

Section 0: Respondent group

How are you connected to DSD?

- a) Parent of a student
- b) Student
- c) Teacher
- d) School administrator
- e) Other staff

To which school level are you connected in DSD?

- a) Elementary level
- b) Secondary level (junior high or high school)
- c) Both elementary and secondary

Section 1: Start date, end date, and extended breaks

The current calendar has the following elements:

1. School starts around the third week of August
2. School ends before Memorial Day
3. Two-week winter break spanning December and January
4. One-week spring break in March or April
5. Two-day fall break in October

Which would you prefer?

- a) Start school later in August and move the end of school to after Memorial Day
- b) Leave the start and end dates as they currently stand

Which would you prefer?

- a) Start school later in August, end before Memorial Day, and shorten winter break
- b) Start school later in August, end before Memorial Day, and shorten spring break
- c) Start school later in August, end before Memorial Day, and eliminate fall break
- d) Leave the start date, end date, and extended breaks as they currently stand

Section 2: Semester break and semester balance (only for those connected to secondary or both)

The current calendar has the following elements:

1. The first semester (second term) ends at the beginning of winter break
2. There are more school days in the second semester than in the first semester (depending on the calendar year, the difference has ranged from 3 to 7 A/B days)

Which would you prefer?

- a) Move the end of semester 1 to mid-January and have a similar number of days in semesters 1 and 2.
- b) Keep the end of semester 1 at winter break and have more days in semester 2 than in semester 1.

If the end of semester 1 remains at winter break, which would you prefer?

- a) Seek to improve semester balance by eliminating fall break
- b) Seek to improve semester balance by changing the start date to early August and the end date to early May
- c) Accept the semester imbalance and leave the start and end dates and extended breaks as they are.

Section 3: Placement of spring break

A one-week spring break is held, but it does not have a fixed schedule. It occurs in late March or early April, depending on the year.

Which would you prefer?

- a) Fix the schedule of spring break to begin on the first weekend of April
- b) Fix the schedule of spring break to end on the first weekend of April
- c) Allow the placement of spring break to vary from year to year