efficiently and successfully get everything needed done during one "back to school night" instead of 20+ separate RSG conferences. I think this would give students a chance to see their peers, parents can connect, and they can see their space, drop off materials & meet their teacher (which is the main point of rsg). Having a 1:1 conference with each family before school starts seems like too much.	10/19/2023 8:13 AM
329	I would prefer a more casual, open house format.	10/19/2023 8:11 AM
330	These conferences add a lot of extra stress for teachers at the start of the year. Most of my planning time was used to prep for these conferences instead of getting curriculum and materials ready. While it's nice to meet the families, I feel a traditional open house format would still provide families to meet teachers, see the classroom and get a good preview of the school year. It is also challenging as a parent with school age kids to go to back to school nights for my own children that fall on the same night as ready set go conferences because there isn't as much flexibility as an open house night.	10/19/2023 8:11 AM

331	They are fine. The 7th grade families appreciate it. 8th grade is about 50-50.	10/19/2023 8:11 AM
332	I think a window of time to drop off supplies with a meet and greet would be a better use of time.	10/19/2023 8:10 AM
333	Possibly look at more of an open house style rather than a scheduled time	10/19/2023 8:10 AM
334	It was helpful to have dates and times before the end of the school year this year, and to have sign up links that building secretaries could send out over the summer. Meeting families and students individually does help them and us as staff feel more prepared for the school year.	10/19/2023 8:09 AM
335	I think 9th grade should have a Ready Set Go Conference for OHS transition.	10/19/2023 8:09 AM
336	8pm is too late for elementary school kids.	10/19/2023 8:08 AM
337	Scheduling this year was easier with set days / times to schedule during. As long as there is comp time for it, I enjoy holding the conferences before beginning the year.	10/19/2023 8:07 AM
338	The hours are very late. Not necessary to meet individually with every student. Could do a drop in or whole group information meeting.	10/19/2023 8:07 AM
339	n/a	10/19/2023 8:06 AM

Q9 If you have other feedback for us regarding the calendar, please comment below. If none, you may leave this question blank. Thank you for your time!

Answered: 190 Skipped: 988

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	More evening spots are needed for parent-teacher conferences.	10/29/2023 7:44 AM
2	It would be great to take into consideration the staff needs. Going from end of Aug. to Thanksgiving w/o a break is difficult for a variety of reasons. Some roles w/in OSD have more challenges and difficult roles in supporting students. It would be great to have a day or 2 off from work to be w/ family. And w/ only 2 personal days that makes it hard too. It is SO hard to be take a day off when school is in session.	10/26/2023 5:19 PM
3	Please, please, please have the school year start AFTER Labor Day regardless of when September first is.	10/26/2023 3:36 PM
4	Preference that school breaks mirror MMSD for homes with students in both districts.	10/26/2023 2:02 PM
5	Early release and opportunities for teacher recharge via day(s) off needs to be considered for the calendar.	10/26/2023 1:58 PM
6	I'm not clear on what the 2 days in winter means. Is that January? February? It was difficult to rate that since I was unclear.	10/25/2023 3:54 PM
7	Because of family, I appreciate spring break alignment with the Madison school district.	10/25/2023 10:56 AM
8	When we have 2 back to back PD days, one day/afternoon could be a staff mental health day I think both a fall break day and winter break day (between winter break and spring break) are important to have student-free and even potentially some amount of time off for teachers to prioritize mental health Wondering why MLK day isn't a day off or no student day for a day of service for staff Is there or could we start a teacher input calendar committee? Have we ever considered a year round calendar? Could our conference nights be more flexible rather than 2 late nights hosting 4 nights until 5 pm instead?	10/25/2023 10:00 AM
9	I prefer for the kids to have longer breaks throughout the school year and wish the kids went back to school mid august. During the second semester the kids really get burnt out so i wish they had more days off in that part of the year.	10/25/2023 9:57 AM
10	Thank you for taking the time to survey parents and teachers to inform decisions on the	10/25/2023 6:47 AM

	calendar!	
11	Please think of extending the Christmas holiday break. It seems to be getting shorter each year.	10/24/2023 10:23 PM
12	Please think of extending the Christmas holiday break. It seems to be getting shorter each year.	10/24/2023 10:23 PM
13	I think a two-week winter break is very important. While many families travel and are busy during this time, it's also vital that our kids have a chance to rest and recharge. A two-week break would accomodate this more effectively.	10/24/2023 8:20 PM
14	As a staff member, it would be great to see more mental health days or at least one fall break day off (not require professional development).	10/24/2023 5:24 PM
15	I would like to see the school day start a little later and end later, like 8:30-3:30	10/24/2023 4:22 PM
16	Would love Spring Break to match up with surrounding districts.	10/24/2023 4:15 PM
17	Teachers and elementary students NEED more days off of school. The Orchard Study conducted at OSD supports this, absences due to illnesses in both staff and students support this and the number of minutes required for this age group by the DPI show that they need more time off in order to rest, grow and process all that we ask of them at school (those numbers are based on research). The current calendar is killing teachers (they're tired, ill and working around the clock) and is pushing students to the max unnecessarily. Go back to regular days off built into the calendar to best support learning and students health - other area districts are able to do it. If we truly value the whole child at OSD, we need to think about their social-emotional and physical health as well.	10/24/2023 11:42 AM
18	Not only do kids need a break in October, but teachers/staff need a break in there also. Working from Sept-November with no days off is a really long time with no time for us to have a break for our own mental health.	10/24/2023 10:42 AM
19	Consider changing middle school conference days. Conferences on Tuesday and Thursday make it difficult to teach the days following long ones. Also, families involved in additional activities after the work/school day find it difficult to attend. A model to consider might be Wednesday conferences 4-8, Thursday conferences 8-8, Friday off.	10/24/2023 10:00 AM
20	None	10/23/2023 5:19 PM
21	Starting before September 1 would be extremely beneficial for so many reasons	10/23/2023 2:46 PM
22	Thank you for sending this survey!	10/23/2023 1:21 PM
23	Actually don't mind the shorter Xmas break than other schools. Kids don't want to go back to school with longer breaks.	10/23/2023 12:11 PM
24	I think we should have a three-day break in February.	10/23/2023 11:48 AM
25	Hello, I'm not sure if in coming with the time options for Spring break, whether UW calendar is considered at all, but if not, with the number of folks working there, or having another kid that's already at UW, I do recommend trying to line up at least one of the Spring break options, with the UW spring break calendar. Unfortunately in this year's survey none of them do. Thanks for considering.	10/23/2023 11:28 AM
26	It works best for me, as a teacher, to have our two day break align with the end of the quarter. The same goes for Spring Break, having that at the end of the quarter is great.	10/23/2023 10:18 AM
27	It is hard as a staff member to not have a break until Thanksgiving. Even if the "fall break" was one day for PD and one no school day. It would be helpful!	10/23/2023 10:01 AM
28	Please continue to align OSD's spring breaks with MMSD's spring break and other surrounding districts. It is very difficult otherwise for families. Thank you.	10/23/2023 9:45 AM
29	I defer to teachers and understanding the flow of the curriculum on some of these break decisions.	10/23/2023 8:18 AM
30	A day off every month is not necessary. If it is i would like to see the federal hilidays be off. Columbus day, MLK day, presidents day, veterans day, etc.	10/23/2023 7:59 AM
31	If you do not give teachers days off, they will need to take mental health days, contributing to	10/23/2023 7:40 AM

	the sub shortage.	
32	Would be nice to give staff one day off for fall break.	10/22/2023 9:40 PM
33	I would like to see the return of the calendar committee that includes teacher representation.	10/22/2023 6:16 PM
34	NA	10/21/2023 4:07 PM
35	Thank you so much for getting family input in this process!	10/21/2023 7:12 AM
36	none	10/21/2023 5:42 AM
37	The two questions about winter break are misleading. Does selection of "having a 2 day break in winter" means not having 1 to 1.5 weeks off near Christmas? I like the longer winter break around Christmas; 1 to 1.5 weeks is the sweet spot; 2 weeks gets too long. Thanks for asking our opinion.	10/20/2023 2:42 PM
38	Thank you for seeking our opinions on this!	10/20/2023 2:22 PM
39	I would love to go back to 2 full weeks off in winter and 1 full week in spring. And a long weekend over Easter.	10/20/2023 1:58 PM
40	I think staff members should have off holidays like MLK day.	10/20/2023 1:41 PM
41	I'd love to have scheduled work days to grade without PD. There isn't nearly enough time in a regular school day to get everything done. We also need time to collaborate with each other before the start of the year--that would be so much more valuable than inservice or RSGs.	10/20/2023 12:58 PM
42	More planning time is crucial. Elementary teachers have the most subjects to teach. We need more prep time throughout our day. Even on scheduled PD days we need to be given the gift of time. There are too many meetings and too many times I am having meetings during prep. The best thing we can do for kids is to grant teachers more time and trust to plan effectively.	10/20/2023 12:16 PM
43	I feel the kids should have 2 weeks off for the holiday break. They should continue with both the fall and winter 4 day weekends. We get out of school early enough in June, I think having the breaks throughout the year are more important than racing to get out of school for the year. Everyone, staff, students and parents need the occassional breaks and the winter break should be 2 weeks to allow people to travel, see family and not worry about getting back for 2 useless days on the 2nd and 3rd.	10/20/2023 12:13 PM
44	Please keep it as close to Stoughton as possible!!! Many people in the district have kids that go to Stoughton. Teaming up is a great idea! Thanks	10/20/2023 11:50 AM
45	I think it is important for us to have a day or two in the Fall to have off. It is a lot to come back and not have a break until Thanksgiving. Especially with the new curriculum in certain grades.	10/20/2023 10:44 AM
46	Align Spring Break with the end of 3rd quarter so when we return it is the start of 4th quarter. Please do not refer to the day in June as a PD day - it is a teacher work day.	10/20/2023 9:19 AM
47	start after labor day	10/20/2023 8:53 AM
48	I ranked the two-day breaks in fall and winter as 2nd and 3rd respectively only because the survey forced me to give each choice a separate rank; I wasn't sure what other days off the children have during the school year (due to end of quarter, etc.), and my preference would be to add an extra break wherever they otherwise have the longest uninterrupted stretch of instruction.	10/20/2023 8:32 AM
49	-	10/20/2023 8:30 AM
50	Too many school days! Other districts get out sooner and have more breaks! The elementary day is so long and starts too early.	10/20/2023 8:27 AM
51	I think it would be good to build in more than 3 snow days if V we are going to base off of predictions rather than actual snowfall	10/20/2023 6:52 AM
52	A couple years ago I suggested starting before Labor Day, and it might have been before 9/1. I was told by law public schools couldn't start then for some reason. This year a number of schools did in fact start school both before 9/1 and Labor Day. My preference is to start school on 8/26 so they can get out earlier in June.	10/20/2023 12:31 AM
53	Would love to see year round school offered	10/19/2023 10:48 PM

54	School year is going good thank you	10/19/2023 10:31 PM
55	Try to align with surrounding districts for spring break week.	10/19/2023 9:58 PM
56	PLEASE give us days off even if it means a shorter summer!!!!	10/19/2023 9:31 PM
57	Respectfully please seriously discuss and consider an early release or a late start for Mondays to allow for planning, PLC time and other required meetings like our neighboring districts. For reference losing prep to a PLC weekly is extremely difficult for an elementary teacher who is teaching and prepping 6-7+subjects/lessons daily. Thank you so much.	10/19/2023 9:13 PM
58	I prefer to have our spring break different than other surrounding schools, ie Madison or Verona. I also prefer to have days off together as much as possible.	10/19/2023 8:59 PM
59	Please don't ever do late start Mondays like the Verona school district. Terrible idea!	10/19/2023 8:59 PM
60	Don't give kids off January 2nd or 3rd. Parents do not have enough vacation days for such a long break and there are no childcare options this time of year. I like the idea of 10/31-11/1 as the fall break because Fitchburg always has trick or treat on 10/31, and it's a struggle to get sugared up kids to bed on time with all the excitement. It would be great if they could sleep in the next day. Thursday/Friday breaks are better than Friday/Monday breaks.	10/19/2023 8:47 PM
61	End earlier.	10/19/2023 8:45 PM
62	I would like a for sure last day of school date instead of the "flexible" last day of school date.	10/19/2023 8:33 PM
63	Would love for spring break to align with UW spring break again.	10/19/2023 8:20 PM
64	I prefer school starting in August and ending by Memorial Day Weekend. I prefer Spring Break to align with Easter	10/19/2023 7:36 PM
65	Please consider late starts or early releases so staff have collaboration time and older students might have more flexibility with using ohs facilities such as weight rooms and also have available time for things such as drivers ed.	10/19/2023 6:45 PM
66	We should consider having a no school day for pt conferences (like a Thursday evening and Friday during the day). So that teachers don't have to work 2 12 hour days in a week. Also we should schedule multiple breaks in fall and winter and go later into June.	10/19/2023 6:41 PM
67	In regards to question #7, I think it's a BIASED SURVEY QUESTION! Meeting the teacher is very important for families (and teachers) and because an alternative to RSG conferences is not offered, they have to choose "continue RSG conferences" in order to meet their child's teacher. PLEASE consider offering what we did prior to the pandemic. The kids that need to meet their teacher 1:1 still can and the rest can come during a two hour time period. This is an efficient use of everyone's time.	10/19/2023 6:15 PM
68	Our family would prefer to have the same spring break as MMSD. I know this affects a few families who work in either district.	10/19/2023 6:15 PM
69	I have two roles, parent and teacher. From my parent perspective, the calendar works well for parents for the most part. But, I think it caters to the old traditions of pre-pandemic schooling, where really, the goal is keep the kids in school to allow parents to work their jobs. I know that smaller breaks in the year are harder for parents to find childcare. I do think that these breaks are super important for students. I think we should make the breaks in Oct and/or Feb work for students. The winter break is always too short. I get that we don't want to head into a June. But this short time off during the holidays doesn't take into account the amount of work and stress parents have this time of year. Further, families who must travel for holidays suffer, or attendance at the school suffers post-break. From my teacher perspective, the calendar does not support teacher wellness in any capacity. We are working at a breakneck pace. I have over 19 years in the district, and I am feeling more rundown than ever this year. We continue to expect more, which is GOOD WORK, I understand it. But we do not compensate or arrange other priorities to support the work. I get it, we can just give teachers randomly days off; parents in the community have trouble with childcare, etc... But for example, this year's calendar with both days in Oct for PD in almost untenable in my opinion. Look at the use of sick time already at the high school. Something has to give, so whether that be a new approach to a calendar, adding mental health days for staff, or more sick time, something must change for us to sustain this work.	10/19/2023 5:41 PM
70	I would love for the OSD to consider year round school with short breaks- instead of one long	10/19/2023 5:36 PM

	summer break.	
71	None	10/19/2023 4:40 PM
72	Thanks for asking!	10/19/2023 4:37 PM
73	Pick a different spring break week so it's not the same as every other district	10/19/2023 4:32 PM
74	Student and elementary teachers need mental health breaks built into the calendar, without these breaks	10/19/2023 4:26 PM
75	Have homecoming sooner!! Not the last game of the regular season.	10/19/2023 4:09 PM
76	Breaks for students are important, but so are breaks for teachers. It is unrealistic to expect teachers to be at their best when they go 9 weeks without a break. With limited personal time and sub coverage, it is very hard to arrange our own breaks, and we rely on what is built in to the calendar.	10/19/2023 4:02 PM
77	Year 'round school please!!	10/19/2023 3:59 PM
78	I rader have the january days off for a longer winter break.	10/19/2023 3:38 PM
79	For families with relatives that live far away, two weeks at winter break is a must. The current short break makes visiting our extended family impossible.	10/19/2023 3:33 PM
80	Kids need more days off or less time in school. Since covid and online learning it has really affected them in the learning process in so many ways physically, emotionally, and mentally. I realize they need so many hours but if that took starting earlier or going later I think it would be beneficial.	10/19/2023 3:26 PM
81	N/A	10/19/2023 3:10 PM
82	Would love to see school start 3rd or 4th full week in August to have more days off throughout the school year. Would also love to see a 4 day school week with one day being online.	10/19/2023 3:06 PM
83	If teachers assign students work during PD days, can they count as days of school while educators have PD?	10/19/2023 2:57 PM
84	Could we do some of our PD learning afterschool throughout the year and get a couple of teacher days throughout?	10/19/2023 2:57 PM
85	none	10/19/2023 2:40 PM
86	A longer winter break is nice!	10/19/2023 2:38 PM
87	I am always open to getting information about local daytime things set up for students on non-school days. Thank you!	10/19/2023 2:26 PM
88	I would prefer the spring break to align with UW-Madison for Spring 2025 which would be 17th-21st	10/19/2023 2:26 PM
89	Just very excited about the possibility of a two week winter break! Yes yes yes!	10/19/2023 2:22 PM
90	None	10/19/2023 2:19 PM
91	Appreciate all osd staff!!	10/19/2023 2:11 PM
92	Would love to follow MMSD as closely as possible, as so many things are tied to that schedule for many people.	10/19/2023 1:59 PM
93	Thank you for all your work!	10/19/2023 1:57 PM
94	Start school earlier in the year to be done earlier.	10/19/2023 1:51 PM
95	Longer school year with more breaks would be awesome	10/19/2023 1:50 PM
96	This year there were a few area schools, Lodi for one, that started before Sept. 1st. How are they able to start in August? I would strongly prefer having fewer breaks than go later into June. It feels like June is half over before they are finally done. Also, Good Friday should be a school day. If they can't celebrate any holidays in their classrooms we should not be recognizing Good Friday with a day off.	10/19/2023 1:48 PM
97	Start before labor day	10/19/2023 1:46 PM

98	I'm on the fence, 50/50, with the 24th/25th of october and Halloween/Dia de Los Muertos....seems like a better fit. :)	10/19/2023 1:39 PM
99	Add regular (not student led) conferences back to the spring calendar. Really miss the parent teacher checkpoint later in the year.	10/19/2023 1:35 PM
100	Thanks for asking for feedback!	10/19/2023 1:26 PM
101	More frequent breaks throughout the year opposed to a longer summer break!	10/19/2023 1:25 PM
102	My family would prefer to have the Friday before Easter and Monday after Easter off of school rather than a fall break.	10/19/2023 1:17 PM
103	I would like to see the district move away from following the Christian calendar and/or do more to recognize the important holidays of other religions. As a matter of principle, I would like to see MLK day as a day off, not a PD day. It is most convenient for families with students or staff in multiple districts when our breaks are aligned.	10/19/2023 1:11 PM
104	Thank you for asking for input.	10/19/2023 1:10 PM
105	I appreciate you not tethering spring break to Easter.	10/19/2023 1:07 PM
106	Please move school pictures back to before the school year starts!	10/19/2023 1:04 PM
107	In terms of timing of breaks, would prefer alignment with the Madison school district wherever possible. It has helped a great deal with spring break planning this year.	10/19/2023 12:49 PM
108	TWO WEEK WINTER BREAK!!!!!!	10/19/2023 12:44 PM
109	Option to have whole week of Thanksgiving off as Fall Break instead of 2 days off in October makes more sense. It allows kids and teachers to go deer hunting without missing school. It allows more time to travel for others. Less interrupted weeks. Weeks with only 2 or 3 days of school make it difficult to focus those days.	10/19/2023 12:41 PM
110	A two-week winter break is hard for working parents.	10/19/2023 12:38 PM
111	Please consider making the end of the year earlier. Students and families are ready to be done by Memorial Day and dragging school on for 2 more weeks feels fruitless.	10/19/2023 12:35 PM
112	NA you all do such a wonderful job!!	10/19/2023 12:35 PM
113	Helpful to align spring break to area districts' calendars.	10/19/2023 12:33 PM
114	1. If educational equity is considered a OSD priority, MLK day should be honored as a day off. 2. Retaining staff and staff wellness is reliant on adequate planning time, and time to regroup and recharge. It is extremely important to me that the board consider weekly early release or late start for collaboration/preparation. 3. The capacity that the OSD staff to continue to best serve our learners, is highly dependent on our ability take care of ourselves. More frequent breaks are needed.	10/19/2023 12:26 PM
115	Consider starting school year earlier as so many other schools do.	10/19/2023 12:24 PM
116	I think all of the breaks and ending as early in June is all a priority.	10/19/2023 12:23 PM
117	We have a hard time finding good times to travel to Brazil to see family since summer is winter there and it's a miserable time of year to go. Longer vacation times would be really helpful.	10/19/2023 12:22 PM
118	Can the district please consider starting the school year prior to 9/1. Families cannot travel in August do to fall sports. As more and more districts are starting the school year in August, it would be AMAZING if OSD would align their calendar to a late August start as well.	10/19/2023 12:21 PM
119	Breaks throughout the year are good for mental health of these kiddos.	10/19/2023 12:20 PM
120	Our family really needs a two week break during Winter. The Holiday season is filled with so many activities, there is really no down time when it is less that two weeks.	10/19/2023 12:19 PM
121	I would like the district to offer parent teacher conferences during the day.	10/19/2023 12:14 PM
122	I'm probably the only parent that would like for school to go longer. I always sign my kids up for summer school because they enjoy it.	10/19/2023 12:12 PM
123	I would like spring break to fall on a week where less schools have it. It is challenging to be	10/19/2023 12:12 PM

	able to take the week off when all the schools line up like this school year.	
124	Later start times in general would be helpful, kids need more sleep! More school days the better. I wish school would continue into/through the Summer, especially as everyone needs to play some level of catch up from the pandemic years.	10/19/2023 12:12 PM
125	As a new family in the district, we and our kids were very disappointed by the brevity of OSD's winter break. Two weeks seems standard most places, at least in our experience, so it has made the transition a tougher sell. Also makes it very hard for families to travel after the Christmas holiday if desired.	10/19/2023 12:10 PM
126	For Spring break, prefer to NOT be on spring break when other area schools are. If one is traveling it makes everything more congested.	10/19/2023 12:03 PM
127	As a dual working household with young children breaks are difficult when it comes to finding care. Sticking to days off that follow regularly observed holidays are more beneficial.	10/19/2023 12:03 PM
128	I prefer that if you chose 2 days off at a given time it wither me a Monday and Tuesday or Thursday and Friday. It is difficult to accomodate and Friday and Monday.	10/19/2023 12:02 PM
129	Thank you for collecting feedback!	10/19/2023 12:00 PM
130	it would be nice to match the days off to our sister town - Stoughton	10/19/2023 12:00 PM
131	Thank you for allowing parent input!	10/19/2023 12:00 PM
132	I feel like surveying staff is a nice courtesy and it would be helpful if feedback was actually considered.	10/19/2023 11:59 AM
133	I would prefer that you have brakes during the same time as the surrounding areas like Evansville and Fitchburg and Monona so that kids are able to use that time to spend with other friends from other districts and expand their friendships beyond exactly where they live also for people who work with another school districts so they have the same time off as their kids during those times!	10/19/2023 11:59 AM
134	For winter break, why do the 2 extra days have to be in January, why can't they be in December/front end of break.	10/19/2023 11:57 AM
135	N/a	10/19/2023 11:57 AM
136	Working in a different school district does make it very difficult when off days don't match up!	10/19/2023 11:57 AM
137	Can you notify of the fall break decision early? We have to plan vacations a year in advance.	10/19/2023 11:57 AM
138	Isn't Feb 24 st a Saturday?? In regards to question #4.	10/19/2023 11:55 AM
139	Thanks for asking!	10/19/2023 11:53 AM
140	I prefer to have our calendar match the districts around us.	10/19/2023 11:53 AM
141	Please offer pictures before school starts. Possibly at ready set go conferences. My kids have had school pictures after recess or lunch and that is not ideal.	10/19/2023 11:53 AM
142	Prefer to end school in May and start before Sept 1st	10/19/2023 11:52 AM
143	As staff, we need more breaks throughout the year to manage the stress of our job. It's too long to go from in service in the summer to the day before Thanksgiving without a break. We should honor federal holidays with no school and no work. About one day a month would help relieve burnout for staff and allow them to take care of much needed appointments that cannot happen after work hours. I have worked in districts that honor federal holidays with no work and it really improves morale over all. If this can't happen, all of our PD hours should be scheduled for federal holidays. We could eliminate bi-weekly staff meetings and have monthly meetings instead.	10/19/2023 11:36 AM
144	I am VERY concerned about the mental health of our colleagues. We do not have enough breaks during the calendar and enough time to do the work that our job requires. Since we do not have subs anymore, I feel that we need a more sustainable way to get work done. We need to SERIOUSLY consider late start or early release, or a calendar that has embedded inservice time to do the work we used to do (with the support of subs). We used to have an inservice day almost one a month. This allowed us to work across schools to align our work (at the K-6 level). We do not have subs to help us do this anymore, which means our buildings will	10/19/2023 11:11 AM

not be aligned. Inservice time was time for us to do this. This calendar is NOT sustainable and will lead to teacher burnout, and we will lose teachers. Something needs to change.

145	As a staff member, if there is a fall break, I would really like to have at least 1 of those days off. This has been extremely helpful over the past few years to regroup and reflect on the first few months of school, as well as reenergize for the next few month. Two PD days is a lot!	10/19/2023 11:06 AM
146	As a teacher, I'm feeling fatigued with how few days off we have during the school year. Comparatively, it seems other districts offer more days off to teachers throughout the school year. I understand this allows us to finish the year earlier, but it makes for a stressful year.	10/19/2023 10:30 AM
147	Please include some monthly early release days for students so that staff have time for collaboration. Parent-teacher conferences should not be held in the same week for a single school. Two, twelve hour days in one week is exhausting for teachers.	10/19/2023 10:14 AM
148	Hello, Thank you so much for requesting this feedback. A very important theme from feedback we are receiving from our classroom teachers (through building-wide SWOT discussions) is that educators know they are doing great work with students and colleagues; however, they are also exceeding their capacity to continue this work. How might we build in breaks for educators as well as students? For example, OHS educators will be working two 12-hour days this week in addition to three 3 regular days. They do not have a resulting day off until Thanksgiving. This is not kind, and it really should not simply be the expectation we have for our classroom teachers. They are clearly telling us they want to continue to do this great work, but they are not able to continue at this pace. How can we take action to give them real breaks from this important work, so they can continue to be at their best for our students and for each other? Compounding this issue is a shortage of substitute teachers. When our classroom teachers do take a needed day off on their own, they realize their colleagues will likely have to cover their classes for them. Perhaps if we were able to give educators a few 1-day breaks throughout the year, there would be fewer sick days taken and fewer times that educators need to cover their colleagues' classes during their own prep periods? In addition, we are starting to see educators take MLK Day off because they believe we should be observing it as a holiday. Taking MLK Day off as a district would better align with our ongoing equity work in the district. Is this a possibility moving forward? Thank you so much for considering this important feedback we are receiving from our classroom teachers.	10/19/2023 10:09 AM
149	Please remember that when families enjoy the time off to spend with their families...so do staff. We want to spend time with our families as well.	10/19/2023 9:48 AM
150	Seems like since Covid kids and staff can't get back into a full week. Either need to look into more breaks or less time in the school day/ week. I think this is going to be a permanent thing for a while. Would rather go longer in the year to make this happen.	10/19/2023 9:40 AM
151	I think we really need to consider late starts or early releases regularly for teachers to have time to collaborate and plan. As an instructional coach I continually hear that teachers want to collaborate more but cannot due so as all of the staff they want/need to meet with in a PLC or collaborative planning aren't available during their prep. This is a huge problem. I also love how other districts give teachers time for report cards and build in a planning day before winter and spring breaks so teachers don't have to work as much during their breaks. It seems like a huge "gift" to actually be able to take a break during their break. I know this is so tricky balancing everyone's wants/needs along with the community but I thought I'd share some thoughts from things I hear in our building. Happy to clarify anything if that would be helpful. - Ashley Weiss	10/19/2023 9:32 AM
152	Could we look at reducing teacher PD days in exchange for the year ending earlier? Instead of teachers being required to work two PD days at the end of October, one should be a non-work day. They need a break as well.	10/19/2023 9:32 AM
153	I know of districts that start the same day we do in the fall, and are able to be done prior to Memorial Day. I just wonder why we have an additional 2 or 2 1/2 weeks from some other schools in the state.	10/19/2023 9:32 AM
154	We definitely do not have enough days off, both students and faculty need this down time. There has been too much sickness and crabbiness.	10/19/2023 9:29 AM
155	Removing the one day October break for educators from the calendar and replacing it with more poorly planned PD demonstrates a deep disrespect for the mental health of the educators in Oregon School District. Another way that you could respect educators time and mental	10/19/2023 9:21 AM

health and work / life balance is to add some early release or late start days to the calendar so that we can plan with and meet with job alike and team members within the contracted day.

156	Why does OSD have so many school days? Other districts around us have less. The elementary is already WAY over instructional minutes.	10/19/2023 9:21 AM
157	It would be nice to have teacher days off of school to avoid burn out. We work past contract hours daily and implement new curriculum frequently.	10/19/2023 9:16 AM
158	Having the February break on 21 & 24 allows less absences for those attending the State Wrestling Tournament 2/20-2/22. Get more students to attend at the Kohl Center and support our school and students.	10/19/2023 9:15 AM
159	earliest release in June is preferred.	10/19/2023 9:12 AM
160	Hold your PD days in the summer for teachers so the district can get our in late May or early June	10/19/2023 9:09 AM
161	N/A	10/19/2023 9:01 AM
162	I feel that it would be beneficial for staff and students to have a reset break in fall AND winter. Even just one day off for staff would feel like a great recharge during some long stretches of the school year.	10/19/2023 8:54 AM
163	More breaks, especially during second semester are needed for students AND staff	10/19/2023 8:53 AM
164	I personally would love it if we had the two day fall break but only utilized one as PD and teachers had the other day off, even if that means going further into June. I also feel that fitting in a three day weekend each semester is a nice break for everyone. Again...even if that means attending longer in June.	10/19/2023 8:52 AM
165	Thank you for always surveying the OSD community.	10/19/2023 8:50 AM
166	We should please consider adding more breaks throughout the year (non PD days). We can go later into June. Teachers need time off and can't take any days due to the lack of subs.	10/19/2023 8:49 AM
167	This year, we moved the day off at the end of October (Oct 27) to a day off in February. I can tell that, at this point in the school year, it is VERY important to have that break in October. I think for teacher burnout / mental health AND for student stamina in school, having a no-school-day in BOTH October AND February are a low-cost : high-benefit way to break up the long stretch in the fall AND in winter. Those little opportunities to recharge can be vital to everyone (students, families, and staff).	10/19/2023 8:48 AM
168	Is there ever the possibility of starting school before September so we can get done sooner in June? It seems once August starts, we are school focused anyway...	10/19/2023 8:46 AM
169	For RSG conferences, the district provided times for families to schedule during the typical work day (8am-12noon). Why don't we provide this same option for families for fall and spring conferences? Not all families are able to meet during the 4-8pm times for conferences during the week.	10/19/2023 8:44 AM
170	It would be ideal if school could start the week before Labor Day (even if it's in August). Is there a way to petition us being able to start prior to September 1st. I feel this rule is very outdated in today's culture. If we could start the last week of August, then we could be done around June 1st.	10/19/2023 8:42 AM
171	Thanks for asking.	10/19/2023 8:35 AM
172	Can we start the year earlier? Our student is back in the High School for sports in early August. It would be nice to get the year started before September.	10/19/2023 8:24 AM
173	I think we need a day off in April/May, after Easter it's too long before the next day off (Memorial Day)	10/19/2023 8:21 AM
174	We need to look closely at what other districts have done in regards to non-student, non-pd days post COVID. Additionally many have added early release days at the end of the quarter for grading purposes (Monona Grove is a prime example of these examples). We're also waiting on MLK day as an off day based on Dr. Bergstrom's email from last year.	10/19/2023 8:19 AM
175	Please build in breaks for teachers throughout the year. If possible I would love to start school in August and go into the second week in June. Summer coverage is difficult for families and	10/19/2023 8:19 AM

	without subs, staff need time during the year.	
176	Would love to revisit giving staff a day off in October- one being PD day and one being a no school day. Folks are missing that this year, I didn't realize what a mental break that day provided when we into the busy-ness of fall.	10/19/2023 8:18 AM
177	End before Memorial Day.	10/19/2023 8:17 AM
178	Offering religious leave for staff would be tremendously appreciated.	10/19/2023 8:17 AM
179	I think teacher wellness is an incredibly important factor in creating the school calendar. If our teachers are burnt out, it inevitably affects the quality of education our children receive. I think there also needs to be strong consideration for time off for teachers throughout the school year calendar, or adding personal days to their contract. Although adding personal days to contracts is probably not fiscally feasible, and would also only add to the burden of not having subs. Therefore, the best solution seems to be building in more days off for staff throughout the school year, or considering late starts/early releases for PD and prep time. I also believe that having a PD day for teachers each year on MLK Jr. Day provides a very clear message about what our district values and doesn't value. This message is in conflict with what our district advertises, as they continually say they work toward educational equity.	10/19/2023 8:16 AM
180	I think that having a longer winter break is really important for staff members AND students! With holiday plans, travel, etc. it's tough to recharge during such a short break. Please prioritize this in the future.	10/19/2023 8:13 AM
181	Please prioritize breaks for students AND staff.	10/19/2023 8:11 AM
182	Please match our spring break up with UW Madison's break.	10/19/2023 8:11 AM
183	Having a break (even one day) in October and February makes a huge difference for staff and student morale. I hope it is treated as a top priority in scheduling.	10/19/2023 8:09 AM
184	Move the second inservice day we had in October this year to the spring.	10/19/2023 8:09 AM
185	Early release! Our teachers and students need it! Our state report cards are excellent but it's coming at a cost to teacher health and well being. Those report cards would grow immensely if we gave teachers the appropriate time they need to plan and collaborate. Learn from other districts and COVID!!!	10/19/2023 8:08 AM
186	the no school on Valentine's Day in middle school is my strongest opinion	10/19/2023 8:07 AM
187	Prefer Spring Break being during surrounding districts spring breaks.	10/19/2023 8:07 AM
188	Please ensure a break between first and second semester. Try and make the same number of days for each semester. And start the year as early as possible.	10/19/2023 8:06 AM
189	Martin Luther King Junior day should be a non-school day for students AND staff. The district preaches equity and racial justice. Forcing teachers to work on this day is not an example of that.	10/19/2023 8:06 AM
190	Jina is a Rockstar!	10/18/2023 4:10 PM

OREGON SCHOOL DISTRICT CALENDAR 2024-25 A

OREGON SCHOOL DISTRICT

8-31 Summer Semester

JULY 2024						
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- 1 No School
Winter Break
- 2 Classes Resume
- 17 End of First Semester
- 20 No School
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- 21 No School
Educator PD

AUGUST 2024						
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- 17 No School
Educator PD

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- 28 End of 3rd Quarter
- 31 No School
Spring Break

OCTOBER 2024						
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- 1-4 No School
Spring Break
- 18 No School
Educator PD

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- 26 No School
Memorial Day

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- 6 Last Day for Seniors
11* Last Day for K-11
- 8 Graduation
- 12 Educator PD

OREGON SCHOOL DISTRICT CALENDAR 2024-25 B

OREGON SCHOOL DISTRICT

8-31 Summer Semester

JULY 2024						
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- 1 No School
Winter Break
- 2 Classes Resume
- 17 End of First Semester
- 20 No School
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

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- 17 No School
Educator PD

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- 28 End of 3rd Quarter
- 31 No School
Spring Break

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- 1-4 No School
Spring Break
- 18 No School
Educator PD

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- 26 No School
Memorial Day

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- 6* Last Day of Classes
- 8 Graduation
- 9 Educator PD

723: Mental Health Services In School (New)

723.01 Mental Health Services In School Buildings

The District values the whole child and understands that the health and well-being of students is a significant contributor to their academic achievement. In an effort to improve access to mental health services for students who might otherwise have a barrier to services, the District may approve a student receiving mental health services while in school buildings. The District may not approve a student receiving physical health services while in school buildings except through school staff or District approved programs.

723.02 Definitions

723.02.1 - Mental health services means therapy or counseling meant to support a student's emotional, psychological, and/or social well-being.

723.02.2 - In-Person Therapy means the therapy is delivered by the student's mental health professional while in-person at school.

723.02.3 - Teletherapy means the therapy is delivered by the student's mental health professional through different media that are not in-person, such as over the phone, video conferencing, or via the internet.

723.02.4 - OSD Approved Provider means a provider who has partnered with the District to provide therapy, counseling or other mental health services to students and has signed an agreement with the District.

723.03 OSD Approved Providers

723.03.01 - The District has partnered with certain agencies to provide mental health services to students. The providers have a signed agreement with the District. They provide mental health services to students both in school and outside of school, either through in-person or via teletherapy. They provide discounted rates to underinsured or uninsured students, and work with the District to offer financial support to students in need.

723.03.2 - If a student requires mental health services at school, all efforts shall be made to secure an OSD Approved Provider.

723.03.3 - Families who are interested in these services should contact their school's student services office. A list of OSD Approved Providers can be found in Appendix A.

723.04 Teletherapy with Non-OSD Approved Providers

723.04.1 - If a student requires mental health services at school, and they are not able to secure an OSD Approved Provider, then the District will evaluate whether it can approve Teletherapy for the student from a Non-OSD Approved Provider.

723.04.2 - Families who are interested in their student receiving Teletherapy while in the school building shall follow the process described in the administrative guidelines below.

723.05 In-Person Therapy with Non-OSD Approved Providers

723.05.1 - If Teletherapy is not an good option for the student, and the student requires mental health services at school, the District will evaluate whether it can approve In-Person Therapy for the student from a non-OSD Provider.

723.05.2 - Families who are interested in their student receiving In-Person Therapy while in the school building shall follow the process described in the administrative guidelines below.

723.06 – Mental health services provided in the school buildings will be coordinated by the Director of student Services, who shall implement administrative guidelines in accordance with this Policy and as approved by the District Superintendent.

723.07 - The District reserves all rights to suspend and/or terminate any health services provided in school buildings at any time and for any reason without penalty. The District shall provide notice in writing to the Parent/Guardian and/or a student age 18 or older.

Adopted: _____

Administrative Guidelines - Policy 723

723.06 Mental Health Services In School Buildings

723.06.1 - District Responsibilities

1. OSD Approved Providers will have priority over other providers for private spaces for mental health services.
2. The District has limited space and will prioritize requests based on student needs.
3. The District will make reasonable efforts to provide a private space for mental health services. The District cannot guarantee that the space will be confidential.

723.06.2 - Parent/Guardian and Student Responsibilities

1. A parent/guardian seeking mental health services for their student at school should first contact their student services office to evaluate whether the services are required at school and whether the student may see an OSD Approved Provider.
2. If the student requires mental health services while at school, and is not able to secure an OSD Approved Provider, the parent/guardian with legal custody should complete the [OSD Request for School Based Mental Health Services](#)
3. If approved, the parent/guardian must provide a copy to the Provider.
4. The parent/guardian must sign a release for student services staff to communicate with the Provider in order to coordinate care and support.
5. The parent/guardian should contact student services at least 10 school days in advance to reserve a private space for the teletherapy with the understanding that space is limited and may not always be available.
6. The Parent/Guardian shall make reasonable efforts to schedule appointments during the student's non-instructional time.
7. If technology is needed for the appointment, the Parent/Guardian and/or student is responsible for the technology. The District is unable to provide technology support or make adjustments to its internet filter to allow for teletherapy access.
8. The District is not responsible for any loss or damage to the student's personal property.
9. The student is responsible for remembering to attend the appointment, and for returning to class in a timely fashion.
10. The parent/guardian understands that their student will not be supervised by school staff during the appointment and accepts sole responsibility for the student during this time.

723.06.3 - Provider Responsibilities

1. The Provider must review and follow the [OSD Request for School Based Mental Health Services](#)
2. The Provider must have successfully completed a background check found here: [Volunteer Information / Home](#)
3. The Provider must agree to contact the student's main office if the student is in crisis during the session or needs additional support to return to their classroom and be ready for learning.
4. The Provider must partner with student services staff to support the student, and treat all school staff and students respectfully and professionally.
5. The District is not responsible for any damages, injuries or loss to the Provider's persons or property while the Provider or its employees are on school property.

Appendix - OSD Approved Providers

Building Bridges

702 S. High Point Road, Suite 201
Madison, WI 53719
Phone: (608) 826-8000

KGH Autism Services

3113 W Beltline Hwy #300
Madison, WI 53713
Phone: (608) 819-6810

Lake City Counseling, LLC

1532 W Broadway #202,
Monona, WI 53713
Phone: (608) 661-2829

New Beginnings Counseling Center, LLC

2987 Yarmouth Greenway Drive, #200
Fitchburg, WI 53711
Phone: (608) 400-0407

Oregon Mental Health Services, LLC

165 W Netherwood Rd, Suite A
Oregon, WI 53575
Phone: (608) 835-5050

Rape Crisis Center

2801 Coho St # 301
Madison, WI 53713
Phone: (608) 251-7273