
Modified Calendar – Primary Group Parents and Student Survey Results Report

October 24, 2022

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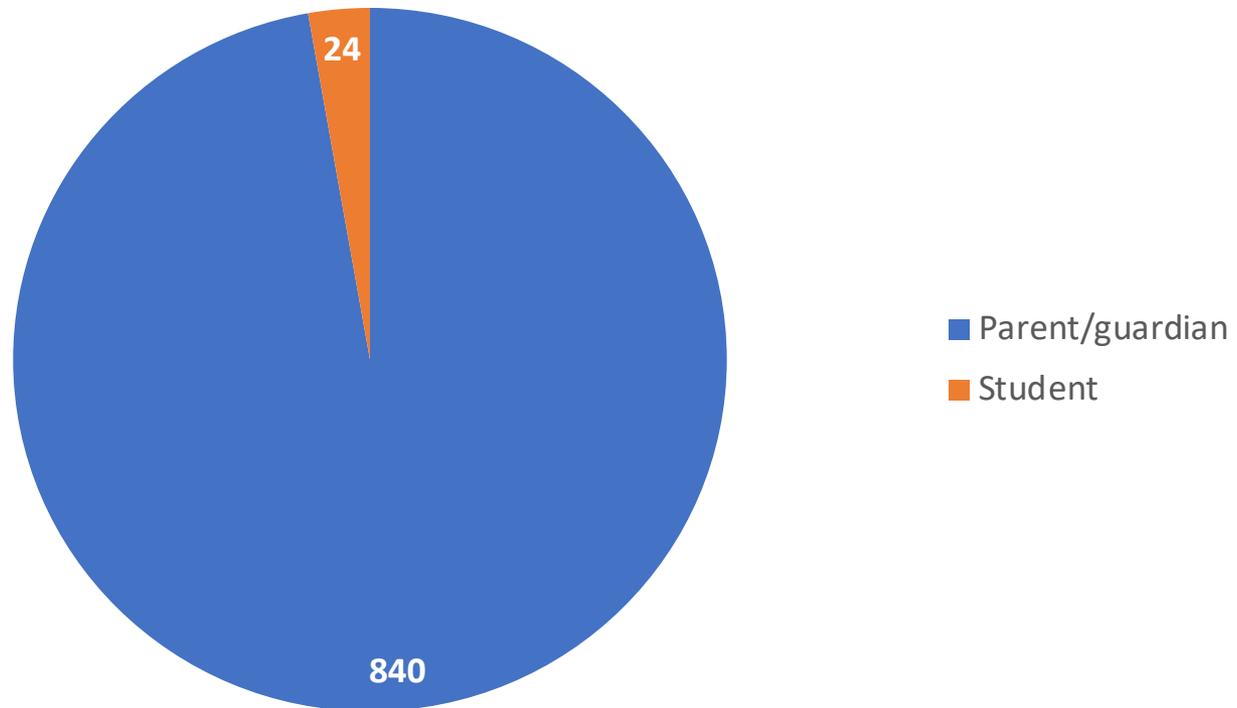
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Background

- This online survey was available to students attending a modified calendar school or a traditional-calendar school that feeds into a modified-calendar school and their parents.
- The survey was open Sept. 30 to Oct. 19, 2022.
- The purpose of the survey was to gather input to inform the decision about whether some or all schools currently operating on the modified calendar will move to the traditional calendar in the future.
- The level of response to each question varies and is noted for each survey question.

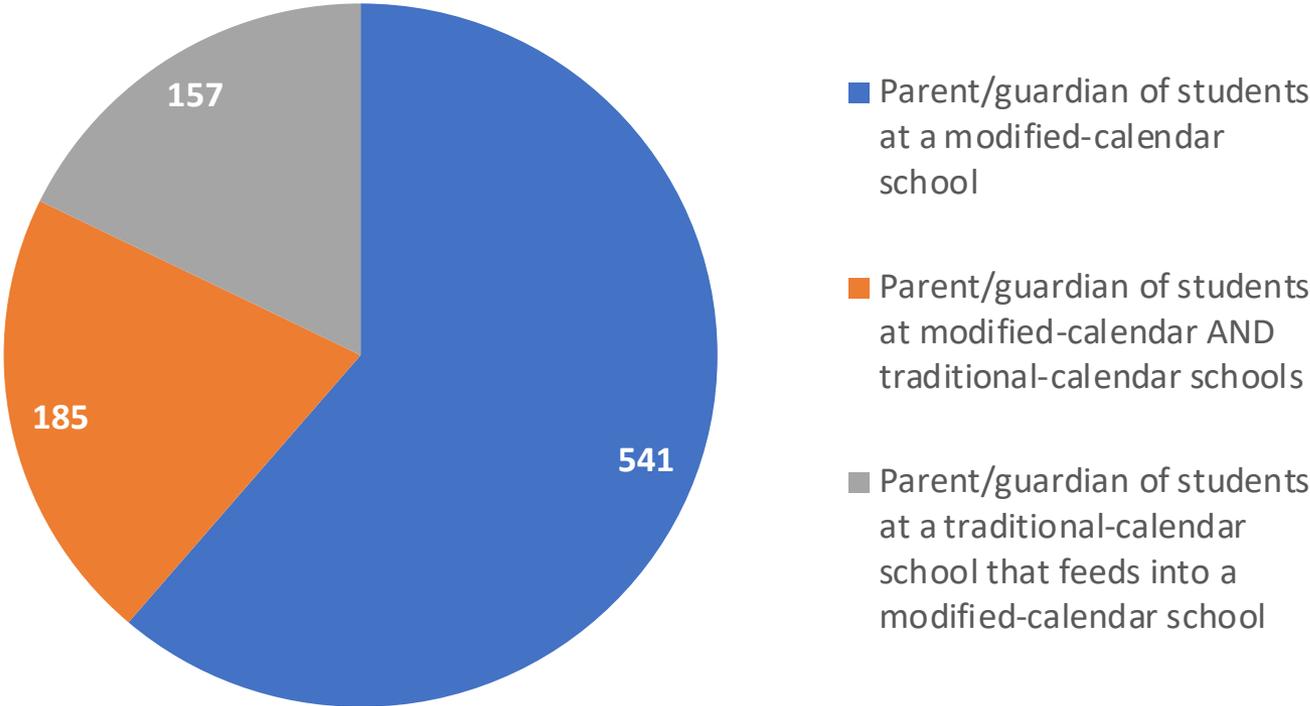
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Responses: 864



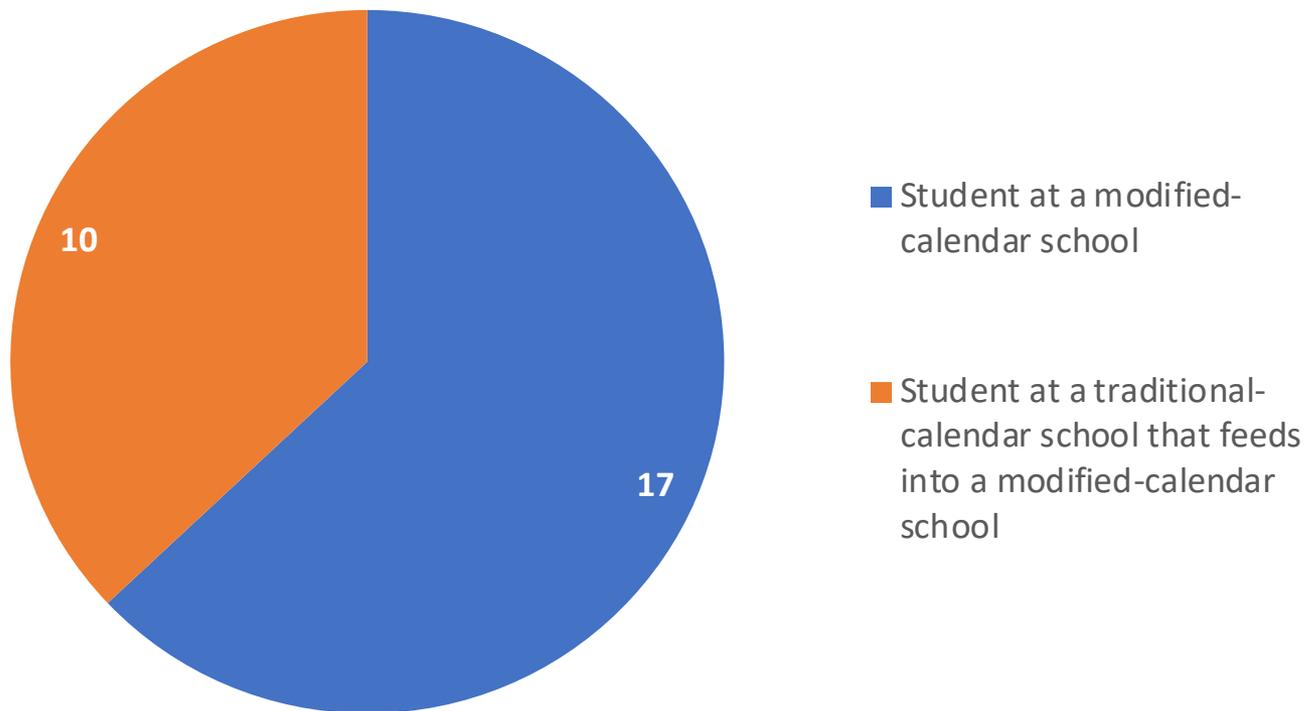
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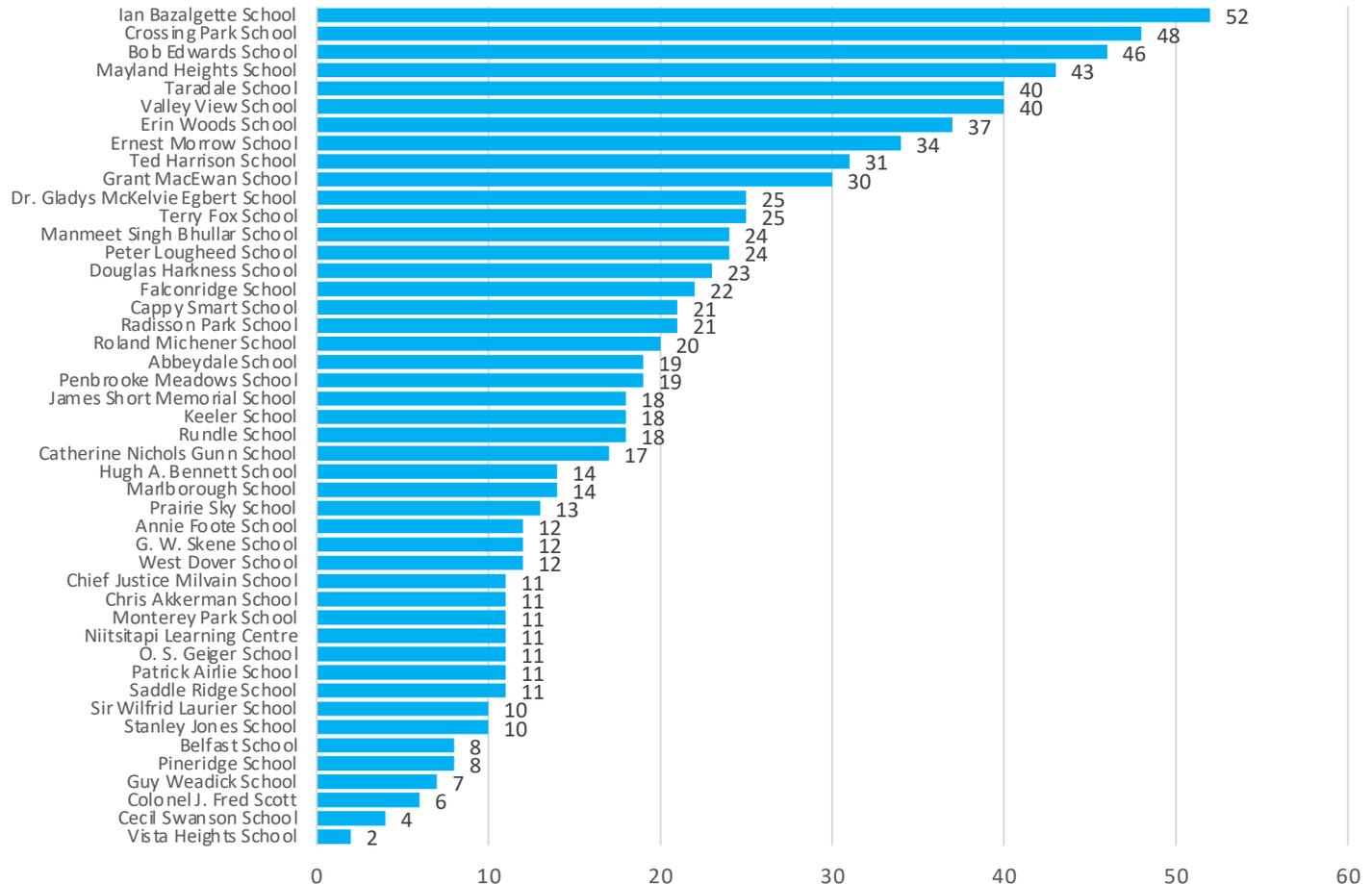
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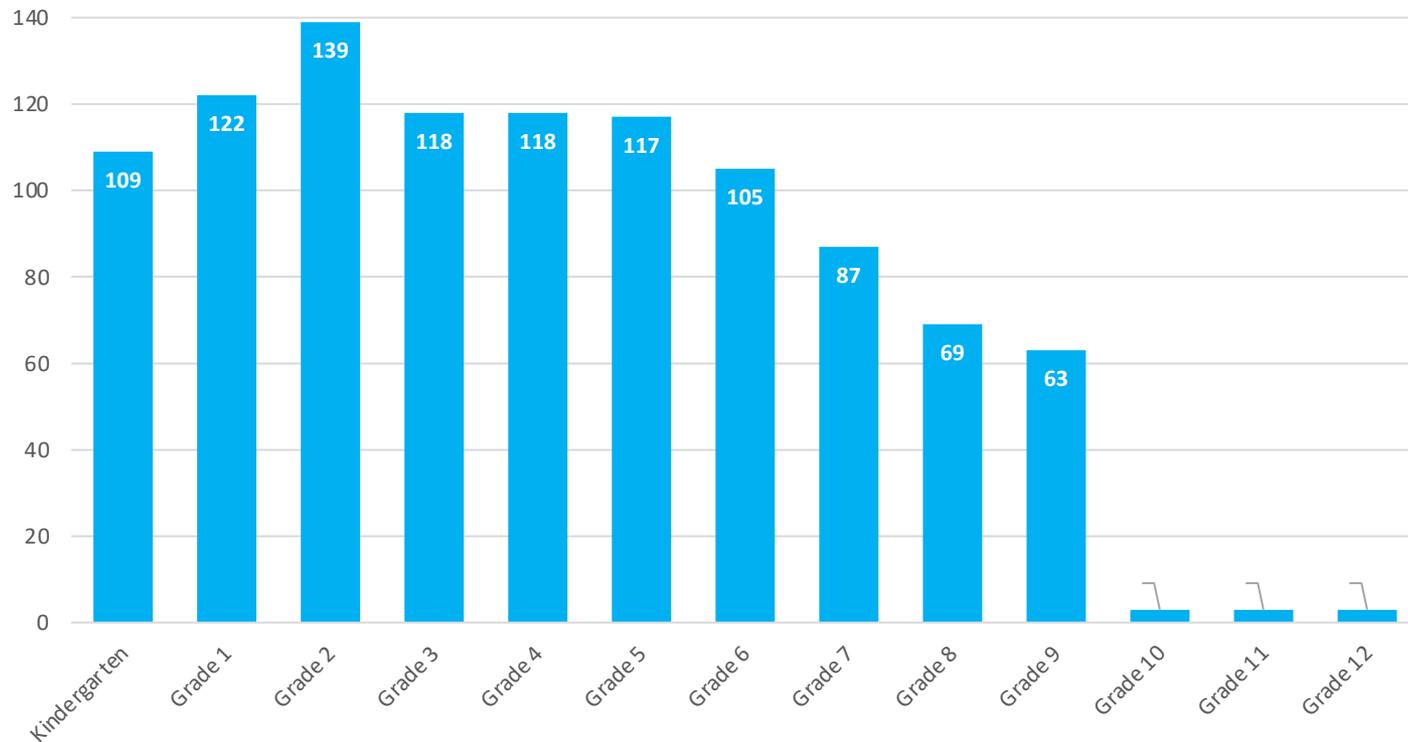
Please note, schools in the list below are those operating on the modified-calendar and their feeder schools.

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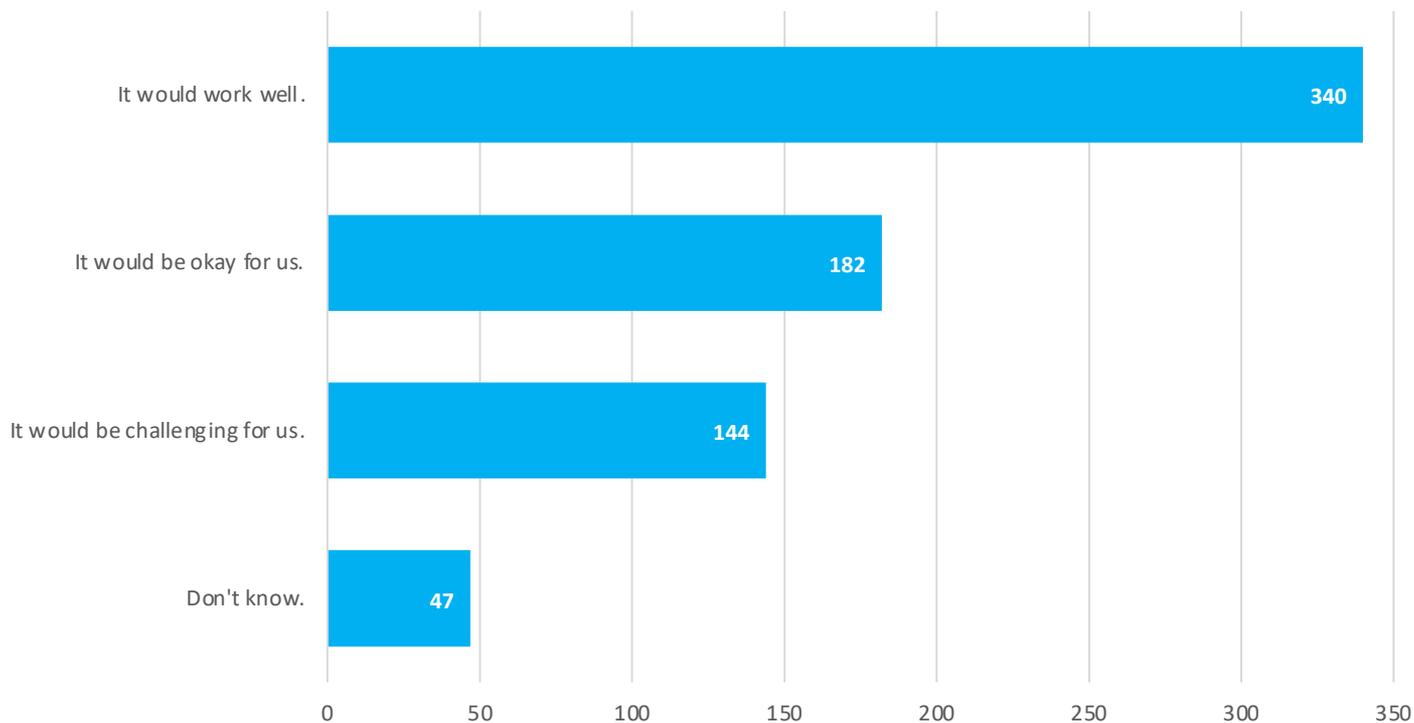
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Responses: 1,056



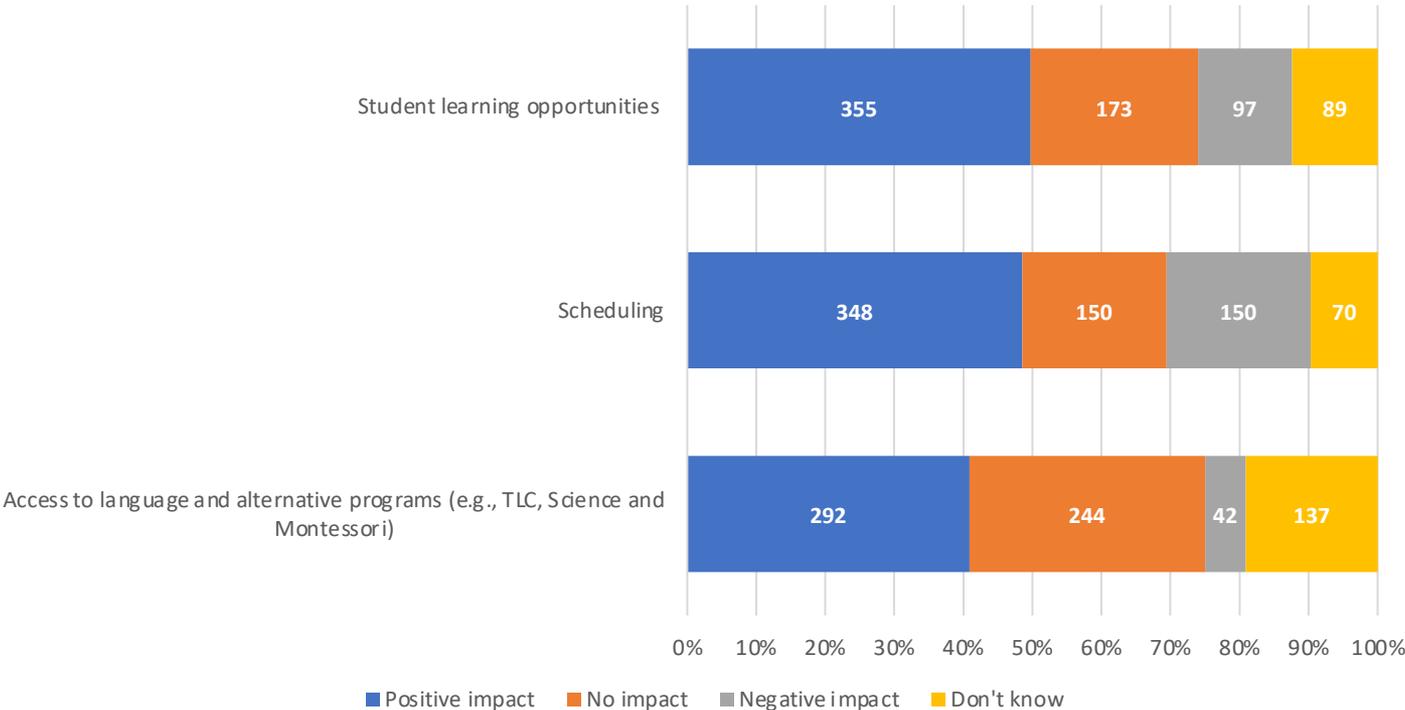
If a decision were made to move modified-calendar schools to the traditional calendar, please indicate how you think this would work for your family.

Responses: 713



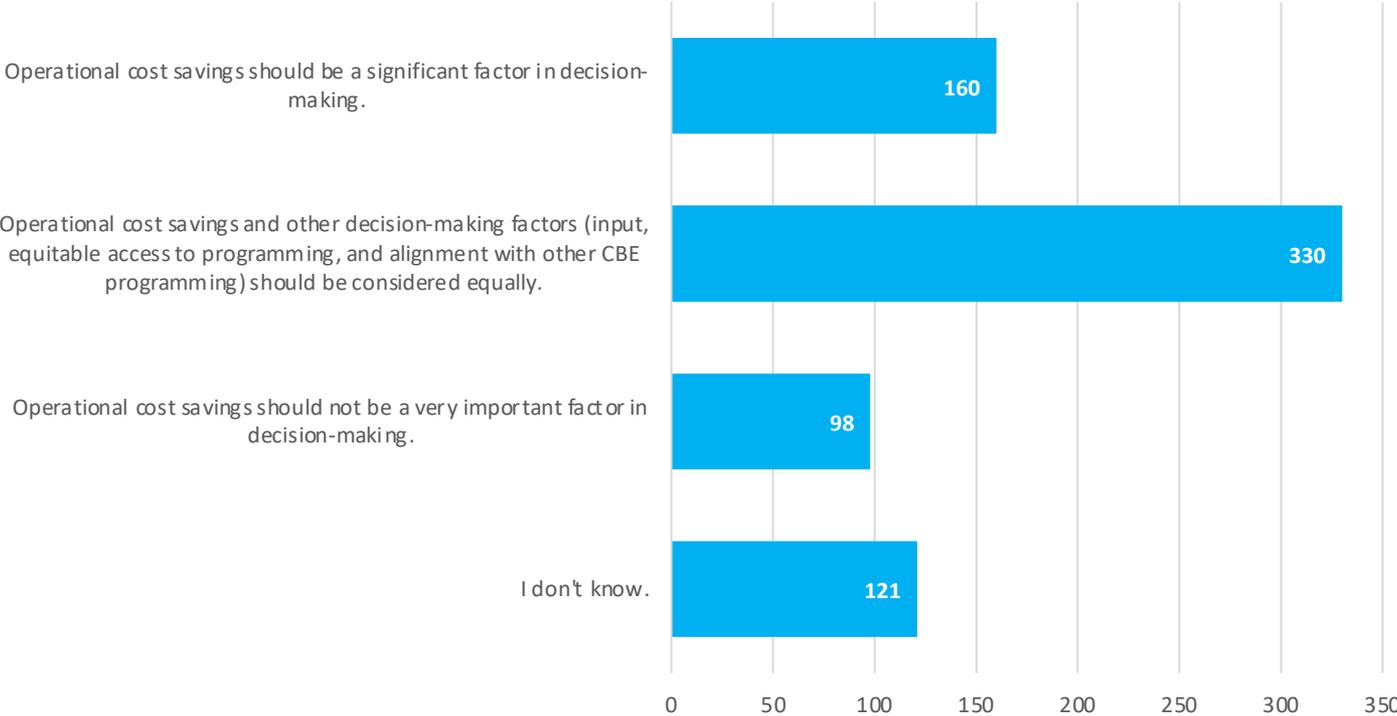
If a decision were made to move modified-calendar schools to the traditional calendar, please indicate the level of impact you and/or your family may experience for the following.

Responses: 714-718



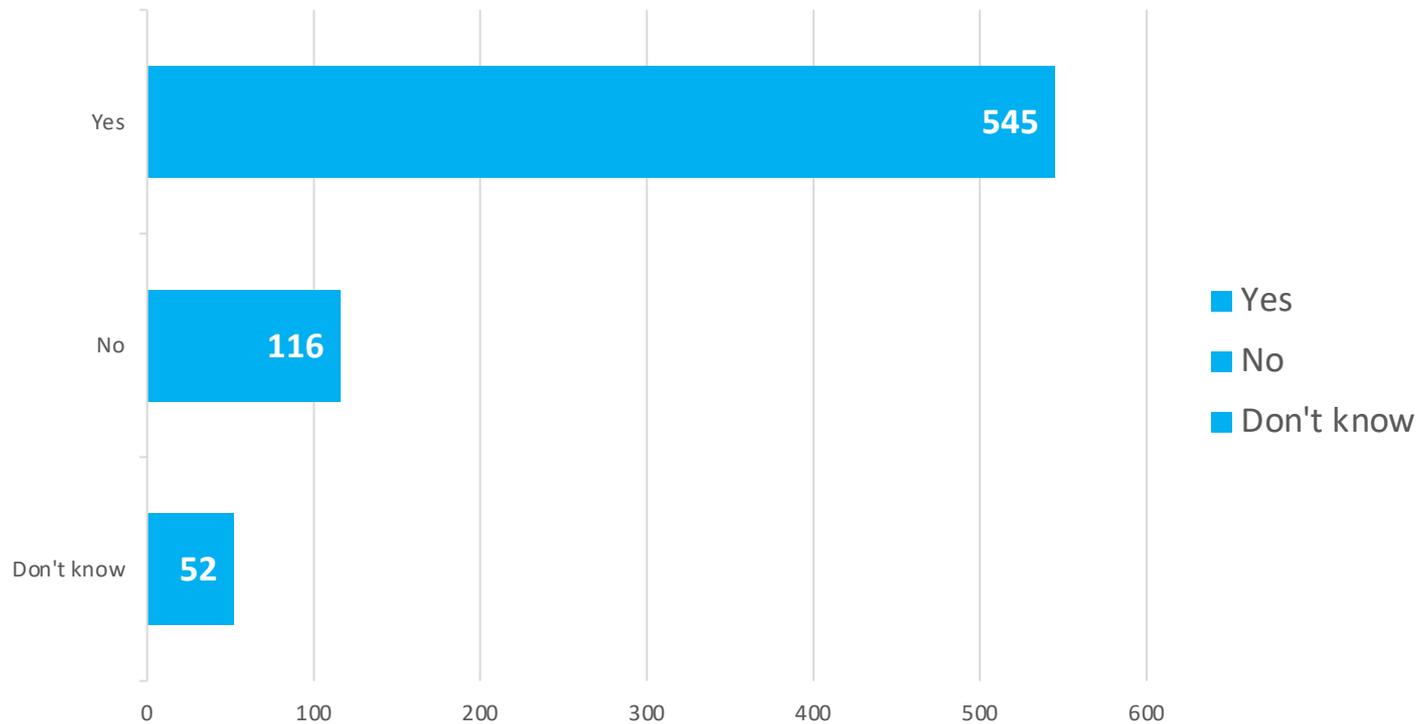
Knowing that there are operational costs associated with maintaining two school calendars, to what extent should cost savings be considered in making a decision about whether or not to transition modified-calendar schools to the traditional calendar?

Responses: 709



If a decision were made to move modified-calendar schools to the traditional calendar, and considering the time you and/or your family may need to adjust, do you feel September 2023 is a reasonable timeframe for implementation?

Responses: 713





Please use the space below to expand on any of your answers to the previous questions. (Comments are provided as they were written. Comments have not been edited for accuracy, spelling, grammar, sentence structure or otherwise. Comments have been edited to ensure anonymity. We also edited for omitted abusive, discriminatory and otherwise inappropriate comments.)

- If the students academics didnt change by having less school time then they shouldnt be in school as long as traditional calender has them. We homeschool one of our children and during these time outs and longer breaks we take trips and he learns a great deal from living life not stuck in some classroom in a dated learning system.
- having a consistent calendar between all schools make coordinating with other families much easier
- modified calender is best for us
- Asap
- My son has always wanted to go to summer camp but the ones he is interested in always fall in the middle of August. He always starts school and misses out on these fun summer adventures that all children should be able to attend.
- As long as we are informed prior to the school year ending it would be no problem however communication is always so late coming out from the schools no one has time to prepare.
- Yes
- ASAP works well
- September 2024 would work better for us
- I think a decision should be made by considering people's opinion who are directly impacted by this change
- I prefer it more because the calendar aligns with the University of Calgary's calendar
- I am in favor of modified calendar school system rest of the traditional ones should also follow modified calendar.
- I prefer modified calendar since we started it 11 yrs ago. But if there's a transitioning it would be a little bit challenge for my family. Whichever is more advantage for the sake of the students we will go for it!
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- i don't see a point in having modified calendars for public schools
- modified calendar is good
- I love to see all schools on one calendar year. I don't know if it makes any difference in having two different calendar years for Calgary board of education. I think it will be difficult for a family of two to go in a different school with different calendar years. So I like all schools to follow one calendar year.
- It's hard to know how moving to the traditional calendar will impact my family until the change is made. I would have more feedback at that time once I see how it all plays out (with childcare, etc). I do know however that my kids enjoy going back to school earlier (in August) as they don't like spending the entire summer at daycare. They miss school during the summer and are happy to return in mid-August based on the modified calendar.
- I am a single parent with one child, his education schedule comes before anything. I am able to accommodate the student
- I would be OK with JANUARY 2023 Transition!!! I have 3 kids all in 3 different CBE schools. The modified calendar is making our family scheduling very difficult.
- The modified school calendar has worked very well for us over the past 7-8 years; the shorter Summer break with extended additional breaks over the year allow for better pursuing and accommodating non-CBE educational activities. Our son uses the extended breaks to work on his music studies through the Royal Conservatory of Music. It also allows for more flexible vacation planning without having to remove our son from school to go on a family holiday. In our opinion 2 months is too long of a break over Summer, so the modified school calendar somewhat rectifies that. This is something that we have discussed as a family, and while we could adjust to a change (if necessary) to the 'Traditional Calendar', we are quite sure that our son's overall education would suffer somewhat as a result. In our opinion, it would make more sense for everyone on the traditional calendar to change over to the modified calendar.
- All schools should be on one calendar
- we have no idea what impact it would create I guess time would tell
- Thanks
- It will be better if all CBE schools are doing 1 system which is traditional as it provides benefits to the students to learn more. And this will work well with our family setup since i am a working/student mom, specifically our schedule. This is a great idea! Hope to have this implemented asap. Thanks for hearing us parents!
- The main issue I don't see listed anywhere is the social supports that come alongside students in school,



particularly the food program offered at the school my child attends. We do not experience food scarcity, but know many families that do. If a traditional calendar is chosen, social programs need to fill the larger gap during summer to help ensure that families who need food support can still access it.

- The sooner the decision we can better we can plan ahead.
- I think breaks between learning helps the kids retain the information better.
- No
- Having my children on and off school at the same time well take away all the stress of finding someone to look after them when they are off but the older siblings and younger siblings are still in school.
- Rather than doing this CBE should invest in some more programs like Science,Technology,AI and spend on some school which are doing really Bad.From my experience I can tell Kids are not getting enough practice for Math and science.
- In knowing that some children have shared custody agreements with parents in another province , the longer school breaks give more adequate time spent for children with there parent whom shared custody is with
- These question sound like the board has already made up there minds of moving modified to regular school which will be devastating to the kids and to the families that are at this school.
- Please change it to traditional ...
- No
- Having children in modified and traditional school can be stressful. For those who live in low income areas (where a lot of these schools are located)many parents have to choose work or pulling older students out to watch kids
- I support regular calendar year transition
- My kids have always gone to modified calender. I like it how their summer break isn't too long and they have a fall break. I love fall break because it gives our whole family a reset break and then we Starr looking forward to winter break soon. I think modified calender gives kids really good breaks reset and they don't have to work for a long period of fine at once which is very good for their mental health and parents mental health.
- Reasonable timeframe for implementation.



- Yes because in modified I feel that there summer break is too short
- Before school started on September 5 or 7 now they are very early and it makes it a lot harder because I parents schedule are complex. I
- Being on modified school calendar works awesome for our family.
- My daughters are in French Immersion at different grade. Once the eldest moved to a modified calendar the other will be in traditional calendar. it will create a huge scheduling challenge for us, considering we are both working parents.
- I don't know what is traditional based calendar and what is modified calendar system. I M learning through questionnaire
- Contact hours remain same for students then there is no issue.
- With the parents' scheduling and having the extra time off during winter and March break would make us happy to keep the modified calendar. It is very hard for kids to walk to school in extreme winter conditions.
- My son has less issues than his cousins the next year at the start of school in terms of learning. Switching modified calendar schools to traditional schooling is doing a disservice to the learning opportunities of students. Student who go to modified calendar schools do better in all subjects than their peers in traditional calendar schooling. Switching this would hurt my son's and other students learning by a significant margin.
- We would like a long summer break pleeeeeeeeeeeeeeeas. At least full three months of break!
- Improving
- I think feeder schools that have traditional calendars should have traditional calendars when they go to middle school and high school as well.
- It will be better if the calendar change on September next year
- We really enjoy the modified calendar. It's all we've had given we have one child in gr 3. We like the breaks we get w him throughout the year. We can adjust to anything because that's life but so far this is my favorite. 1 Modified calendar vote for me!!
- Please don't change the calendar during the current school year
- Our preference is modified schedule. I find that my child retains more information, we would rather have



longer breaks opposed to two months off

- We are not too sure if changing to traditional calendar will have positive or negative or neutral effects
- We prefer having the extra breaks throughout the year. It helps reset the kids schedule and ensures they do not get burned out.
- vacation days is more sensible on modified calendar
- N/A
- CBE brought in modified calendar, and it proves it does not work. whatever cost is associated with it is not a factor. Poor planned pilot that caused our family schedule grief. Also note, you do not allow to input Emily Follensbee into your drop-down menu. I had to pick a different school to move to this page. Poor planning and poor inclusion thought process. Think about it. We are in favour to go back to Traditional calendar - full stop.
- If it matters to you (does it?), having a parent who teaches in the regular calendar and a child in the modified calendar is very hard to manage.
- Changing all schools would be very beneficial for our family as we wouldn't have to have two children on two different schedules and have to work around the logistics of that.
- I selected operational cost saving should be a significant factor in decision-making because there is no academic or attendance benefit to the modified calendar. That's not to say that other factors shouldn't be considered. In switching to the traditional calendar, it's important to understand the impact on families who like the modified calendar and try to mitigate any negative impact.
- The stress of following different calendars is ridiculous. All calendars should follow traditional.
- Holiday plans will be disrupted and child would miss 2 weeks of school
- I feel totally great with the modified calendar
- Having all schools operating on the same calendar makes sense
- This is the first year for us as a family to have one of our kids go to a modified calendar school (Bob Edwards) while we still have our youngest and oldest kids going to schools which operate on a traditional calendar. It is fairly challenging to work with both calendars as there are at least three different times during the year when we have some of our kids in school and others who are on vacation. As an example, just this past summer; we had a booked a vacation during the last week of August (not realizing that our middle child is now going to modified calendar school), by the time we figured it out; it was too



late to make changes and we had to take him out of school for a full week. Nowadays, he is on vacation at home while his three sisters are going to school; which presents a whole lot of other challenges with work and being able to care for him and fill his time at home while everyone else is either away or busy..

- The scheduling would be difficult as this is what we have been working around for a number of years.
- I think looking at moving the traditional calendar to modified across all schools makes more sense. I have seen a positive impact in my children's social and academic success since moving to a modified calendar school. Furthermore, in areas where social and economic growth is slower, many families depend on the supports that the school community provides. I believe that the modified calendar benefits students and families.
- I think all schools should be on the modified calendar
- That would mean you would have longer breaks in 2022-2023 school year PLUS 8 weeks of summer if Traditional calendar gets implemented in Sept 2023. That's a lot of breaks and I don't have childcare neither do I get this many vacation weeks!
- This transition would negatively effect our family life and family time together
- There should be only one type of calendar it is easy to manage and address issues.
- Moving traditional calendar would help our family's schedule a great deal.
- I think we should stay with the modified calendar because it's better for some people's mental health being able to have more breaks
- As a parent with neuro-diverse children, I find that having more frequent, shorter school breaks works much better for them to focus and manage emotionally and mentally.
- Having early Fridays and the extra breaks in the year is difficult for working parents with no child care, or working outside of the house.
- I have one moving to Jr High next year so if it doesn't change then they are on two different calendars and i have to figure out childcare for a longer period as both aren't off at the same time.
- Switching to traditional is not an issue for our family. We do enjoy modified calendar solely because of the spacing of holiday time (eg. Extra time off at Christmas and this is very beneficial to our family and many other families). However I do not think the children's learning is being overly impacted in a positive or negative way, by being on a modified year. Switching to traditional calendar may be easier for families who have kids in different schools that are not on the same calendars, but also I can understand it will be beneficial financially for the board to have one set calendar schedule. That said why not move all schools



to a modified year? Why move to traditional?

- My family is ready and able to move to traditional calendar come this Christmas break and just give the kids and the modified calendar Fridays off in lieu
- I am a single parent and the modified calendar is so much easier for scheduling around. Less money spent at daycare and more focus on school, with more frequent breaks works great for my little family. Savings will be spent either way, please don't change it just because it's more "cost effective" our public schools don't need any one of that. My child is doing great with the modified calendar.
- It would be difficult for our child to adjust as it would be changing his routine.
- The sooner the better
- No comment
- The main reason I prefer the modified calendar is for the shorter 6 week summer. My Daughter thrives in school, and by mid-August she is truly missing being in a class setting.
- The modified-calendar works well for our family scheduling, allowing our child to focus on studies while also having a number of longer breaks to visit and learn from out of province family.
- As a working parent transitioning from the modified school to traditional would be extremely difficult for me and my family. I would need to find and pay for childcare during the summer. This could result in me losing my job.
- My son does much better with a consistent routine. Have an longer summer and less breaks throughout the year will make his learning structure harder. I think this will bring out his negative attitude more.
- If the schools transition to modified calendar for Sept 2023, it would be important to know very early in 2023 because many employers (i.e. AHS), require employees to submit vacation requests very early in the year. It will be important to allow families to align vacations with school calendars to alleviate child care/scheduling conflicts.
- I only have one child in a modified school calendar so I don't really know the impact this possible transition would cause and cost us. From what I gather last time, modified calendar afforded students and staff alike to have multiple breaks to recharge and come back with a better perspective. In other words, a shorter term followed by a break, rather than one long semester and maybe a week or two week break. My son is coded and already as early as now, he can't wait for Fall break as he is bored and having difficulty with juggling daycare, school, and our changing family dynamics.
- Go back to old calendar.



- We have been very happy with the modified schedule throughout our child's school years so far.
- As a parent of a student in the modified program. We did our research before starting in this program. For those parents that didn't...too bad. As for the discussion where they talked about 'mirror-schools' when was this done as last school year the modified programs were forced to run on a regular calendar
- if your making the switch its easier done in the new school year
- Modified schedule is better for students who are coded. School is very mentally taxing for these students and the additional breaks through the school year are a benefit to them. The shorter summer break also benefits these kids becausethey have an easier time transitioning back to the school routine and there is less learning loss for them. The additional breaks of the modified schedule are better for teacher mental health as well because they get additional time through the year to decompress which makes these teachers happier and more effective teachers. Families in a coparenting situation where one parent is in another city or province are also adversely impacted as these kids will have less time with the parent who does not live in Calgary the extra breaks in the modified schedule make it easier for these parents and children to see each other.
- Having a parent who teaches at a traditional calendar school and a child at a modified school would be very challenging for our family.
- The modified calendar is very beneficial to us in the summer. We don't have to take as much time off for work. The extra breaks at fall, christmas and easter give the children much needed breaks.
- It is important to look at operating costs but more importantly the impact that it will have on families who are struggling to make ends meet and who choose the modified school calendar as a means to have childcare . The modified calendar has a shortened summer and added other breaks which are easier to absorb or find childcare as many families on the modified calendar have both parents working out of the home to make ends meet.
- I would definitely want my child to move to a traditional calendar with access to Science and Technology being the prime focus which I want my child to be enrolled for . I want my daughter to be a part of the traditional calendar
- I feel that a shorter summer break keeps school more top-of-mind for my kids. Also, my wife takes extra time off work to spend with our kids during their longer fall/spring breaks. Changing to a traditional calendar would somewhat take this opportunity away from her.
- We've been dealing with a modified school calendar for almost 14 years now. Although the extra time off at certain times is nice sometimes, it almost always was way too much (and not enough in the summer)! I wish this would've happened earlier (many years ago) but I do fully support sticking to one school calendar (traditional).



- I am mostly indifferent to the move to tradition school year.
- None
- My child, who has ASD has a hard time understanding why he sees other children in the area still playing, while he must attend school in August. It becomes very frustrating for him as he feels he should not have to go to school if other children are still on break.
- I 100% do not agree with moving to a traditional calendar we had 4 kids go through the modified calendar and I think it positively affected all of our kids as summers are too long in traditional and breaks are greatly wanted and needed in the modified. Over the last few years mental health has been at the forefront for students as well staff and I think this would negatively affect all involved. I feel this is a very poor decision on the part of the CBE! The breaks throughout the year also gives parents the chance to plan out holidays in non peak times which is beneficial to the family. The move to traditional will most likely increase staff absences as staff no longer has the breaks to look forward to and have to go through much longer stretches without a break. I personally know a lot of teachers that look to work at school with a modified schedule
- Please do not change the school calendar. Modified or also known as year touch schooling is perfect for my son and his learning needs.
- Between traditional and modified i prefer traditional because anu kid have the right to have a good break summer time so he can act better next school year
- I prefer the modified schedule. It's clear the CBE would like to return to a traditional schedule and for good reasons. Having already planned our lives around the modified schedule for this year, I think continuing on the modified schedule until Fall 2023 is acceptable.
- Why not move the traditional calendar schools to a modified program? Take one week from summer and add it to Christmas, fall or spring. I feel that the modified calendar is superior in so many ways when you take into consideration working families, their scheduling and the demands on the community/city with long summer breaks.
- I don't think modified should change to traditional school. I am a parent who can only get holidays on a modified calendar. If you decide to go traditional, my daughter will lose out on school time as she will have to take the same holidays as I. We already are having to book holidays in advance so we all can be off at the same time.
- If moving the school calendar to traditional calendar will bring efficiency, then I am in support of it.
- Modified schedule does not work for families in terms of childcare and vacation, children don't need an extra week of in January, in the middle of winter when they are losing 2-3 weeks of summer to go back



early.

- As far as i understand and get impression from the online session & this survey that CBE has already decided to move Schools from modified calendar to traditional ... not sure if this survey really matters or the voice from this survey has any importance
- Modified school option is the best for our family and meets our need.
- We like break during fall and Christmas.
- I always thought 2 calendars for the same CBE didn't make sense. I have had, at one point though not anymore, a child in the traditional and one in the modified. Trying to schedule that is a nightmare and also tough on the kids as they were not out of school on the same days. So I had to send one to school while the other got to stay home....being resented by the one off to school. And starting mid-Aug does not give them enough of a summer break! It should definitely go back to the traditional calendar!
- We can plan our summer vacation longer
- We prefer the traditional calendar.
- Something to consider and noted by many parents: ALL 28 schools chosen to test the modified calendar are schools that are in the NE, low income and/or English as a second language category. Typically these categories lead to lower performance and attendance. Might that be why the testing of the modified calendar shows results as being not in favour of the modified calendar? There are many other studies from around the world that show students retain more information with a shorter Summer break. Perhaps a fair test pilot sample group spread-out across the city would have resulted differently and then the entire CBE system would have been moved to the modified calendar. Such a waste of the test from the get-go!
- I think all schools should be on Modified calendars. Better breaks and go back quicker before boredom from the summer
- Having two kids in two separate schools where one is traditional and one is modified has been disruptive to our family and has limited the choices we can make for family vacations and experiences. I strongly support a move to align all school calendars to the traditional model.
- The sooner the better
- I am required by my employer to bid for my vacation prior to your decision and will be unable to change my vacation later if the school calendar is modified
- Would it impact fall break holidays and spring break holidays and Christmas break?



- No
- I would like to see the change made to a traditional calendar year
- As a parent of an inactive ADHD child the breaks on modified calendar work better..With the learning disability that comes with the ADHD the longer break might set her back even more..
- Given the fact that summer is short in Canada and is usually scheduled for vacation time outside of the province/country, it is very advisable that all CBE schools have a traditional as opposed to a modified calendar. Thank you for the opportunity given to parents to express their opinion about this matter.
- No comment
- Access to alternative learning methods would be more beneficial than an additional two weeks of learning, which has shown no significant improvement for students.
- This survey and the messaging around it does not say why the modified calendar was instituted in the first place and what the advantages were for the students, families and CBE. It looks like it was intentionally left out. It mostly have information on why you want to switch to the modified calendar. So, some of us do not know all that we would be losing by switching to the new calendar
- The modified calendar that is in place helps both my children regarding having more time off throughout the year and an earlier start date helps them get into the routine of life easier. Please do not get rid of this.
- My family love summer brake and would love longer summer brake and shorter spring and winter brake
- Our summers are short and winters are long and it is not fair that children are retuning in mid august .Go back to the traditional way.Return after labour day.
- I think switching over next year is perfectly reasonable.
- When I attended the meeting on Tuesday at Forest Lawn high school we were told there was a study stating that going back to school in August vs September doesn't effect attended or grades. I would like to know if it effects the slope. How long does the recap of last year take for teachers and students on the traditional calendar and the modified calendar. Also no one could tell me how long this study was conducted for. If it is a recent study I don't think it's valid because I'm guessing the study was going on during the pandemic. I would love some more information on this study.
- I have my child in traditional calendar, there for I don't have any inconvenience to this changes.
- it makes no sense to cut all these kids' summers short simply to give them extra time at other timesof the



year where the weather is usually bad and not much gets accomplished or enjoyed as a result. If it costs more to keep this useless(in my opinion) calendar in place then it should be ended immediately. We are already seeing severe issues with funding teachers and things that benefit students like field trips and extra curricular events such as sports and plays. The school also has a bad policy in place to not allow my children access to lockers this year for no good reason after doing it for the last 2 years. They are not made to feel comfortable in a place where they should feel safe and secure by not being allowed this basic right that all previous students had as a progression to their basic education. They are forced to drag heavy backpacks around from class to class full of everything they need be it books, clothing or winter gear they will need during the course of any given day at school. I would like to see this change as well as this calendar.

- Modified school calendar is redundant. Let everyone in the school district start at the same date
- Please move to the traditional schedule, it works better when family can plan vacations, events and other extracurricular activities better
- All CBE schools should follow the same calendar. Having children who attend 2 different schools on 2 different calendars makes no sense.
- we would really appreciate having the schools aligned while our kids are in different schools. Including high school this will affect our family for 4 years.
- My son is diagnosed with ADHD and ODD, having him in a school that uses modified school calendar has been a huge benefit for him, having more breaks during the school year and a shorter summer helps with retaining knowledge he learned the previous year, the extra breaks helps him not get overwhelmed. I'm not looking on what works better for me as a parent I am looking at what works better for my son and other children.
- As long as there is no change this year as that is not fair for the kids who have already started a modified year to change it to a traditional year this year
- Kids deserve to enjoy their Summers!
- One of the reasons I have remained in the community I reside in has largely been due to the desire to remain in the schools my children attend. Our family really loves the modified calendar school, it benefits us in so many ways. One of the biggest benefits I have found with the modified calendar is not having too large of a gap in their instructional time during the summer, I have 2 children that require a bit more support with their education and the break from the end of June to the start of September would cause absolute havoc with them (getting them back into the routine, getting them re-engaged with learning, having them remember all the content from previous year, etc). We did at one time move out of the community and attended a traditional calendar school in Calgary for 1 year and the changes it had on my son's desire to attend and ability to engage was one of the worst experiences we've had to endure. The



second big benefit of the modified calendar is that we get those much needed extra breaks throughout the school year, the breaks allow my children just the right amount of time to decompress and get ready to go back and learn again. When we attended the traditional calendar that year, there were most definitely not enough breaks and it made for a very long, daunting school year. I feel as though the modified calendar is something really special that I am happy my family gets to take part in, losing it would be a significant loss to my family and other members of the school community. I really hope that you take the parent's and students opinions and feelings into your decision and that this decision is not based solely on financial factors.

- The modified calendar is the only calendar that my child has known, he has a number of challenges and a change like that would throw him off. Further to that, it would not allow for breaks through the year as much as a traditional calendar school leading to more mental health struggles, and higher risk of a breakdown. Furthermore the shorter summer break allows for him to retain the previous grade information longer and integrate back into school schedule easier. Why not move the traditional calendar schools to modified?
- I have had children in trad. modified and the separate school system at the same time and it was brutal. we could do nothing as a family not to mention juggling child care. this modified was a very bad idea. Just put all school on the same system. it really messes up summer that is too short lived in this country.
- I feel it's best for the learning of the students to have shorter breaks more frequently.
- Long winter break is helpful and also fall break because my kids are used to it
- As a parent of neurodiversity in her kids, having the modified calendar has had a positive impact on their learning. The stress of the traditional calendar change a couple of years ago made it more stressful and increased anxiety. Mid August, my kids are ready to return to the routine of the classroom environment. Perhaps looking at this in reverse of moving the other schools to this calendar is the better option. Operational costs will always exist. They will always fluctuate. The modified calendar is positive as well for the parents who work full time and are perhaps seen as lower income. What are the considerations to these individuals and the needs of these families.
- I am a fan of the modified schedule. I like having the extra time off during various times of the year.
- Well, this will give extra week off in summer time which be good for kinds to have fun in off time
- Why change something that was implemented in the first place and now people have gotten used to it? After all these years doesn't make sense.
- Summer is so long for young kids, they need the routine and going back early is a part of that
- My wife worked in a modified calendar, no longer does, but i know there ae people who depend on it.



Your questions don't allow for that type of feedback.

- Think traditional schedule works better.
- No
- If the modified calendar is going to be removed, there needs to be more notice. Just like parents on traditional calendars have aligned their lives around their calendar, we have aligned our lives around the modified calendar, including vacations which are planned well in advance. Our family has enjoyed the calendar as we are able to travel at less busy times. In addition, our kids enjoy having their time off more spread out.
- I would like the modified calendar to be moved to the traditional calendar ASAP because half day Fridays just don't work for my family
- We specifically moved to a modified calendar FOR OUR KIDS, which should be the main factor in the decision, not the costs!!! We like that the teachers are having a positive impact on the kids 11 months a year. The 2 month gap on traditional calendar was TOO LONG and the kids began losing retained knowledge. Why not instead of moving all to traditional, move them all to modified???? This way the long breaks are broken up and kids don't have one ginormous gap in summer.
- My family and I need extra breaks throughout the year that the modified calendar provides to care for our mental health, while not feeling so overwhelmed by the school system.
- We feel the modified school year is a better fit for our child as it breaks up the school year in a more balanced way, with having fall break and a shorter summer. This has been beneficial for him we believe, and wish there was a way to possibly incorporate both calendars as one (ie. Shorter summer break across the board so we can also have a week of fall break for everyone as well)
- Please consider to changing to traditional calendar
- The modified school calendar allows for extra break time during the school year. This significantly decreases burn out and stress. I feel the modified school calendar to be amazing for mental health and stability of the children AND the teachers.
- If they change to traditional calendars my children will be missing a lot of school due to work time off in order to spend time with each other. My husband and I have work schedules that can't be changed and won't be changed to accommodate these changes. With that being said I would have to pull my kids from school and teach them myself after work. I will not support these changes.
- I am a divorced single parent, we have court orders around parenting time that include the longer breaks allowed by the modified calendar. Not only does this limit the amount of time we have to get a new order in



place but it also limits the time my children may see their father who lives out of province.

- It is very difficult having 2 children in 2 different schools one is in modified and the other is In traditional
- I grew up on the traditional school schedule and now my daughter has a modified school schedule. The modified schedule prevents burn outs through the year for both students and parents to take more frequent increments of time off together. I know the modified school schedule would have been beneficial for myself as a child.
- The possibility of having 1 child in a modified calendar and 1 in a traditional calendar sounds like a logistical nightmare. students all being off on the same days the same times seems like the best fit for all involved. they wont have weeks off when there friends don't and vice versa. it just makes more sense for all schools to operate on the same calendar.
- We often travel during the summer and my children do tend to miss the first 2-3 weeks of school. Changing would benefit us as they then wouldn't have to miss the first few weeks of school.
- I feel that there are far more benefits for parents and students in the modified schedule but it seems like the decision has already been made so asking our opinions is a farce.
- Our family highly prefers the traditional calendar over the modified, not only will it cost the CBE less, it will give families the time they need to adjust back from summer holidays to the new school year and allow students to be fully engaged in the classroom.
- Dont do it
- The impact of having two separate school calendars in our household has been very challenging and negatively affects our home life. I feel that the experiment of Modified calendar placed upon the lower socioeconomic groups of the NE without proper consultation or universal implementation (not all donor/feeder schools on the same schedule) was grossly negligent and only instituted in this region due the the unlikely chance that we could or would complain about it. Recitifying this should be a very high priority.
- I have different age kids and I like the idea of the starting school at the same time, it is more organized for them and for parent as well
- When I look at my son's calendar, I can't help but to think that there is a lot of time wasted in the modified calendar. For example, my son goes back to school in mid August instead of enjoying summer like he should, then he gets so many Fridays off. A week off in October, then another huge break around Christmas. Why not let kids enjoy summer, then get rid of all the excessive breaks?
- It would be much easier to work with a childcare provider, if we had a more regular schedule. Not so



many time off caps. Thank you

- I am in support of the modified program. If the schools are transitioned from modified to traditional I believe that 2023/24 is too soon. Also, in last night's discussion, they talked about using mirror schools in collecting their research...when was this done as last year (due to covid) schools running the modified schedule were forced to operate on the regular calendar
- I rather enjoy the modified calendar. The children have less time to 'forget' what they learned over the summer and it also makes it much less of an added expense for child care.
- Childcare has been a challenge to find for the modified calendar. Also we always had to cut our visit to family overseas short because my child needs to start school the 15th August. Also the extra breaks they have during the year is very challenging to find someone to care for my kid so I can go to work.
- If modified works for some families, it should not be forced on families based on the neighborhoods they live in. If the CBE wishes to maintain both models either provide free bussing to Regular calendar schools or maintain a small group of schools on modified and transfer the costs to parents who prefer that model. Many of the schools zoned for modified are lower income areas and single income. The modified calendar causes additional costs to parents that may not have extra cash and can also prevent parents from earnings due to having to care for their child on extra days off/untraditional days off. The board should always operate one model and look at standards across the country and align to that. Think of migration between provinces and how modified can deter parents from choosing Calgary. Or maybe families can't afford certain neighborhoods that feed traditional calendar schools. There is no benefit to the general public to operate two models. I have seriously considered moving my child to the separate or Charter system but I haven't because I love the teachers and staff at Valley View.
- My school has operated as a Modified Calendar in my Community for a very long time. Making my school a feeder for a Community built without infrastructure in place for the families children has impacted my kids social, academic, and economics in their school already. Asking us to switch because of poor decisions made at the Government is not acceptable. They have many 4 day school weeks, less funding, fewer staff and now you want them home for two more weeks to save money. When is our kids Future going to be funded like the "other" Government Initiatives. I hope this newly elected School board takes in account that No Parents asked for this!
- If there are no quantifiable student benefits for maintaining the modified schedule, it should be cancelled in favour of a consistent calendar for all CBE.
- Please make all schools on the Traditional Calendar. It will work best with 4 kids going to schools on both calendars.
- I find I learn better with the modified calendar, changing this back to the longer summer would make it hard for me in the beginning of the year again. I remember more with the modified calendar.



- October breaks are very important for the mental health of students. This should be implemented for all schools not taken away from the schools that have it.
- We need longer breaks because we started school early and that is not fair, students should have the right to have a longer break especially winter break.
- My kids have never known another way of school and they really love not have so much time in the summer and the extra breaks though out the year
- We like modified calendar insted of getting summer break longer we need fall and spring break.
- Since we were on traditional during Covid, this move would be easy.
- My oldest will be starting grade 7 next year which runs on the traditional calendar. It would be more feasible for our family if all of the children were on the same school schedule