



COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 200

# 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 Calendar Committee Proposal



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# The 2018-2019 Calendar Committee

## **Calendar Committee Team Members:**

Kimberly Swanson - Elementary Teacher

Pearl Webb - Middle School Teacher

Samantha Phelan - High School Teacher

Kathryn Eckstrand - Kindergarten Teacher

Sarah Peck - High School Teacher

Charlie Kyle - Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Services

Matt Biscan - High School Principal

Kathy Melton - Elementary Principal

Bryan Buck - Middle School Principal

Penny Cole - Support Staff President

Patricia Thornberry - Support Staff Vice President

## **Meeting Dates:**

Monday, September 14, 2018

Monday, October 1, 2018

Wednesday, October 24, 2018

Monday, November 5, 2018



# 2018-2019 Calendar Committee Goal

- Survey faculty, staff and parents about the next 2-year calendar
- Have representatives from all levels of an EC-12 represented on the committee
- Discuss the pros and cons of different calendars that could be used
- Research surrounding districts calendars and see if there are some that can work for us
- Come to a consensus proposal for the Board at the November 14 Meeting



# Initial Survey Results

- Available for all parents and staff to complete
- 2,738 responses
- 80.8% = 2,212 wanted finals before Winter Break
  - 71% of Elementary Teachers
  - 64% of Middle School Teachers
  - 67% of High School teachers
  - 76% of Support Staff
  - 85% of Parents



# October 10, 2018 Board Meeting

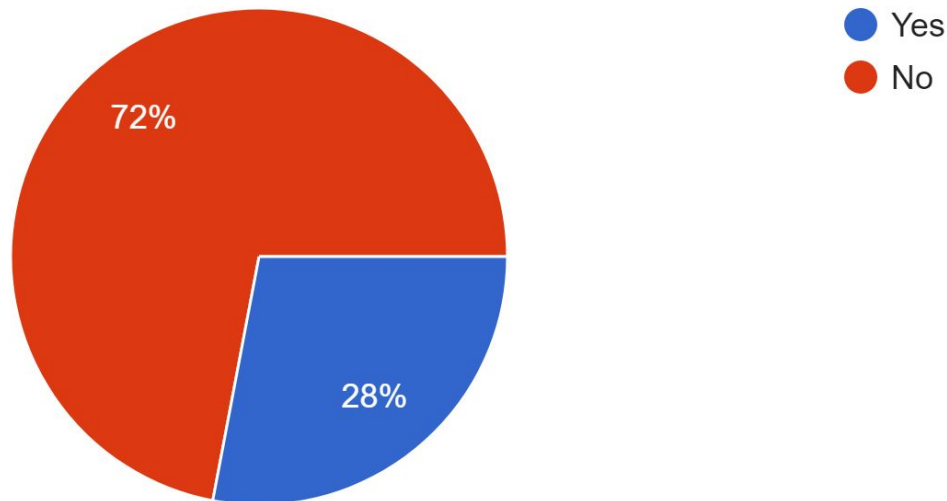
- The Results from the survey were shared with the Board
- There was a discussion about getting feedback from students and high school teachers on the concept of finals before Winter Break
- A survey was sent to high school students and teachers



# High School Staff Survey Results

**Would you be in favor of having first semester finals prior to Winter Break and having students continue with semester 1 for 9 days when they get back from Winter Break? The Teacher Work Day would remain the same as in years past.**

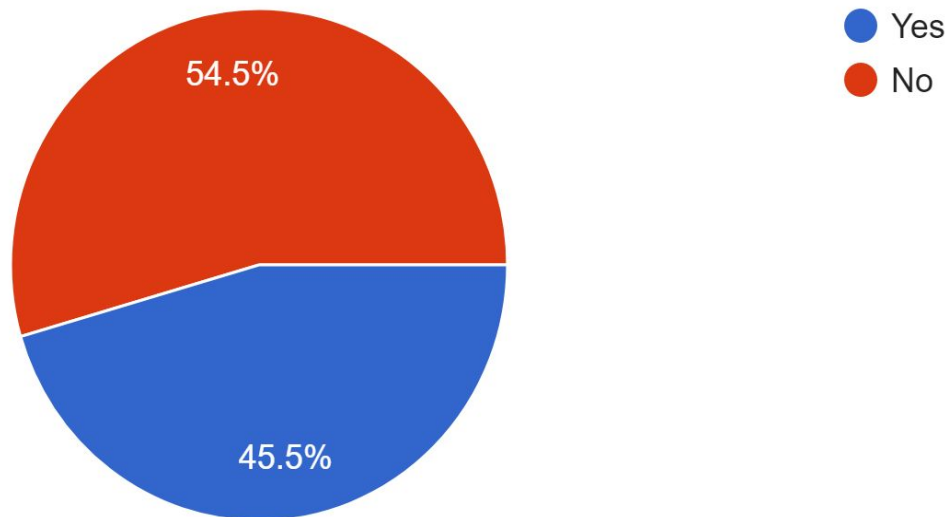
268 responses



# High School Staff Survey Results

**Would you be in favor of having first semester finals before Winter Break and end semester 1 prior to Winter Break? The Teacher Work Day would be the first day back in January. This option would start the school year two days earlier and end two days earlier. There would be a 12 day semester imbalance with this option.**

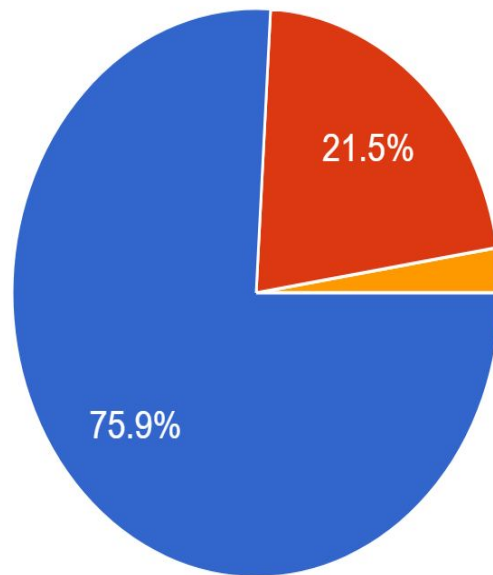
277 responses



# High School Student Survey Results

## Want finals before break?

981 responses



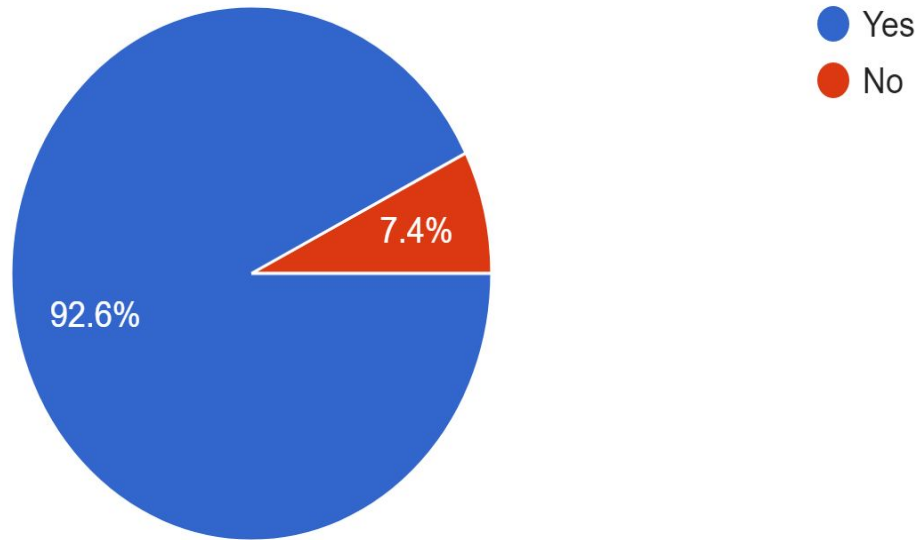
- Yes
- No, keep finals the way they have been in the past
- I have no opinion.



# High School Student Survey Results

Does your choice reflect an effort to reduce your stress?

981 responses



# November Calendar Committee Meeting

- Review feedback from the Board and high school teacher and student surveys results
- To create more balance between the semesters, we researched three scenarios:
  - start one week earlier (Naperville 203,204)
  - start 2 days earlier on a Monday (Barrington)
  - start the same day (Geneva)



# Calendar Committee Recommendation

After much discussion, the Calendar Committee recommends the following:

- 2019-20 - a traditional calendar that mirrors the current calendar, keeping finals after Winter Break
- 2020-21 - a calendar that starts two days early, on a Monday, moving finals before Winter Break



# Calendar Committee Recommendation

- Starting 2 days earlier created an imbalance of 10 days between semester 1 and semester 2 for the 2020-21 School Year
- High school and middle school teachers time to re-evaluate and adjust finals for semester and year-long courses
- Teacher Institute Days in all buildings have been planned since the summer of 2018



# Calendar Committee Recommendation

- Middle school teachers and high school semester courses need to adjust curriculum for their first and second quarter classes due to an imbalance of days
- Elementary teachers need time to plan for an entire week of students and not the traditional three days to start the year
- Holiday Concerts have already been booked for the 2019-2020 school year



# Calendar Committee Recommendation

- Some parents may have already booked their summer vacations for the summer of 2019
- This is a change in District 200 and we want the time to make sure we do this successfully
- Teachers at all levels will need planning time to prepare for the change of finals prior to Winter Break



# Overview of the Traditional Calendar 19-20

- Start on Wednesday
- 10 Day Winter Break
- Semester ends on January 16, 2020
- Semester 1 = 89 days and Semester 2 = 87 days
- EC-12 Last day of school will be a half-day for students



# Overview of the 2020-2021 Calendar

- Start 2 days early on a Monday
- Imbalance of 10 days between Semester 1 and Semester 2
- Finals before Winter Break
- Semester ends before Winter Break
- HS/MS Teacher Work Day and Elementary Institute Day January 6
- Adds 1 more day to Winter Break for students
- EC-12 Last day of school will be a half-day for students

